



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
May, 13-16	All Day	Year 11 - Marine Dive - South West Rocks
May, 14-16	All Day	2013 NAPLAN Tests - Years 7 & 9
May, 17	All Day	Year 8 Maths - University of New England
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, 24	All Day	Zone Cross Country - Kendal
May, 28-30	All Day	Society & Culture Excursion - Sydney
JUNE		
June, 03	All Day	Year 7 Boys & Girls and Year 9 Boys Vaccinations
June, 04	All Day	Athletics Carnival
June, 09-14	All Day	Year 11, VET Work Placement
June, 18	10.36am	Term 2, Major Assembly
June, 20	6.00pm	School Social
June, 21	All Day	Year 11, Pool Dive - Macksville Pool
June, 24-26	All Day	Year 11, Marine Dive - South West Rocks
JULY		
July, 01-12	All Day	School Holidays



**2013 Cross Country** - check out more photos at our school website: [www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## From Our Principal

### Outstanding Student Achievement

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Terry Argent and our school Cattle Team for their success over recent weeks at local shows. Most recently they were awarded the Bellinger River Agricultural Society Shows most successful exhibitor for the beef cattle section. As this indicates they won ribbons in a wide range of categories and as always brought credit to our school. I was fortunate to be able to attend the show and watch our cattle team in action. The mentoring by older students, students taking responsibility for organising entries and the care of the cattle was outstanding to see. Much credit needs to go to their teacher and parents for the student's outstanding achievements.



I was also very pleased to hear that Alina Tape has done well at the All Schools Swimming Championships in Sydney last week. She placed 1st in 200m and 400m, 2nd in 200m fly, 4th in 50m fly and 7th in 50m freestyle. She is waiting to hear if she has been selected on the NSW Team to compete in Adelaide in September. The other great news is that Alina has been selected to represent Australia at the Oceania Track and Field Championships in Tahiti next month. How good is that!!!

### Curriculum News

We received news very late in Term 1 that Macksville High school has been selected to participate in the Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership Program and will be allocated \$210,868 over the next 2 years.

Under the National Partnership the Commonwealth Government will provide \$59 million to 409 public schools in NSW to improve student performance Kindergarten to Year 8 through:

- effective school leadership and whole school engagement with literacy and numeracy
- monitoring student and school literacy and numeracy performance to identify where support is needed and improvement has occurred
- implementing effective and evidence based teaching of literacy and numeracy.

The funding provided to us under the National Partnership is a tied grant to enable a review and refinement of current whole school approaches to either literacy or numeracy.

We have completed a review and determined that our focus will be on literacy. We are currently planning what strategies we will undertake to meet the goals of the program. The plan will be completed by the end of May and be available on the school website <http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Mr Paul Holding

## Anzac Day







## **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013**

### **LETTER TO PARENTS**

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14–16 May 2013.

<b>TUESDAY 14 MAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 15 MAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY 16 MAY</b>
<b>Language conventions</b> (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)  <b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b> (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 17 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments that reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, you must sign a parent/carers consent form. Consent forms are available at your child's school.

Please make an appointment with the school principal if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

## Netball Team Winners



*From left to right: Mikaela Donovan, Brooke Chapman, Georgia Craven, Sarah Welsh, Jessica Lavery, Katelyn Seymour - Front: Peta Salter & Coralie MacDonald.*

Last year Macksville High School's 15's and under netball team competed in the CHS knockout competition that continued into this year.

Over the competition our side defeated teams from Camden Haven, Wauchope and Port Macquarie. These wins progressed our team into the semi-finals for the North Coast Region. We played Coffs Harbour High School in the semi-finals and won the game by one goal. This win put us into the finals in which we had to verse Tweed River High School, yah! "road trip"! Unfortunately even though we fought hard, we lost the game, we are still very proud of our efforts.

We would just like to say a very big thank you to the opens netball team and our very enthusiastic netball boys for giving us someone to train against. Also, our very dedicated coach, Ms Black for all her efforts and support; we couldn't have done it without you!

We would also just like to say good luck to the opens netball team who have progressed to the third round of their CHS knockout.

Under 15's Netball Girls

## 2013 Macksville Gift Queen Entrants Wanted

This year is the 60th Macksville Gift and the Committee is once again looking for entrants to participate in the Gift and Charity Queen Competitions. So let's make this a big year and match or better the 15 entrants who took part in the 50th Gift Queen competition.

Entrants must be 15 years of age by the date of the Gift which is Saturday 9th November, and Nambucca Valley residents.

This year all entrants will be raising funds for Life Education. To be eligible for judging each entrant must raise \$150. Entrants will be assisted with fund raising if required. If you are interested in entering the Gift Queen competition, please contact **Lesley on 65 687 638** for full details and conditions of entry into the Competition. Natasha Paul is the current Charity Queen and she will be happy to assist with you information regarding the competition.



## Sydney Drama/Art Excursion

Year 10, 11, 12 Drama and Art students travelled down to Sydney recently to immerse themselves in many different forms of theatre and art. The Drama students visited Belvoir Theatre to watch the play 'Forget me not' written by Tom Holloway and also participated in an amazing NIDA workshop.

The art students visited the NSW Art Gallery to see the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes, participated in a drawing workshop at the Brett Whitely Studio and explored the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Together we went out to the Seymour Centre and watched two performances. The first called 'Who, me' was a one man show which investigated whether Doctor Who had cursed the actor with a debilitating obsession or shaped him into a well-rounded member of society. The second, 'The Days of the Bold and Generally Restless' was an improvised performance parodying the soap opera genre.

The rest of the trip was rounded off with movies ('WARM BODIES'/'OBLIVION') as well as shopping at Paddy's Markets and Pitt Street Mall.

A huge shout out has to go to Ms Dykes for organizing such an awesome trip as well as Mrs Robertson who came along too.

Ms Kristy Holding, Art





## NSWCHS Swimming Championships - 4-6 April

Macksville High was impressive at the NSWCHS swimming championships.

The first day could not have got off to a better start with a gold medal to Alina Tape in the first event, the 800m Open Girls Freestyle. Alina then won another gold in the 16 years 200m freestyle.

On the second day, 12 year old competitor, Kyran Tsujimoto took home a bronze medal at his first CHS carnival in the 100m breaststroke. The 50m freestyle finals also saw first day medallist Alina add to her haul with a bronze medal.

Tannah Bradshaw and Beau Tape both performed well throughout the whole carnival, making finals in every individual event they swam in and both narrowly missing medals in some of their events. Tannah had a huge program swimming in 15 races over the three days. Beau had a busy two days before he and Alina went off to swim at the Australian Age Championships in Adelaide.

In the 16 years 200m freestyle relay Alina was joined by Kate Shaw, Peta Salter and Jasmine Stanton. The girls swam a strong heat, progressing to the final and finishing 8th overall.

Tannah and Beau were joined by Stuart Mason and Cameron Southan in the 17-19 years 200m freestyle relay and they performed well above expectation taking nearly 4 seconds off their time and coming 13th in the state, a terrific effort considering the team consisted of swimmers aged 17, 16, 15 and 14 years. Michael Baldock and Sid Shaw then joined Beau, Tannah, Stuart and Kyran to compete in the 300m All Age Freestyle Relay. Again with Tannah getting them off to a flying start, everyone swimming well in the middle and Beau bringing them home strongly, they finished in 13th place taking over seven seconds off their seed time.

The overall medal count for the North Coast team was Gold – 5, Silver – 4 and Bronze – 10.

Mrs Larissa Atkins, TAS





## Community News



**Earn & Learn is starting soon!**

Shop at Woolworths and collect stickers for your school.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

Dear Parents,

This year Macksville High School will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it's complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the box available at the Macksville store.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).

A big thank you to all our families for participating, check out all the great things we received from the last year's promotion, that were divided between the faculties for all our students to share.

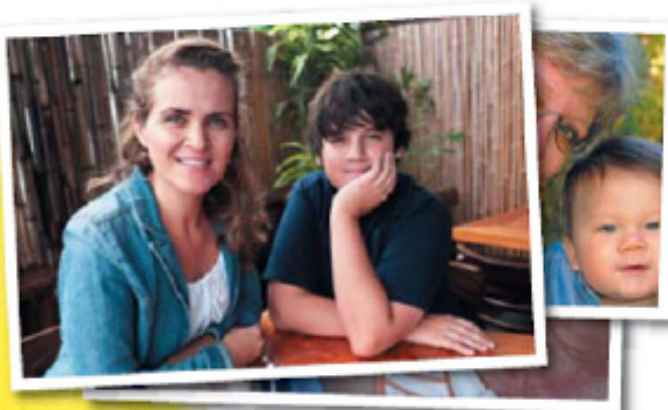


**“... We have raised our kids and now we want to help others ...”**

You already know how to raise a child. Put your experience to good use by providing a safe and caring environment for a child in need on the Mid North Coast.

Your wisdom can help a child reach their full potential and we will support you every step of the way.

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or call 1800 815 113.

# Mid North Coast Schools Rugby Union

## 2013 Program

Contact: Nathan Gargiulo

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Mid North Coast Schools Rugby Union invites you to take part in the 2013 representative program. Those players that take part in the program have the opportunity to compete for the following accolades:

- The Bernie McGrane Shield for Champion Open Schools Region and the Don Wiburd Cup for the Champion 16s Schools Region.
- Selection in Country Schools 1<sup>st</sup> XV for 2013; this year the program includes a training camp and the two rounds of the NSW selection trials as well as a match vs Api Fo'uo College (Tonga) on August 17 and an International match vs Fiji Schools on September 23.
- Selection in the Development squad for a tour of the Canada and the West Coast of the USA in April 2014 (Easter School Holidays).
- Selection in the Country Schools 16s team for 2013 (program includes training camp and the two rounds of the NSW selection trials).
- Player of the Championship

The MNC All Schools Coach and Management Teams for 2013 are:

Open coaches	Bruce Frame Nathan Gargiulo
Open manager	Beth Hilton
Under 16 coaches	Paul Harrison Adam McCormack
Under 16 manager	Laura Cooper



The program involves the following commitments:

- **Selection** day at Bishop Druitt College, Coffs Harbour  
**Date:** Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May - **Venue:** Bishop Druitt College, Coffs Harbour  
**Arrival Time:** 8.30am for a 9.00am start  
**Finish Time:** 12.00pm
- Players selected in the Under 16 and Opens teams will compete in the Country Schools Championships on the June long weekend (7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June) at Armidale.

The approximate cost of taking part in the above is \$300 (including apparel). You will have access to a selection of the best Junior Coaches on the North Coast as part of the program.

If you would like to accept this offer please follow the instructions on the following pages.

We thank you for your consideration of this offer and look forward to your involvement of this exciting new program.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
MS LAURA COOPER AT MACKSVILLE HIGH ON 65681066**





## come and... DISCOVER ENGINEERING



### TOPICS

Areas to be addressed include:  
Why be an Engineer?  
What do Engineers Do?  
How Do You Become an Engineer?

Guest speakers include:  
Engineering professionals  
& University students.

### DATE

**Tuesday 11th June 2013**  
5.30pm – 7.30pm  
at Norm Jordan Pavillion  
Coffs Harbour Showground  
COFFS HARBOUR

This Free Forum is for all students  
in Year 9, 10, 11 & 12  
who are interested in Engineering  
as a career choice.

Light Refreshments will be served

### REGISTER

Registration essential by  
**Friday 7th June 2013**

**CLICK HERE** or phone  
Engineers Australia on 02 4926 4440.

Further information available at:  
[www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division/events](http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division/events)



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To be eligible all you need is a current Medicare Card  
To register for free dental care please call:

**1300 651 625**



Macksville High School would like to acknowledge the generous sponsorship of the Nambucca River Tourist Park who provided us with accommodation for a recent visiting Author, Fiona McDonald - (<http://fionamcdonald.blogspot.com.au>)



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## Nambucca River TOURIST PARK



Our golf driving range, birthday parties and  
kayak hire are all open to the public. Bookings  
for parties are essential and encouraged when  
hiring the kayaks. For visiting friends and  
relatives requiring accommodation we offer a  
wide range from luxury villas to budget cabins  
and powered and unpowered caravan and  
campsites.



## NAMBUCCA STRIKERS FC JUNIOR DISCO & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

WHEN: Saturday 18th May 2013

TIME: 5pm to 9pm

WHERE: Nambucca Leagues & Sports Club

COST: \$5 PER PERSON OR \$20 PER FAMILY

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY ON THE NIGHT

Come along & have fun with your teammates off the football pitch...See you all there  
Paul Cue - Nambucca Strikers Football Club - [nambuccafc@yahoo.com](mailto:nambuccafc@yahoo.com)

# Stuarts Point Players PRESENT Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! 3 award-winning Australian one-act comedy plays



**Gladstone**  
Community Hall  
Dinner, 6pm Friday, May 31

**Bowraville**  
Bowraville Theatre  
7pm Saturday, June 15

**Stuarts Point**  
Community Hall  
7pm Saturday, June 1

**South West Rocks**  
Country Club  
2pm Sunday, June 16

**Nambucca Heads**  
Entertainment Centre  
2pm Sunday, June 2

**Bellingen**  
Memorial Hall  
7pm Friday, June 21

**Crescent Head**  
Public School  
7pm Friday, June 14

MORE INFORMATION  
[www.stuartspointplayers.org.au](http://www.stuartspointplayers.org.au)  
SMS 0403 074 525

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**  
THE POINT CAFE - STUARTS POINT  
CASCADE GARDEN CENTRE - GLADSTONE  
SWR COUNTRY CLUB - SOUTH WEST ROCKS  
HARVEY WORLD TRAVEL - NAMBUCCA HEADS  
MAD HATTERS TEA GARDEN - BOWRAVILLE

WATERFALL WAY VISITOR CENTRE - BELLINGEN  
HANDMADE EMPORIUM - CRESCENT HEAD  
PHONE BOOKINGS - 6569 0809  
ONLINE - [www.tickethost.com.au](http://www.tickethost.com.au)

Adults \$25

Concession \$20 Under-18 \$15



Dinner show at Gladstone only \$15 extra per ticket!  
**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!**  
**\$5 OFF EVERY TICKET!**  
(ONLY BOOK AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEFORE SHOW)

### Stuart Point Players Youth Workshops

The Players Youth Workshops will be held over four Monday afternoons in June from 5:30pm until 6:30pm. Commencing on June 3rd at the Stuarts Point Community Hall, the students will workshops the songs from the upcoming youth production "The Little Witch Of Walcha" which will be staged at various venues in October. Auditions for the production will be held on Monday night 15th July at 7pm and rehearsals will be each Monday night from 7pm until 8:30pm. Students aged between 8 and 18 years of age are welcome to participate. The workshops are free but students must become members of the Macleay Valley Arts Council and the Stuarts Point Players. The total cost for these two memberships is \$15 a year. For further inquiries phone 65690210.

## Nambucca Valley Netball Association

# BINGO

**Saturday 1st June 2013 @ 7pm**  
**Nambucca Bowling Club**

\$10 for 10 games  
\$2 cash jackpot game  
\$1 Daubers  
Heaps of prizes  
Games  
Fun for the whole family!

**FUNDRAISER FOR REP  
NETBALLERS TO ATTEND STATE  
CHAMPS & STATE AGE IN JUNE!**

**Bowlo open for  
dinner @ 6pm**

Bingo books and daubers  
donated to NVNA by the  
Nambucca Bowling Club



### CANTEEN ROSTER - MAY

Monday	13	S Compton
Tuesday	14	HELPER NEEDED
Wednesday	15	R Wood
Thursday	16	D Jackson
Friday	17	HELPER NEEDED
Monday	20	S Compton
Tuesday	21	HELPER NEEDED
Wednesday	22	HELPER NEEDED
Thursday	23	J Beggs
Friday	24	HELPER NEEDED



### EMERGENCY 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 9.00AM – 2.00PM 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