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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

September		
Sept, 23-04	all day	Spring School Holidays
October		
Oct, 07	all day	Public Holiday
Oct, 08		First day back to school - Term 4
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



### Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from Industry & Investment NSW. The day runs from 9 am-1 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

COST: \$40 PER CHILD, and includes rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!  
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

LOCATION: Bellwood Park, Riverside Drive, Nambucca.

DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2013

BOOKING CLOSE: 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2013

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### 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 - Oct

HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday	08	R Wood
Wednesday	09	T Laverty
Thursday	10	HELPER NEEDED
Friday	11	HELPER NEEDED

## From our Principal

On Thursday this week we had the opportunity to farewell our Year 12 students at their Graduation Assembly with over 150 parents and family members present. Students took the opportunity to reflect on the great times they have had at school, acknowledged the people that contributed to their success and to say farewell to many of their school friends. It is always my hope that Year 12 looks back without regrets, that they make lifelong friends and leave us with the capacity to take opportunities as they present themselves during their working life.

From our 72 graduating students, Mrs Shrubb has assisted 39 students apply for 52 early entry positions and a range of scholarship applications. A number of students have also been offered full time employment on the strength of their excellent report and school references.

We as a school and community have been working to support an increase in the number of our aboriginal students to graduate from Macksville High School with a HSC. This year I am proud to tell you that 8 of our students graduating are aboriginal and through the Charles Sturt University Darrambal program five of these students have been shortlisted for a variety of positions in aboriginal health.

I also took the opportunity to thank our 2013 School Captains, Courtney Beaumont and Douglas Robertson and Vice Captains Kylie Ellis and Anthony Thompson. Their commitment and leadership has been outstanding. Thank you, also to our parents for their trust and partnership and teachers for the commitment to their students.

Year 12 have now to complete the last step at school and undertake the Higher School Certificate exams, I wish them well and I look forward to seeing everyone together again at the formal next term. **Compliments of Mr Baines, if any Year 12 students would like a free copy of a video of the Graduation Assembly, please contact Lynette Howle to collect your copy - please email: [lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au).**

Mr Paul Holding





## Year 12 Graduation Assembly





## "A day on the Oval" - Senior Concert





## Jordan Sheather - Rugby Union career on the move



This weekend will see Jordan Sheather complete his Rugby Union responsibilities with NSW Country First XV. This Combined High School Country State team will be playing a designated 'International game' against Fiji in Armidale on Monday the 23rd September.

The boys in this team come from all corners of the State and gained selection in June this year through a series of trial games held at The Armidale School. This final game follows one played in Newcastle against Api Fo'ou College from Tonga; unfortunately Jordan had to miss this one because he was in the middle of the HSC trials. The first game the team played was also held in the Hunter, in this game the boys trounced the highly favoured CHS team and meant that in the carnival held at The Kings School last holidays, Country XV were placed further up the ladder than expected, something their coaches were very proud of.

This series follows the great year Jordan has had in Rugby Union, having played with Chris Buckley for the North Coast schools team; he had also represented Mid-North Coast at State carnival held in Wyong. All this followed a successful tour of Fiji and Samoa with the NSW Development Squad, which also included Damien Carriage, in the first school holidays this year. On this tour Jordan was named 'Man of the Match' in the first game against Fiji; I think this was to make up for missing the second game against Samoa with a stomach bug from drinking the water.

Rugby Union at Macksville has presented Jordan with many invaluable opportunities. The coaching, support and camaraderie has been second to none and is directly attributable to Mick Baines and Josh Webb and all the time, energy and experience they share so willingly with the students. Jordan is hoping to continue with his Rugby next year playing for Albies in Armidale.

Merrilyn Sheather

## 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 (1.30 pm – 3.30 pm) 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....!!**

**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**



## Lower North Coast U16's Futsal Championships - runners up

Macksville High finished runner up in the Lower North Coast U16's Futsal Championships held yesterday in Port Macquarie. After a bye in Round 1, we were scheduled to play Wauchope in Round 2. From the first whistle, the team looked very rusty, but once the boys found their touch, we started to dominate the game. We led by 2 at the half and were kept in the game by some superb saves from Keeper Jamie Bekis. We were pushed all the way for a hard fought 8-7 win. Harry Mitchell, Sam Armes and Jye Allen all impressed. This result moved us into the final against Camden Haven.

The final began with a bang, Trent Stack scored 15 seconds into the game and set the tone for the first 20 minute half. An inspiring performance from the team including goals from Trent, Jacob Simpson and Wesley Styles put us up 5-1 at the break.

Bubbling with confidence, the boys started with the same intensity, unfortunately tired legs led to a few defensive errors which cost us some cheap goals, as Camden Haven hit back with the next 3 goals including a very well constructed free Kick. We hit back straight away with a rocket from Jacob, leaving the Camden Haven keeper picking the ball out of the back of the net wondering what had just happened. This gave us back the 2 goal buffer with 6 mins on the clock. As it is in Futsal our lead was short lived as Camden Haven scored 2 quick goals to tie up the game at 6 -all.

The last 4 minutes were very physical with several free kicks awarded by the referee. With 2 mins of normal time left, a long calculated throw from Jamie set up our next goal, lifting the boys spirits. Leading 7-6, Camden Haven were awarded a corner with 30 seconds on the clock. We defended the first attempt but failed to clear the ball with the next shot deflecting off one of the boys and into the back of the net. It finished 7-7. With 5 minutes each way added on and exhaustion showing, Trent succumb to cramps and before we knew it Camden Haven had the Golden goal they needed.

Hats off to the boys and the way they represented MHS.

Joel Mason



Left to right: Back row: Harry Mitchell, Wesley Styles, Jye Allen, Jacob Simpson, Dawson Denison, Trent Stack - Front row:- Sam Armes, Jamie Bekis.

## Visiting musician Paul Stewart

As part of our Indonesian studies, Mr Paul Stewart visited MHS from Melbourne recently. He spent many years in Timor and told students really interesting stories about his life there. Paul has a long association with Timor since 1975 when his brother Tony was killed at Balibo by the Indonesian Army.

Paul plays the trumpet and had fun telling all the kids about the famous bands he has worked with. He created the sound track for the film Balibo (there is a copy in the library). Paul will return to Timor as he is supporting the building of an orphanage there. Anyone who wishes to help by donating pencils, texta's, books, sandals or money please bring things in next term to K3.

Thank you Paul for the visit and we look forward to your next visit

Lee Gilliland

