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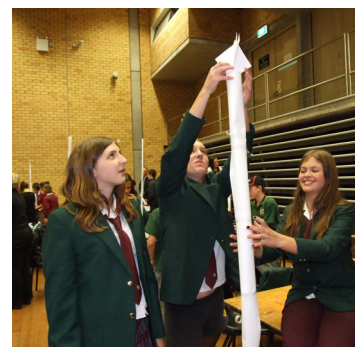
SCHOOL CALENDAR

May		
May, 28	6.30-8.30pm	P & C Meeting - TAS Lecture Room
May, 28	all day	Zone Cross Country - Kendal
May, 28-30	-	Society & Culture Excursion - Sydney
May, 27-30	all day	Half Yearly Exams - Year 7
May, 27-31	various times	Half Yearly Exams - Year 11
May, 31	all day	MHS Athletics Carnival
June		
June 03	all day	Year 7 boys & girls & Year 9 boys Vaccinations
June, 04-05	-	Year 12 Bio Booster Days - Univeristy of New England
June, 04	all day	Waratah Cup Rugby Union - Coffs Harbour
June, 04	all day	Year 11 Bio - Botanical Gardens - Coffs Harbour
June, 06	all day	Girls Soccer - Coffs Harbour
June, 07-14	-	Year 11 VET Work Placement
June, 10	all day	Public Holiday - Labour Day
June, 11-14	various times	Half Yearly Exams - Year 9 and Year 10
June, 17	all day	Zone Athletics - Nambucca Heads
June, 18	10.36-11.08am	Term 2, Major Assembly
June, 19	lunch time	Principal's Party - Pizza on the Deck
June, 21	all day	Year 11 Dive 3 - Macksville Pool
June, 24-26	-	Year 11 Dive - South West Rocks
July		
July, 01-12	-	School Holidays
July, 15	-	Pupil Free Day

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CANTEEN ROSTER - May/June		
Monday	27	S Compton - A Pope
Tuesday	28	HELPERS NEEDED
Wednesday	29	HELPERS NEEDED
Thursday	30	HELPERS NEEDED
Friday	31	G Welsh
Monday	03	S Compton
Tuesday	04	R Wood
Wednesday	05	HELPERS NEEDED
Thursday	06	D Jackson
Friday	07	G Welsh
Monday	10	Public Holdiay

Please notify staff
in the school office (6568 1066) of any changes
to your contact details, occupation,
emergency contacts and your email address.



Macksville High Schools students visited the University of New England (Armidale) recently to take part in the Year 8 Mathematics Day - look out for an article by the students about their day in a future newsletter.

From our Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the opportunities for our school and public schools in general, that are ahead with the NSW Government agreeing to sign up for the Gonski funding. The funding is indexed to increase each year, is based on a needs model with a base funding amount for all schools. I will be using my Principals report time at next Tuesdays, P&C meeting to look at the funding model in some detail, in particular what it will mean to us here at Macksville High. Watch Jane Caro and Chris Bonnor explain why our system is in desperate need of an overhaul and how Gonski does this: <http://www.getup.org.au/campaigns/education/education-reform--2/nsw-for-education-reform?t=dXNlcmkPTE0NTQwMTUsZW1haWxpZD0xNzA1>. The meeting starts at 6.30 pm and is held in the Home Economics classroom in the TAS block. Hope you can be there.

You may see NSW Fire Brigade equipment and staff on the school grounds over the next few weekends. We have agreed to partner up with them in providing our school facilities as a location where they can practice the very important process and skills they need to do their work in our community.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Alina Tape for her selection on the NSW All Schools Swimming Team to compete in Adelaide on the 8th to 14th of September.

Mr Paul Holding

School Cross Country Results

Macksville High School held its cross country carnival on Wednesday, May 8. Again the rain held off until after the carnival ran and gave us a slightly cloudy day, ideal for running. It was great to see so many students involved and even smiling as they ran.

Trophies will be awarded the first place getters at the next Major Assembly.

Results from 1st to 6th were as follows;

12 years boys – Jasper Valentine, Callum Denison, Kyran Tsujimoto

12 years girls – Keana Fishburn, Brooklyn Johns, Brooke-Lynne Capell, Jazmin Small, Emma Clark, Monesha Nicholas

13 years boys – Michael Baldock, Oliver Elson, Adam Nowland, Dylan Cartwright, Zeth Milgate, Nash Hutchinson

13 years girls – Madison Turner, Haidi McAlpine, Tahlira Jarrett, India Bartley, Emma Paddle, Jiminka Laow

14 years boys – Jacob Pedrola, Chris Power, Taniela Bula, Jamie Bekis, Wyatt Mola, Tomas Steward

14 years girls – Alison Hopkins, Erin Atkins, Madeline Simpson, Jocelyn Pedrola, Alison Hicks, Eliza Gadsby

15 years boys – Trent Stack, Tannah Bradshaw, Wayne Voutier, Ryhs Hort, Harry Elson, Tim Smart

15 years girls – Peta Salter, Sophie Crowley, Elizabeth Argue, Coralie McDonald, Kattani Donovan, Amy Cooper

16 years boys – Clinton Lavender, Josh Bartlett, Harry Mitchell, Arie Van Drie, Cody Sippel, Cameron Southan

16 years girls – Alina Tape, Megan Porter, Ruby Porter, Angelica Marqhardt

17 years boys – Jesse Allan, Keith Donovan, Jackson Miller

17 years girls – Kirstie Pedrola, Brooke Pedrola, Yierah Dunn

18 years boys – Beau Tape

18 years girls – Meika McAllister, Kylie Ellis

The House results were very close and had to be checked twice. The winning house will also be announced on the assembly. The school will be sending a strong team of 30 students to the zone cross country, held at Kendall May 24 – good luck to all participants!

Mr Grant Gough, Head Teacher - Ind. Arts/PDHPE - Sports Organiser

New School Skirt Design

The P&C has been working through standardising the design of the girls skirt for both seniors and juniors. The staff and Student Representative Council have also had the opportunity to provide feedback.

The colours have not changed but a skirt with 1 box pleat front and back, a waist band and some elastic in the waist is the chosen design. The old straight & pleated skirts are no longer being made by suppliers, shorts are still an option if students prefer them.

The recommended length is 10 centimetres from the top of the knee. We have spoken with our uniform suppliers in the valley and will be taking the required 3 year transition period (April 2016) to fully introduce the new design.

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BACK



Anthony Thompson wins Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking North Coast Finals

The SMH public speaking competition is a prestigious event that has been won by many famous Australian politicians and public figures. This is a state wide competition and students from both public and private schools compete for the privilege of reaching the state final.

On Wednesday, 15th May Macksville High school hosted the North Coast Finals. 4 Schools competed with 10 speakers on the day. At each stage of the competition students present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. The prepared speech can be on any subject chosen by the contestant. They are then asked to deliver an impromptu speech with only 3 minutes preparation time.

The competition was fierce this year with all speakers delivering thought provoking, relevant speeches on important topics. All spoke with passion and conviction and should be commended on the high quality of the competition.

Thank you to our adjudicator Ms Lissa Tadianni, who had to make a difficult decision. The decision is based on the manner, matter and method that the contestants employ in presenting their speeches. All contestants need to be confident and engaging speakers and show a strong depth of knowledge on their subject matter along with skilful development of the theme and the effective use of plain English. Contestants need to also offer a personal opinion and information in their speeches, as well as a balance of humour and sincerity.

Congratulations to Anthony Thompson of Macksville High School, who won this section of the competition and will move on to compete in Sydney later in the term.

Ms Kelli Dykes, Head Teacher English

