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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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"THIS IS OUR NEW NEWSLETTER UPDATE- THE FULL VERSION WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY OTHER FORTNIGHT "

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April		
April, 15-26		School Holidays
April, 29-30		2 x Pupil Free Days
April, 30	6.30-8.30pm	P & C Meeting - TAS Lecture Room
May		
May, 01		First day back for all students
May, 01-03	All Day	Drama/Art Excursion - Sydney
May, 08	Sport	MHS Cross Country
May, 09-10	All Day	Year 10 Geography Excursion - Scotts Head
May, 10	All Day	Year 11 - Marine Dive - Pool
May, 13-15	All Day	Year 11 - Marine Dive - South West Rocks
May, 11-13	All Day	Extension 2 English Camp - Coffs Harbour
May, 20-22	All Day	Primary Industries - Quad Bike Training - Macksville Showground
May, 23-24	All Day	Year 12 Marine Dive - South West Rocks
May, 28	6.30-8.30pm	P & C Meeting - TAS Lecture Room
May, 28-30	All Day	Society & Culture Excursion - Sydney
June		
June 03	All Day	Year 7 boys & girls & Year 9 boys Vaccinations
June, 04	All Day	Athletics Carnival
June, 06	All Day	Year 11 Bio - Botanical Gardens - Coffs Harbour

CANTEEN ROSTER - MAY

Wednesday	01	HELPERS NEEDED
Thursday	02	D Jackson
Friday	03	G Welsh
Monday	06	A Pope & S Compton
Tuesday	07	R Wood
Wednesday	08	T Lavery & L Welsh
Thursday	09	HELPER NEEDED
Friday	10	G Welsh
Monday	13	S Compton



Term 1 - Major Assembly

For Sale

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 16GIG THUMB DRIVES
ONLY \$15.00. SEE DESLIE HOWE.

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From our Principal

Congratulations to all involved in the V10 Schools (10 Valley Public Schools) "Showtime" extravaganza held at Nambucca Heads High School on Thursday night. The venue was outstanding even with the cool of the evening and the outside event. The teachers and students put many hours into preparing and it all paid off on the night. Three Macksville High students performed on the night, Breanna Minisini and Anna Mills with "Out here on my own" and Breanna also performing a solo with "The Prayer". Kaij Williams on drums, rocked it out with "Wipe-out" they are all a credit to their school.



We had a great ANZAC school assembly on Thursday with Naval Commander Tony Vines representing the Macksville Returned Serviceman's League. He spoke to students about the life of men and women that had served in past conflicts and encouraged students to take the time to consider all people who have been impacted upon by conflict. I was very proud of the way our students participated in the event and look forward to seeing many of our students at the Macksville ANZAC Day ceremony marching in school uniform representing our school or as a spectator supporting past and present Australians who have served their country.

Don't forget that Term 4 recommences on Wednesday, 1st May for students. Staff will be at school from Monday with work being done on the new Australian Curriculum, teaching numeracy across the school, anaphylaxis and asthma training along with a number of other topics.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and I hope to see everyone back happy and healthy for Term 2.

Mr Paul Holding

"Showtime"



Breanna singing "The Prayer" and Kaij rocking "Wipeout"



LOST BIKE

Please keep your eye out for this bike that was "borrowed" from where it hidden at the end of Browns Crossing Road.

Reward offered for its return - 0428 593 682



CSIRO visits Macksville High

This term the CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) came to Macksville High to present a presentation about all things Science. To begin the presenter described the CSIRO as a company that does "science stuff" and from that the presentation was underway. Lucky year 8 and year 10 science students and year 11 and 12 Biology students were asked to come along to two separate presentations. Year 8 were given a physics demonstration which directly related to the topic "Energy" that they have just completed in science. Students not only saw the experiments, but were also participants in performing the experiments relating to magnetic, light and sound energies. The presentation was interesting, engaging and educational and the students had a great time.



LEFT: Year 8 students enjoying the presentation

"The CSIRO show was very interesting I really enjoyed it I hope they come back another year so other kids can enjoy it too", Maya Smith (year 8).

Year 10, 11 and 12 Biology students attended a hands-on workshop about DNA. DNA and its components, makes up a major part of both the year 10 science and the Biology course so the workshop worked hand in hand to address outcomes of

both. The workshop included information on what DNA was, where it was found and how DNA is important to us. Students were then asked to perform practical investigations where they extracted DNA from grains and used the information they retrieved to identify a phantom breakfast cereal. Students worked hard and in the small amount of time came up with some interesting results.

We would like to thank the CSIRO for coming to Macksville High School to present and perform these fantastic workshops that the students have thoroughly enjoyed.

RIGHT: Year 12 Biology Students; Courtney and Charlie extracting DNA.



Scotts Head Nippers

A reminder to all Nippers & their families Sunday, 14 April will be the Nippers Presentation Day - AGM - BBQ.
We look forward to seeing all Nippers and their families at these final events.
Thank you all for your support over the 2012/2013 season!

Thank you for your time and support.

Kind regards,
Anna Walshe - Club Secretary

Year 9 & 10 Graffiti Workshop



In art this term we are studying different forms of street art. If anyone noticed the cardboard creatures stuck up around the school – that was our class attempting to art bomb. We have also created our own paste-ups, have begun cutting stencils and will soon work on group interactive chalk murals. To link in with this unit we travelled up to a studio in Coffs Harbour for the day and learnt some serious graffiti skills from artist Ash Johnston. It was a really good day with everyone getting to work together creating an awesome MHS mural, learning some really handy spray paint techniques and leaving with a real appreciation for the complexity of the painting style.



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