



Macksville High School

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

September		
Sept, 10	all day	Year 7 - Awesome Science Day Out Excursion - Big Banana
Sept, 11	lunch time	4 Star Principal's Pizza Party - Years 7 & 8 only
Sept, 09-16	various times	Year 11 Yearly Exams
Sept, 13	all day	Girls in Trade Day
Sept, 17	12.40 - 2.30pm	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, 10	all day	ATSI Careers Day - Scotts Head
Oct, 14-15	all day	Year 11, Business Studies - IMAX - Sydney
Oct, 16	12.50-1.30pm	3 Star Merit BBQ - Years 9 & 10 only
Oct, 14-08	various times	HSC Exams
Oct, 21	all day	Vaccinations - Year 7 boys & girls and Year 9 boys
Oct, 22	all day	SCU - Senior School Day - (interested Y11 invited)
Oct, 23	12.50-1.30pm	4 Star Pizza Party - Years 9 & 10 only
Oct, 24	all day	Youth Directions Careers Expo - Coffs Harbour
Oct, 25	various times	Anti-Bullying presentations - Years 7, 8, 9 - Hall
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



Macksville Scotts Head Nippers Nippers 2013/14 Season

REGISTRATION DAYS:

Sunday 22nd September at Scotts Head Surf Club, 9 – 11 am
Sunday 29th September at Scott's Head Surf Club, 9 – 11 am

Children must be 5 years of age and one parent must join.
Membership is \$45 for Nippers (which includes a Club Shirt).

We encourage new and existing members between 5 and 14 years of age to join. Be a part of the best family summer sport!

For any additional information please call:
David Brunson (02) 6568 2530

CANTEEN ROSTER - Sept/Oct

Monday	09	S Compton - R Smith
Tuesday	10	HELPER NEEDED
Wednesday	11	T Lavery
Thursday	12	J Beggs
Friday	13	G Welsh
Monday	16	S Compton
Tuesday	17	HELPER NEEDED
Wednesday	18	H Jaeger
Thursday	19	D Jackson
Friday	20	G Welsh
HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday	08	R Wood
Wednesday	09	T Lavery
Thursday	10	HELPER NEEDED
Friday	11	HELPER NEEDED

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

The Macksville High School Open Girls Netball Team attended the State Netball Knockouts last week in Sydney. By all reports the girls were outstanding representatives of their school and the Macksville netball community on and off the court. They were reportedly up against teams that were fiercely competitive and twice their size. They had some great wins, including Endeavour Sports High School and finished in seventh place.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the girls for their sportsmanship, competitiveness and team spirit. Mrs Helen Black also deserves acknowledgement for her efforts with the team during the preliminary games that culminated with their qualifying for the State Knockout. I saw her regularly in the stadium during lunch time with her team practicing their skills. An appreciative parent wrote "Helen's way with the girls and the way they listen to every word she says is inspirational. As a mother of children at Macksville High, I was thinking how lucky I am to have her influence on my daughters". Well done to all involved.

Paul Holding

SAS Staff Recognition Week - 9-13 September 2013

Every year the Public Service Association organises Recognition Week to acknowledge the vital role that SAS Staff play in schools across NSW.

School Administrative Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, the school grounds or in the classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of the school and children's education.

This year's theme is: School Administrative & Support Staff: Vital to Education.

SASS staff are the backbone of the school and provide support to the Principal, Executive, teachers, parents and students. They play an essential role in the operation of the school and in supporting student learning. SASS staff are a dedicated group of professional workers who are often overlooked in the school setting. Recognition Week gives the whole school the opportunity to demonstrate to SAS Staff that they are valued members of the school community.

The roles and responsibilities of SAS staff are many and varied and include finance, various administrative duties, assisting with food technology, science and library, Aboriginal Education officer assisting Aboriginal students in school activities, class, etc, School Learning Support Officers who support teachers and students in the classroom and General Assistant and Farm Assistant enhancing students' safety and learning environment.

Macksville High School staff and students would like to thank our SAS Staff for their hard work and dedication to the important roles they play in our school.



Some of the wonderful staff that keep our school running: SAS staff - left: Debbie Dobson, Lea Hall, Margaret Mitchell, Deslie Howe, Margery Boylan, Marjorie Smith - Right: SLSo's Sharon Atkins, Debbie Perry-Turner, Sharon Cletcher & Jo Simon.

Year 7 - Gala Sports Day - Kempsey



In keeping with the long standing tradition of successful and fun-filled Year 7 Gala Days, 2013 was no exception. 50, Year 7 students represented Macksville High School in a “friendly” round robin style competition. We had two girls netball teams, a boys and girls soccer and touch football team. Students have been training for this event during sport afternoons guided by some excellent coaches from the Year 11, Sports Coaching Class.

Our students enjoyed a day away from their school desks and instead were at the beautiful open sports fields at Verge Street, West Kempsey. Schools from Wachope to Nambucca were invited to attend and many of our students enjoyed making new acquaintances and catching up with some friends from other schools.

A happy and positive day for all who attended and I would like to thank the staff, Mr Battery, Ms Cooper, Mr Huyhn, Mrs Simons and Mrs Howle for their efforts in making it such a great day. Thanks also to the Year 11, Sport Coaches and to Mr Mason for all the organisation.

By Melissa Robertson, Year 7, Year Adviser

Fairy Tale - Social



MHS Open Netball Team makes State Final

The Macksville High Opens Netball Team travelled to Sydney on the 2nd September, to compete in the CHS State Netball Knockout Finals, after becoming the North Coast Champions last month. The finals ran over 2 days, with day 1 involving a round robin setup, where the girls won 3 of the 7 games they played. Every game was an intense battle with the Macksville girls coming painfully close to winning 2 other games, going down by only 1 or 2 goals. By the end of the first day, these talented netballers finished in the top 8, up there with the best school teams of the state, including 5 Sydney sports high schools.

Day 2 was the playoffs for positions 1 to 8. Unfortunately, the girls drew Westfield Sports High, first up. This school has won the Title every year since 2002, but our girls weren't intimidated at all, giving 100% for the full 40 minutes. They kept the opposition on the run the entire game, only going down by 32-15, one of the best scorelines against this brilliant team. With only 8 players, and their energy sapped, the Macksville girls battled on, fighting hard in the next two, 40 minute games, but couldn't topple these experienced teams. The last game of the day, was against Endeavour Sports High, and the girls were pumped, after a rousing pep talk by coach Helen Black. They started off strong, shooting well and getting many intercepts, and kept strong the entire game, coming out winners at 51-32. Our team came 7th overall, out of 16 teams competing, which is an amazing feat, considering their average age is 15-16 years, and the opposition around 18 years old. At the end of the day, the competition convenor congratulated Helen Black on how well the girls had done, stating that there hasn't been a North Coast team in the top 8 for many years. Macksville High should be proud of how well these girls represented the school, as well as having one of the most experienced and knowledgeable sports teachers, in Helen Black.

By Paula Buckley



Back Row: Georgia Craven, Brooke Chapman, Angelica Marquardt, Deanna Buckley, Ruby Porter. Front Row: Peta Salter, Kelly Taylor, Megan Porter

Community Notices

Macksville Ex-Services Junior Cricket Club

Register at training

U14s training: Starts Tuesday 10th September

U12s training: Starts Wednesday 11th September

U12s and U14s competition: Starts 12th October

Milo In2Cricket: Starts Tuesday 15th October

U10s games: Starts 19th October

New players welcome

For more info call Tom Mann 0417 497001



GO SWIM MONTH

Do you love to swim and want to join a great swimming club that caters for all ages and abilities?

The Macksville Marlins Swimming Club would like to invite you to their GO Swim Day to celebrate everything great about swimming. This will be an opportunity to have some fun racing with your friends and against the clock. Our GO Swim Day will include registrations, time trials, fun relays, BBQ and parent information session. Get involved in Australia's most popular Olympic and Paralympic sport!

Date: Wednesday 9 October

Time: Registrations from 4.30pm, Time trials from 6pm

Location: Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre

Contact: Lyndel Sutton Ph 0409 681207

Email macksvillamarlins@gmail.com

Visit: goswim.org.au for more

JEFF BORG QUALIFIED MATHEMATICS TUTOR TAUGHT MATHEMATICS IN SYDNEY SCHOOLS FOR 18 YEARS 0415 554 385	ALL TUTORING BASED ON COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR EACH STUDENT \$50 PER HOUR
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you are into hip hop/rap and aged 12-25 years old, then this is the event to attend....!! On **Friday 27 September – FREE!!!** **NATIVE RYME** (hip hop/rap) concert and workshop at Nambucca Heads High School Auditorium. Workshop will be with NATIVE RYME from 12 pm – 1 pm. The workshop will be followed by a concert (1.30pm – 3.30pm) with Zicko MC, Untold Truth, **NATIVE RYME**, plus more.....

NATIVE RYME are an internationally renowned Australian Indigenous hip hop/rap group and the first Australian urban music group to win an Australian National Music Award and they are calling into Nambucca as part of their 11.11 Tour 2013-2014. Check them out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/#!/native.ryme?fref=ts>

The Youth Mobile Café will be there with yummy food and beverages to purchase.

So if you want to hear some great music, pick up a few pointers, and have a great afternoon, come along to the workshop and/or concert....grab a bite to eat and enjoy..!!

AND...

It's nearly Christmas....well it's not that far away...so on **Thursday, 3 October** a **Christmas Decoration** workshop will be held at the Salvation Army Hall River Street, Macksville...what's this you say...?

The workshop (for 12-18 year olds) will have lots of resources so that you can get in early and design and make your own decorations for the tree, table, etc. You can even design some name tags for presents...! This is a **FREE** activity from 10 am to 3 pm. Free lunch and refreshments supplied..! **Places are limited so you will need to book in...!!**

For further information and to book in please contact Vicki Fernance on 6568 0254.

AND....

Grants Hall Committee are holding a Disco on **Friday 4 October** from 6 – 9 pm at Grants Hall in Bowraville. If you are aged 12-18 years old then go along for a great night.....!! There will be free refreshments and some great music....! Fully supervised..and **FREE....!**

For further information about any of these activities please contact Vicki Fernance on 6568 0254.

ALL EVENTS ARE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE