

## **MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

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# NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

February		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
February, 26	5.00-6.00pm	Year 7 Parents/Teachers Meet & Greet night - Hall followed by supper
February, 26	6.30-8.00pm	P & C Meeting - TAS Block
March		
March, 04	3.30-6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Interview Night - Stadium - Years 7, 9 & 12
March, 06	5.30- 7.30pm	Free Parents Workshop for Learner Drivers - Library (Help learner drivers become safer drivers), laws, supervising a learner driver, how to complete the log book etc.
March, 18-19	All Day	Year 7 Excursion - Yarrahappinni Youth Centre
March, 22	All Day	OH&S White Card Course for students

## Welcome Year 7 - 2013

Year 7 2013 are settling in to their new high school routine without too many problems. Their first day, the 30th of January saw them arrive with the rest of the junior school and then by the 31st the seniors were on board as well. I am sure for many of these new Year 7 students taking in so many faces and trying to follow new timetables and find roll call rooms it will be

a day they have etched in their memories for a very long time.

Already, though they are becoming 'old hands' and navigating our busy high school schedule smoothly. We welcome them to Macksville High School and look forward to helping them tackle the challenges that the second chapter of their schooling will bring.

As their year adviser I am already impressed with the high standard of their uniform and general willingness to comply with our expectations. I have been delighted by their smiling faces and enthusiasm for their learning program. We wish them well for their first year in high school and hope that it will be a solid foundation for the rest of their schooling.

Parents and carers are encouraged to communicate with the school; general enquiries can be directed to the front office staff whom will assist in contacting your child's teachers or myself, Mrs Melissa Robertson Year 7 adviser. The Community Engagement



Officer, Mrs Lynette Howle is also available to help parents. Please phone the school on 65681066.

Mrs Melissa Robertson, Year 7 Year Adviser.....





## **From our Principal**

It's great to back at school after we have had a well-deserved and enjoyable holiday break. The school has a great feel about it this year with students and staff hitting the ground running. I am particularly pleased with how our students have welcomed our new staff, many of whom are in their early years of teaching. They are very capable and keen and the students have been very supportive. Our new Year 7 is going great with very positive reports from their teachers. All up we have had a great start to the year.

I would like to encourage parents to make contact with their child's teachers, year adviser or head teacher to discuss progress or class concerns. All students should have received



course outlines and assessment schedules to assist them and their parents organise their study requirements. In most instances regular homework for the sake of it is not provided to students. Class work is completed at home, research for the next lesson, or assessment tasks need to be undertaken ready to submit on the due date. You can contact teachers by phone on 65681066 or email, macksville-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au We have organised for a Year 7 parent meet the teacher opportunity on Tuesday 26th February, 5-6pm, Hall followed by the first of 2 parent/teacher evenings for 7, 9 & 12 on Monday 4th March 3.30-6.30pm, Stadium.

Our actual student numbers were submitted on the 13th February resulting in 645 students enrolled in our school for 2013. This is the number by which we receive funding and staffing. When this is confirmed it usually results in some timetable changes to ensure our organisation meets DEC requirements.

This is a big year for all of us with every student being encouraged to reach their potential and teachers also planning ahead for the introduction of the Australian Curriculum in 2014. It is also the last year for the roll out of student laptops. This year the laptops belong to the school. Each school has to determine how they will be utilised and students if issued with one will have to return it to school if they leave or change school. We have not received them yet. I will keep you informed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss a concern or pass on good news about your child or their school experience. We will work together to fix any concerns and if positive news I will share it with our community.

Paul Holding

## Student OH&S White Card Course Details

The **General Induction OH&S** -Construction Industry course will run at Macksville High School on March 22 and will cost \$100. This accredited course was formerly known as the white card or green card. It is compulsory for any student who wishes to work in any part of the Construction Industry (including things like carpet layers, Kitchen installers, removalists etc.).

If your student is interested in this course they can get a permission note from Ms Porter-Burns. Notes and money to be returned to the front office ASAP, we have 20 places.

• Year 10 Work Experience will be from April 8-12. It is a great opportunity for students to "taste" a job they are interested in, to establish a reputation as a worker or maybe get a part time job. Students have been given the paperwork and should be out there looking for a placement.

Please note that the March 15 deadline for the return of completed paperwork is very strict this year. I will be leaving Macksville High School at Easter and it is important that I hand over a completed program.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me on 6568 1066 with any questions.

Celestine Porter-Burns Careers Adviser



# Year 8 Literacy Project

In 2013 Year 8 students have been selected to participate in an innovative program that has been designed to target the literacy needs of students.

The program is designed to identify the specific needs of individual students. It aims to engage them in activities which provide strategies to help them develop their skills and prepare them to embark on Stage 5 and Stage 6 learning. These skills will range from basic spelling to advanced, extended writing, depending on the needs of the student.

These needs have been identified through careful data analysis of each students' NAPLAN results, school examinations in 2012 and the observations of classroom teachers.

Each student will have an individual learning plan. These plans will outline learning strategies and the students will work in small groups with others who share similar needs. As the year progresses this learning time will be adjusted to best suit the needs of the student. This may include individual learning time, smaller groups or independent learning.

Each group will be allocated a mentor from the English department and will meet with this mentor once a fortnight. If you are interested in discussing your child's individual learning plan, the mentors will have this information at the Term 1 Parent/Teacher evening and we welcome your attendance.

We believe that a solid literacy foundation is of major importance for all learning. This program will focus on literacy across all subject areas and we hope that this careful targeting will lead to stronger writing results in all courses.

Please feel free to contact me Kelli Dykes, Head Teacher English 0265681066 if you have any questions about this program.



Macksville Soccer Club is holding its registration days for the 2013 season on Saturdays <u>9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February</u> at the North Macksville Playing Fields from <u>9.00am to 12.00pm.</u>

We welcome new players of all ages so please come and join us for what promises to be a very exciting year!

All registrations are now taken online through <u>www.myfootballclum.com.au</u>. If you need assistance registering online, please see us on one of the registration days where we can assist you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Registrar David George on 6569 0159 or by email macksvillesc@gmail.com.

## **Sports News**

Beau & Alina after recently competing at NSW Junior Track & Field Championships have both qualified for the Australian Junior Track and Field Championships in Perth from 12-17 March. Beau has qualified for the 800m, while Alina has qualified for both the 400m & 800m events. Everyone at Macksville High School is so proud of both of them and are so excited for them, we wish them all the best.

## **MR DRIVER VISITS INDIA**



Hi Macksville, it's Mr Driver here. I have been travelling through India with my family, having a bit of a working holiday. We have been trying to help out some people who are a bit less fortunate than we are. India is a very busy place, in the city we flew into (Mumbai) there are more people than in the whole of Australia so it is very different from our beautiful coastline, but still very interesting.

Cows are sacred, so they just wander where ever they please, even down onto the beach. I had to take a photo because I've never seen a cow on the beach before. I don't even know what brought him there, although the waves were good. Mr Argent and the Ag team would love to see them all everywhere, and I'm

sure the cows would love to see some of Macksville's paddocks and fields. Here there is no grass and they don't eat much more than the rubbish they find in the streets.





I am in a city called Hyderabad at the moment, which is a long way from the ocean. It is a very large inland industrial city, in the Southern centre of India. The air here is so polluted that many people walk around with filter masks on. Your lungs feel heavy, like you have the flu most of the time.

We have been visiting and helping out at an orphanage called 'Hope Orphanage' where children are rescued from the streets and brought to a house where they can be fed, cared for and loved. Imagine how little

many of the children have in India, and then imagine the situation these children are in, without even a family to help them. My wife Danielle has been helping the workers in the Orphanage and a couple of older girls to sew, while I have been fixing some of the computers they had been given. They were donated to the orphanage, but need to be fixed before the children are able to use them. The children are very friendly and speak English quite well. We bought them some puzzles and games, and taught them how to play games like uno.





Some of the younger children arrive home from school.

The orphanage has only 36 children in it, and they attend a local school, six days a week, from 7:30am right through to 7:30pm. When they get home, they start their homework. You guys back at MHS don't know how easy you've got it!!



A few of the 'characters' at Hope Orphanage.

## School Newsletter

#### 2013 NSW School-Based Vaccination Program (missing information)

The NSW Ministry of Health has been informed that a small number of Parent Information Kits which contain forms for parents to read and sign for school vaccination may be missing important information.

Please check that all information is included in the Parent Information Kits:

- parents of Year 7 female students should receive a pink Year 7 Girls envelope that includes a checklist, privacy statement and 4 Consent Forms and Information for you and your child sheets for:
  - 1) Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (pink)
  - 2) Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) (blue)
  - 3) Hepatitis B envelope (green)
  - 4) Varicella (chicken pox) (yellow)
- parents of Year 7 male students should receive two envelopes:
  - a blue Year 7 Boys envelope that includes a checklist, privacy statement and 3 *Consent Forms* and *Information for you and your child* sheets for:
    - 1) <u>Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)</u> (blue)
    - 2) <u>Hepatitis B</u> envelope (green)
    - 3) Varicella (chicken pox) (yellow)
  - an olive green Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV) envelope that includes a Consent Form and Information for you and your child sheet
- parents of Year 9 male students should receive an olive green Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV) envelope that includes a Consent Form and Information for you and your child sheet.

If all the information is included and you would like your child to be vaccinated, please read the *Information for you and your child* sheet, sign the *Consent Form* and return the signed *Consent Form* to your child's school. If you do NOT wish your child to be vaccinated, do NOT complete or return the *Consent Form*.

If any information is missing from your Parent Information Kit, please contact your child's school immediately and a replacement Kit will be provided.

## LOCKERS

Attention: Students & Parents

Lockers are now available to hire for Terms 1, 2 & 3 at a cost of \$22 hire fee and a \$20 once-only refundable deposit to be paid at time of hiring.

There are currently 8 lockers available.

Please see Mrs Howle for more information.



# PIKELET MAKING

# **STECH3**











# "ATTENTION YEARS 7, 9 & 12" The next Parent Teacher Interview night will be held on

Monday, 04 March 2013, 3.30pm – 6.00pm - MHS Stadium

# "BOOKINGS WILL BE OPEN ON 21 FEB"

# Book School Interviews Online

## Parents...

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:

Please go to <u>www.schoolinterviews.com.au</u> or following the link through our schools website - www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

## ENTER TO SCHOOL EVENT CODE: VRSAE



#### THEN



First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.

On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet. First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers.

Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interview times whenever you want.

You can speak to Mr Paul Holding the Principal of Macksville High School on the night by making a booking with him online.

If you require assistance or are unable to book online, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make your bookings – 02-65681066.



## MATHS MATTERS

### Staffing

The three new permanent maths staff members have settled in well to Macksville High. Vashti Cooper, Jon Coughlin and Mark Hunyh are welcome additions to the faculty and join Graeme and Jo Paix, Amanda Revell and myself for 2013. We were sorry to lose Mrs Briggs but wish her well in her new position.

#### Textbooks

We appreciate the students who returned maths textbooks before the end of 2012. We are asking all students to look around at home to see if there are any outstanding textbooks from previous years hidden away. So far we have had a good response but I believe there are still many more forgotten texts which we could use. Please encourage your child to seek these out and return to the maths staff room. Thank you.

### Calculators

A reminder that all students studying maths in all years are required to have a scientific calculator and need to bring them to every lesson. These can be purchased from the school office for \$20. Macksville High encourages the use of the Sharp model for consistency of instruction.

#### Year Eight Quicksmart Programme

Quicksmart with our instructor Naomi Keeys is ready to start. We look forward to helping Year Eight students become more confident in their maths and wish them well.

## Homework centre

There has been a change of day for the homework centre. It will now run from C1 on **THURSDAY afternoons from 3.20 – 5.00 p.m**, starting from 28 February.

Please contact me at school on 6568 1066 if you wish your child to participate.

We wish all students a successful and productive year in Mathematics.

Moyra Mendham, Head Teacher Maths

## Year 7-10 Debating team members wanted!!

Macksville High School has a strong history of excellence in debating. This year we hope to continue with this. If your child would like to be a part of the Year 7-10 Debating Team, please see Ms Dykes in the English staff room. Team meetings and practice will be held during lunchtimes.



Valley Performing Arts Centre Dancing, Music, Acting. All Under One Roof!

## **Music Lessons 2013**

- Piano
- Drums
- Saxophone/Clarinet/Flute
  - Guitar
  - Singing
  - AMEB Theory
  - Adult Guitar Class

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## SCOTTS HEAD BOARDRIDERS

Our first competition day is this Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up on this day too. Meeting at Scotts Head Beach near the boat Ramp at 8am to decide where on the beach we will surf for the day.

We cater for all ages and abilities. Sponsorship enquiries are also welcome – not much buys you a place on this year's T-Shirt!

Enquiries please contact: Natalie Robertson 6569 7952 or Karen Welch 6569 7860. You can also find us on Facebook.



Photo by Linda Schofield Photography.



# **REGISTRATION** Saturday 23rd February - 9am to 11am

# **At Marion Woods Netball Courts Macksville**

New and old players welcome! Come and join in on the greatest game of all! Lots of fun, great exercise!

First round of netball commences on 16th March 2013

## **RIVERS AGM**

MONDAY18TH FEBRUARY @ 6.30PM AT THE CALTEX MACKSVILLE

We are in desperate need of committee members to keep this successful club operating Please come along and lend a hand

## COACHES NEEDED

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN COACHING A TEAM FOR THIS SEASON PLEASE SEE KAREN JAMES

You don't need to be an expert we offer a huge range of support for our coaching team including training courses



Netta (8 - 10 years) \$80 Juniors (11 to 17 years) \$90 For more information before Rego day please contact Karen James on 6568 3744 namriverremovals@bigpond.com



#### For your newsletter

#### Student Exchange – Memories and Skills for a Lifetime!



Give your child the opportunity to gain international experiences and language skills to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2013/14 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering two **\$3000** scholarships towards semester-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014.

#### Find out more!

- Visit <u>www.wep.org.au</u>
  Attend one of WEP's information evenings and open
- Call 1300 884 733

#### Upcoming Information Sessions

Melbourne 12 February 2013 / 7:30-9pm Northcote Town Hall 189 High Street Northcote

19 February 2013 / 7:30-9pm Kingston Arts Centre 979 Nepean H'way Moorabbin

13 March 2013 / 7:30-9pm Kew Court House 188 High Street

Sydney 13 Feb, 13 Mar, 14 May 2013 7:30-9pm Bowlers Club of NSW Level 2 / 95-99 York Street Brisbane 21 Feb, 14 Mar, 30 Apr 2013 / 7:30-9pm Garden City Library Cnr Kessels & Logan Roads

Upper Mt Gravatt Sunshine Coast 28 February 2013 / 7:30-9pm Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre 2 Fifth Avenue

Cotton Tree Toowoomba 19 March 2013 / 7:30-9pm Cedar Centre 36 Baker Street

Toowoomba

## Nambucca Strikers FC Welcome to the 2013 Football Season

Registrations can be made from the 1<sup>st</sup> February by logging onto <u>www.myfootballclub.com.au</u>

and clicking on register now.

The Fees are 6/7 yrs - \$90.00 8/11 yrs - \$110.00 12/18yrs - \$140.00 Seniors - \$250.00

(Please note **the fees are the same as last year's** however, this year a small fee will be added to the above amounts for the 12/18 yrs and seniors to cover the referees fees.)

The Club will be having <u>registration/information days</u> on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. 9am to 11:30am and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 9am – 11:30am at the Nambucca Plaza (in front of Pizza Hut)

You can bring your printed out registration details and pay on either of these days if you choose not to pay online.

Any queries, please email us on nambuccafc@yahoo.com

## Notices:

Monday

Tuesdav





**MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** 

**BREAKFAST CLUB** 

K1 (SIDEDOOR)

8.30AM TO 9.00AM

CAME ALONG AND HAVE SOME TOAST, OR CEREAL, JUICES AS WELL AS WEEKLY SPECIALS. **BREAKFAST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE** DAY, SO COME ALONG AND GET A FREE MEAL ON US.



Wednesday 20 H Jaegar Thursday HELPERS NEEDED 21 22 G Welsh & C Nugent Friday Monday 25 S Compton & A Pope HELPERS NEEDED Tuesday 26 Wednesday 27 HELPERS NEEDED MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY Thursday 28 J Beggs G Welsh Friday 29



**CANTEEN ROSTER - FEBRUARY** 

M Dargue

S Compton & R Smith

18

19

#### **E**MERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 0265681066 TO CHECK, IF YOU THINK WE DO NOT HAVE THE CORRECT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOUR STUDENT/S.

#### **PASSOUT APPLICATIONS**

STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF SCHOOL DURING THE DAY NEED A NOTE FROM THEIR PARENT/CARER. THIS NOTE NEEDS TO INCLUDE THE STUDENTS FIRST & LAST NAME, YEAR GROUP, ROLL GROUP, PARENTS/CARERS CONTACT DETAILS, REASON FOR PASS, DEPARTURE TIME AND RETURN TIME. IT MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED.

For Sale - Macksville High School 16gig Thumb DRIVES ONLY \$15.00. SEE DESLIE Howe.

#### **CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED**

Can you spare a few hours between 9.00 am - 2.00 pm once a fortnight, monthly OR EVEN OCCASIONALLY WHEN NEEDED (LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED).

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE GIVEN A \$7 VOUCHER PER CHILD/GRANDCHILD WHENEVER THEY VOLUNTEER TO BE VALID FOR THAT DAY.

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ROZ IN THE CANTEEN ON 65681066.

Please notify staff in the school office (6568 1066) of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts







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#### 2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

#### Dear Parent

Welcome to the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2013.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a **certificate** and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. These medals are presented at either a UNSW Medal Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- Computer Skills 21 May 2013 (\$8.00) (Years 7-10)
- Science 5 June 2013 (\$8.00) (Years 7-12)
- Writing 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 (\$17.00) (Years 7-12)
- Spelling 18 June 2013 (\$11.00) (Year 7 only)
- English 31 July 2013 (\$8.00) (Years 7-12)
- Mathematics 13 August 2013 (\$8.00) (Years 7-12)

For more information please contact Macksville High School and speak with Kelli Dykes, Head Teacher English or Lynette Howle, Community Engagement Officer on 0265681066 or <u>lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au</u>.

Permission slips will be provided early Term 1, 2013

Yours sincerely

Res.

Kelli Dykes Head Teacher English Macksville High School





# 2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP

## Please return THIS section to your child's school by 24 April 2013.

I give permission for my child	of		
Child's name	Class		
to participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):			

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Please find enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\_ entry fee.

Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian