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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

August		
Aug, 27-29	all day	Year 11 Dive - South West Rocks
Aug, 30	all day	Year 7 Gala Day - Kempsey
September		
Sept, 02	3.30-7.00pm	Term 3 - Parent/Teacher Interviews - All Year Groups - MHS Stadium
Sept, 03	10.36am	Term 3 Major Assembly - Stadium
Sept, 04	lunch time	3 Star Merit - BBQ
Sept, 05	6.30pm	Bye Bye Year 12 School Social
Sept, 10	all day	Year 7 - Awesome Day Out Excursion
Sept, 11	lunch time	4 Star Principal's Pizza Party
Sept, 09-16	various times	Year 11 Yearly Exams
Sept, 13	all day	Girls in Trade Day
Sept, 17	pm	5 Star Movie Excursion - Nambucca Heads
Sept, 19	10.00am	Year 12, Farewell Assembly
Sept, 23-04	all day	Spring School Holidays
October		
Oct, 07	all day	Public Holiday
Oct, 14-15	all day	Year 11, Business Studies - IMAX - Sydney
Oct, 14-08	various times	HSC Exams
Oct, 21	all day	Vaccinations - Year 7 boys & girls and Year 9 boys
Oct, 24	all day	Youth Directions Careers Expo - Coffs Harbour
Oct, 28-01	various times	Year 10 Exams
November		
Nov, 04-8	various times	Year 7 & 8 Exams
Nov, 11-16	various times	Year 9 Exams
Nov, 14	5.00pm	Year 12 Graduation - Macksville RSL



Women's Health  
Information with  
a difference for  
women over 30

5th September  
Macksville RSL  
6.00 for 6.30  
start - 9.30pm

Health professionals  
giving you their hot  
tips for taking care of  
your health

**Vixens of the Valley**  
Take charge of your  
health

\$20  
Includes dinner  
Tickets at Nambucca Valley  
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and Mid North Coast Local Health District. Enquiries Karen 02 6652 8111

CANTEEN ROSTER - Aug/Sept		
Monday	26	S Compton & R Smith
Tuesday	27	Helper Needed
Wednesday	28	Helper Needed
Thursday	29	Helper Needed
Friday	30	G Welsh
Monday	02	S Compton & A Pope
Tuesday	03	R Wood
Wednesday	04	Helper Needed
Thursday	05	D Jackson
Friday	06	G Welsh

Please notify staff in the school office  
(6568 1066) if your child will be cared for by someone else, even for a short time, so we can  
ensure information is passed on correctly.

## From our Principal

This week our Captains, Courtney Beaumont and Douglas Robertson flew to Sydney to visit Parliament House and have lunch hosted by the Governor General, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir. They were up early on Thursday only to be delayed at Coffs Harbour airport waiting for ice on the wings of their plane to thaw. Even though they were a little late they were met by Andrew Stoner MP, Mr Stoner said. "Learning about parliament and government is an important way for our young people to know how they can participate in our vibrant democracy. I thoroughly enjoy this opportunity each year to meet with the young people who are doing such great things in our schools." A big thank you to the Macksville High School P&C for making the funds available each year that enables our captains to participate.



On Monday, 2 September, we will hold our Term 3, Parent/Teacher Interviews for all year groups from 3.30-7.00pm in the stadium. We have extended the time with the hope that all parents are able to make the appointments they need. Remember, if you are having any difficulties with the online booking system (details are in this newsletter) you can call the school office for assistance. If you miss a teacher on the afternoon you can leave the details with Lynette Howle, Community Engagement Officer and she will pass on your information to the teacher for a call back. We will also survey parents on the night for the purpose of determining what information is important to receive in their children's reports. This information will help us to evaluate the reporting process currently in place at Macksville High. I will be there during the afternoon and would appreciate the opportunity to catch up with you if you have any questions or comments that may be helpful.

I would also like to ask you to help your kids get ready for school each day by making sure they have all the equipment and books they will need. Some students are falling into the bad habit of coming to class asking for pens, paper etc. Students have been told what they need and teachers have been asked to ensure students bring their own equipment and assist them to develop positive work habits. A pencil case with a range of stationary and a book for each subject would be the minimum. Timetables can be found on the school's website if you need to see what is on for your child each day. Year 7 is our particular focus for this during Term 3

Mr Paul Holding

## HEAD LICE NOTIFICATION

We have been notified that we have a case of head lice in the School. Head lice can be an ongoing concern for some families and the school community. To minimise the problem for yourself and others, we suggest the following:

- Check your child's head for lice.
- Check strands of hair for eggs (concentrate on the crown area).
- Any eggs found should be presumed to be fertile.
- Treat hair as per directions of head lice treatment



### What you can expect from your school

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school.

Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff. When infestations of head lice occur we request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

We also encourage students to avoid head to head contact in group activities as far as possible. In rare cases where students are experiencing a chronic head lice infestation the school, parents and the local community may need to work together to treat the infestation.



## “ATTENTION - ALL YEAR GROUPS”

The next **Parent/Teacher Interview Night** will be held on

**Monday, 02 September 2013, 3.30pm – 7.00pm**

**MHS Stadium**

## “BOOKINGS ARE OPEN”

### Book School Interviews Online

### Parents...

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

Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) or following the link through our schools website - [www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au).

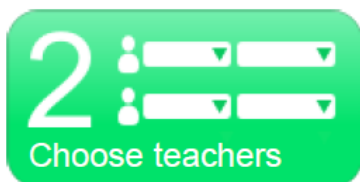
ENTER TO SCHOOL EVENT CODE: **G3PLP**

School event code

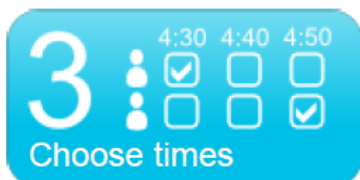
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First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.



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.

If you require assistance or are unable to book online, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make your bookings – 02-65681066 - (Please have the subjects and teachers names ready).

## Community Announcement - Tax Help

The Family and Community Information Centre has trained and experienced TAX HELP volunteers available at Macksville and Nambucca Heads ready to assist to complete your tax return. The service commenced in and will continue until October. The TAX HELP service is available to anyone who has an income below \$50,000 per year but that this can vary depending on circumstances.

To determine if you are eligible for this free service, contact the Family and Community Information Centre on 65686249 or the ATO on 13 28 61. Booking for TAX HELP appointments is essential and can be made by contacting the Family and Community Information Centre on 65682305. For further information contact Family and Community Information Centre: 65682305 or Paul Sekfy 0419440065.

Opera North West Ltd  
presents

# A Spring Concert

August 31 at 7.30pm  
Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery  
Coffs Harbour

Artists:

**Peta Blyth** *soprano*  
**Gergely Mályusz** *horn*  
**Alice Jamison** *piano*

**MOZART**  
**SCHUBERT**  
**R. STRAUSS**  
**WEBER**  
**DUPARC**  
**KREISLER**

Tickets: \$28, Students \$14

Refreshments included

Tickets available at the Gallery (02) 6648 4863 or phone (02) 6724 8561

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# The Great Australian Rock Musical

A Kindergarten to Year 12 production by Bowraville Central School

Where: Bowraville Theatre

When: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2103 at 12.00pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 6.00pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 6.00pm



## Synopsis

Troy and Darren Wilson, the most popular of all the shearers in town, get hitched at a Bachelor and Spinster Ball during a game of spin the bottle.

Kazza and Shazza become their brides. Whilst drowning their sorrows at getting hitched Troy and Darren are informed that one of them is heir to a multi-billion dollar sheep station called Tinbinbilla, but it is not known which one.

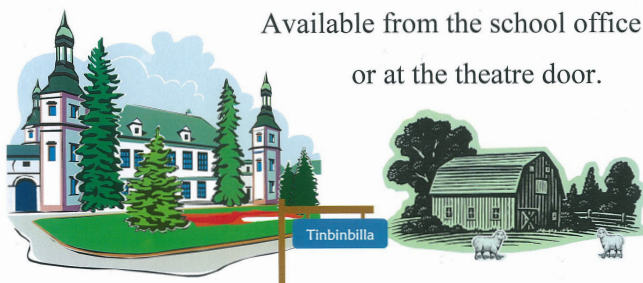
However all is cast into despair when it is revealed that one of the brothers was married in infancy to someone else and is now a bigamist.

Enter the Peed family to claim their daughter's spouse and fortune. In a Gilbert and Sullivan style conundrum, the characters have plenty of explaining to do with lots of Aussie style humour along the way.

Tickets: \$5.00 per head

\$20.00 per family

Available from the school office  
or at the theatre door.



**Stuarts Point  
TEAM CHALLENGE  
2013**

Markets on the River from 7am!!

Midday to 4pm  
Saturday 24 August

**The Amazing Race (with a twist) is coming to Stuarts Point!**

Get a team of 3 together to solve clues, complete challenges and have fun on foot around Stuarts Point!

The event is for all skill and fitness levels, with many activities needing more brainpower than muscle, more teamwork than speed.

Points are scored for participation, with bonus points awarded for achieving the challenge goal.

- o \$10 ENTRY PER TEAM
- Register by 16 August 2013
- o (at least one team member must be over 18 years)

Great Team Building Opportunity!  
Awesome Family Fun Day!

For more information and to register  
**CONTACT:-**  
Sue Petersen - Phone 02 6569 0616  
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Welcome to the Macksville Falcons Touch Football Associations first newsletter for the 2013/14 season.

## 2013/2014 competitions available

7-10 years of age mixed competition, **6 a side** (reduced from 7 a side last season to fall into line with national rules), full field, 15 minute halves, 2 minutes halftime. Games commence at 4pm. Cost \$45.00 per player. Teams may have any combination of girls and boys (all boys, all girls or a mixture).

11-13 years of age mixed competition, **6 a side** (reduced from 7 a side last season to fall in line with national rules), full field, 2 x 20 minute halves, 2 minute halftime break. Games commence at 4.40pm. Cost \$50.00 per player. Teams may have any combination of girls and boys (all boys, all girls or a mixture).

Adult mixed competition in 2 divisions. Players must be 14 years or older. **6 a side**, full field, 2 x 20 minute halves, 2 minute halftime break. Games commence at 5.40pm and 6.25pm. Cost \$80.00 per player. Teams must have a maximum of 3 males and a minimum of 1 on the field at all times.

All of these competitions will be played on Thursday afternoons.

The season will run from 10 October, 2013 to 19 December, 2013 (11 weeks) and then 16 January, 2014 to 6 March, 2014 (Grand Finals) (8 weeks).

All team and player registrations will be available **on line only** at our website from **Monday 12 August, 2013**. Each team will need to have a manager who will register the team name on the site and receive a team code. The manager can then provide the team code to each player who can register on line using the code. Players under 18 must have parent/guardian complete the process.

Player registration payment can be made online which attracts a bank handling fee of \$1.95 for juniors and \$3.12 for adults. If you do not wish to pay this fee you can pay us by using the direct bank transfer details below. **Player registration must still be completed online.**

## Bank transfer details (Banana coast credit union)

Macksville touch football  
BSB 704328  
Account No. 224353511  
(be sure to put in players name as a reference)

Teams must have matching or very similar coloured shirts with numbers on the back or both sleeves by the start of week 5 or penalties will be applied as per our rules.

**Referees** - We require more referees for the senior competitions. We have a large number of junior referees who are attending the upcoming Level 1 referees course at Macksville in early September. Referees are paid per game and can also play. The cost of the course will be met by our Association. Course duration is 5 hours. Please let us know if you would like to become a senior referee. Our website contains all information including a calendar of upcoming dates. [www.macksvilletouch.sportingpulse.net](http://www.macksvilletouch.sportingpulse.net) - Next newsletter - Competition rules, schools gala day, coaching courses, State Cup, North West Games, Junior State Cup and more. If you have problems with registration, payment or any other questions please contact us.

## Garden Gala Junior

Saturday, 7th  
September  
Poultry Shed  
Macksville  
Showground

Entry-\$1.00  
per bird.  
Pure breeds  
only.

- 8.00-9.30am -birds to be penned
- 10.00am- Judging commences
- 11.00am- Demonstration of washing & preparing a bird for shows

Contact:  
Leanne-65682178  
(Secretary)  
For entry forms

**\* Juniors must be under 16 years of age.**

### Year 6 visits

Partner primary schools students have been visiting Macksville High School with their Year 6 teacher and have had a range of experiences including Science lessons with Mrs Conway, school tours with our current Year 8 students, Archery with Mrs Sheather and ceramics with Miss Holding. These visits are arranged through the primary school by Mrs Conway and upcoming visits including technology with Mrs Orman and Mr Jordan, Agriculture with Mr Argent and Drama with Ms Dykes. Visits will continue this term for Macksville Public School and St Patricks. Our other partner schools Eungai, Medlow, Scotts Head, Stuarts Point will be visiting early next term again with students from other non partner schools.

### Year 7 advisor 2014

I am pleased to announce Mr Richard Wegner from our HSIE department will be the Year Advisor for Year 7, 2014. He will be calling in to introduce himself in upcoming transition lessons and will be visiting partner primary schools in term 4.

### Parent Information evening

The Year 7, 2014 parent information evening will

be on Tuesday the 26th of November at Macksville High School. There will be school tours available from 5pm to 6pm and a short information session in the school hall from 6.00pm until 6.30pm. Year 6 parents/guardians and their child(ren) are invited to attend this evening. This is an opportunity to meet teachers, fellow students and other parents, tour the school and see the great facilities and find out information about uniform, equipment and how to be a successful student at high school. An afternoon tea will be provided. Prospective parents for Year 7, 2015 (current year 5 students) are welcome to attend.

### Orientation Day

The Year 6 orientation day will occur on Wednesday the 4th of December at Macksville

High school. All year 6 students enrolled to attend MHS in 2014 should attend this day. They will need to wear their primary school uniform with enclosed shoes and bring their bag with recess and a drink and a pencil case. Students will follow a timetable and experience a day at high school. The bus companies will be notified and Year 6 students will be able to travel for free.

### Enrolment Forms

Just a reminder that enrolment forms together with a birth certificate or passport and proof of address need to be brought into the high school office this term. If you need a new form they are available at the high school office.

### Any Concerns

Our high school learning support team will be meeting with our primary school teachers and principal to arrange extra support and transition activities for students with additional needs. If you have any concerns about transition to high school, please contact Jenny Conway (Head teacher Science MHS/transition co-ordinator) or Mr Ian Smith (Support teacher MHS)

