

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **Year 12 Pizza Mathematics Excursion**

To celebrate the end of the HSC course, the Mathematics Extension One class of 2014 were invited to breakfast at Graffity Café on the river bank at Macksville. The group comprised Tavis Hall, Anna Mills, Arran Paix, Sam Robertson and Max Vernon. The students made their way to the café where menus were keenly read.

The rationale behind the excursion was consolidation of the 18 theorems studied in the topic of Circle Geometry, so what better place to study circles but a café which sells pizzas? Of course our two guys Sam and Max *had* to order the Graffity Breakfast pizza. Eggs Benedict and Bacon and Egg burgers were popular choices by Tavis, Arran and Anna. Naturally Arran had to find out whether the Mango Lassi was as good as the drink she had tasted overseas, so we all joined her to find out. It is a huge drink and was used as an excuse by Sam and Max not to finish their large pizza! (Shame on you guys!)

While waiting for the meals to be served Mrs Mendham surprised the class by producing a glass cutting board complete with a large circle drawn on it. She handed out worksheets, pens and rulers and advised the group "No work no breakfast!" If they came up with the correct drawing and theorem they were allowed to eat. The café was generous in giving us time to complete half of the theorems. The group was probably relieved to see the first pizza arrive and the books put away!

The food and service were excellent. The girls' burgers were huge; certainly no one left feeling hungry. A presentation was made by Anna on behalf of the group thanking Mrs Mendham for her efforts. True to form, while the class appreciated her teaching, Mrs Mendham continues to receive a D grade for Technology as her photos taken by phone suggest "Room for Improvement."

After the meal photos were taken while Tavis worked on his tan. It was a pleasure to teach such a creative and talented group of students and I wish them every success in their HSC and beyond.

Moyra Mendham



## Year 8 Procedural Texts



Year 8 has been working on the development of strong procedural text. Writing and understanding procedural texts and understanding them is an important skill for everyone in life. The class has been working hard to write a variety of texts and to follow a variety of instructions. This has included making airplanes, drawing pictures, following recipes and building things. The class has excelled in this area. For their final assessment they were required to write a procedural that outlined how to make an ice-cream sundae. It was a great lesson and the boys are to be commended on a wonderful term.

## HSC ARTWORKS

This year's year 12 Visual Art class created an array of impressive and diverse artworks. Many students chose to either focus specifically on the conceptual meaning behind their art or demonstrate a high technical ability. There were also a number of themes or subject matter explored such as animals, family and friends, portraiture, religious iconography, gender issues and abstract landscapes. This class worked incredibly hard to produce their amazing artworks and we are very proud of them! Keep your eye out and come along to the exhibition that will be held to showcase the senior artworks later next term.

### Kristy Holding



Work by Yani Cosic

CALENDAR DATES	
<b>October</b>	
<b>9/16/23/30</b>	ATSI Students Surfing Scotts Head
<b>13</b>	Yr 11 RRISK CHEC coffs Harbour
	Yr 7 Male & Female & Yr 9 Boys Immunisations
<b>13 – 7 Nov</b>	HSC
<b>13</b>	Yr 11 RRISK CHEC
<b>14</b>	Yr 9 Uni Bound CHEC
<b>21</b>	Senior Study Skills Day SCU
<b>November</b>	
<b>6</b>	Yr 8 Science in the Bush UNE Armidale
	Yr 12 Formal
<b>10 - 21</b>	Yr 10 Swim & Survive
<b>20</b>	Yr 7 Uni Bound CHEC

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## SASS RECOGNITION WEEK

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Macksville High School celebrated SASS week (School Support & Administrative Staff). The theme for this week is “Stepping Up To The Challenge”. Each year we celebrate the work that SASS staff do within our schools, from the front office ladies to the general assistant to the learning support staff, these wonderful people help our students and teachers daily. Principal Erica Lyne and Deputy Robin Walsh organised catering for a wonderful morning tea and Kelli Dykes and Josh Webb (2 Head Teachers) manned the office and telephones so that the staff could all enjoy the treat.





## YEAR 7/8 DEBATING – FAMILY FEUD

On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Macksville High's Year 7 and Year 8 Debating teams, both winners of their



respective zones, locked horns in the library in a North Coast inter-regional quarter final knockout debate. The topic was, "That there should be weight limits on fashion models", with the Year 7 team taking the Affirmative position to the Year 8s Negative stance.

After an even start by the first speakers for each team, the Year 7s edged ahead in the middle of the debate. However in a down-to-the-wire finish the Year 8s did enough for adjudicator Lissa Tardiani to award the debate to the older team.

This means the Year 8 team, coached by Cathy Eagan, move onto the regional semi-finals next term. The team consists of 1<sup>st</sup> speaker - **Mickayla Ennis**, 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker - **Daisy Peachman**, 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker - **Chloe Northfield** and team advisor - **Colette Vernon**. Their coach is very proud of their achievement and well aware of the stiff competition that lies ahead.

Mr Coia, coach of the Year 7 team and North Coast regional coordinator for secondary debating, said the Year 8 girls are to be congratulated for their fine efforts so far and that much of their success is due to the dedicated and conscientious efforts of the coach, Miss Eagan.



The Year 7 team, which also won three debates to make it this far consists of 1<sup>st</sup> speaker, Ruby Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker, Astrid Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker Lyam Caesar and Team Advisor, Ayla Ridley (Year 8). Their coach is confident of future success in 2015.

Everyone at Macksville High wishes the girls further success at the next level when they meet either Nambucca Heads or Norfolk Island in the semi-final.

**CEagan/DCoia**

## RUGBY REPORT

Friday the 5th of September saw Mick Baines (work experience coach standing in for Ms Dempsey) and the intrepid Ian Smith tootle off to Port Macquarie for the Under 14 Coast to Country Cup Rugby Union competition. With 6 teams entering the day was organised into 2 pools with Macksville playing Kempsey and JPC and another pool comprising Wauchope, St Paul's and St Joseph's regional. An early start saw us arrive at a cold and blustery Stuart Park for the kickoff at 10 am. With many of the boys playing their first ever games of 15 a side rugby and many others making their debut the day was always going to be a surprise packet. The first game was against a physically imposing Kempsey side but it was the Macksville boys who played a brand of technically proficient running rugby that saw them victorious. Captains Michael Baldock and Mitchell Morison Kings were superb at the breakdown and controlling the show respectively. The Swampies pack were working well as a unit with Dylan Leckie and Kaij Williams in everything and Jared Baldwin muscling up through the middle. Harvey Taitume showed his technical proficiency and rugby nous to impose himself in tight. Sam Price, Keedan Bale and Matt James rotated through the propping duties without missing a beat. Jarrah Godfrey Martin and Luke Ormandy were ever present, carting the ball up in attack again and again. Clay Saville continues to impress in Rugby working in tandem with Mitchell with some slick delivery and good vision. Centres Nash Hutchinson and Tobaskin Bonett made constant inroads with power running gaining the advantage line again and again. The back three of Nathan Sternbauer, Zeth Milgate and Jasper Valentine Boxsell also showed great potential and will become great



finishers as they progress. Nicholas Willer and Ryan Cotterell also showed great promise although Ryan was unfortunately injured near the end of the first game popping a miracle pass out the back to keep play alive. Macksville ran out sound victors and had started the day on fire. Our next game against JPC was for a spot in the finals and unfortunately one bad mistake was all it needed for JPC to post points. going into halftime down 10 nil our boys showed great spirit to fight back. We were a chance to snatch victory with a penalty 10 metres out in the dying seconds but the buzzer beat them...JPC winning 10-7 and progressing into the finals and a spot in Forster later in the month. Our final hit out was a payoff for third against Wauchope. In a very entertaining game the ball went from end to end with Wauchope victorious by 20-19. Overall it was a great day with a great bunch of boys who showed sportsmanship, commitment, discipline and pride in the Swampies jumper.



## MACKSVILLE HIGH THE BACKBONE OF GOANNAS MAIDEN PREMIERSHIP

Up to 18 current and former Macksville High students and 3 current staff have provided the key to the Bowraville Goannas first competition premiership. This title took only to one year to achieve, but was several years in the making.

The highly talented side is filled with North Coast and NSW Country representatives from Macksville. These boys trained strongly throughout the year, and won the match 25-11 over a gallant Kempsey Cannonballs. In a match that was torrid and very tense, a 15 minute period of stoic second half defence laid the platform for the win.

The first half was scrappy, and played directly into Kempsey's hands. The turnovers and penalties came at will and the Goannas were playing themselves into defeat. Despite the mountain of possession against them, the Goannas scored two tries. Josh Bartlett scored beside the posts and Jye Perkins ran a great line from an excellent Peter Minisini pass to score late in the half to lead 10-6.

The half time rocket did not have the desired effect. More mistakes saw Kempsey sneak ahead 11-10 before the Goannas responded to lead 15-11. The next 15 minutes was all defence, as the Goannas repelled countless Kempsey attacks. The scrum improved considerably, and the Goannas finally retained the ball. After a rare penalty, another Goannas try increased the lead to 20-11 with 5 minutes to go.

As the Cannonballs tried valiantly to score, their desperation created mistakes. Keith Donovan seized on a loose kick, broke through the tiring defensive line before unloading to Jake Capell to score with the last play of the game, sparking celebrations not seen before in Goannas history.

There were also several awards after the match. Josh Bartlett capped a scintillating year with the best zone player award, and Max Hoysted was the highest point scorer for his support play and much improved goal kicking. Jye Perkins was voted player's player with an exceptional all round performance, and Luke O'Loughlin is relentless around the breakdown. However, and all players deserve enormous praise for their commitment to maintaining a positive approach to the season.

The Goannas would also like to thank all the families that made the long trip and especially medical officer David Shrubbs for their selfless contribution to a highly successful campaign.



*Back Row:*

David Shrubbs (medical officer),  
Dylan Crumpton, Damien Carriage,  
Ossie Kinnear, Connor Gainge,  
Luke O'Loughlin, Shaq Joynson,  
Jake Capell, Connor Hoban

*Middle:*

Shannon Dyer, Luke Smith (coach),  
Neil Wyman (coach), Josh Webb  
(coach), Keith Donovan, Pete  
Minisini, Jye Perkins, Jordan  
Leckie, Nolan Witte, Shannon  
Jeffery, Josh Bartlett Jack Ingham,  
Max Hoysted, Aaron Shrubbs, Joel  
Cooper, Tasman Jarrett, Mick  
Baines (coach)

*Front:*

Jack Ingham, Max Hoysted, Aaron Shrubbs, Joel Cooper, Tasman Jarrett, Mick Baines (coach)

## YEAR 7-12 PARENT TEACHER NIGHT



Macksville High School held their year 7-12 Parent /Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Junior Members of the school showed our parents around.

## NETBALL



After earning the title of 'North Coast Champions', the Macksville High Opens Netball Team travelled to Wollongong, to compete in the CHS Open Netball State Knockout Finals.

With illness and injuries threatening some players just days out from the competition, a new recruit, Matiese Trisley, was brought into the side, as a reserve.

The first day proved to be very challenging for the girls, being placed into pool A, against some of the top Sydney teams. The Macksville team gave it their all, eventually winning 5 of their 10 games, over the 2 days, and finishing 11th overall. What a massive achievement for a small rural High School, the girls should be very proud of themselves.

The team consists of Mikaela Donovan, Georgia Craven, Deanna Buckley, Brooke Chapman, Matiese Trisley, Megan Porter, Peta Salter, Kelly Taylor and Ruby Porter.

The girls would like to thank the P&C and the SRC committee for their generous donations for the team's new netball uniforms. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Helen Black, for all her hard work and commitment in coaching the team.

## CAREERS NEWS

1. Year 12: all School recommended applications have been completed- students (apart from studying...) should be researching **scholarships** available at the places they've applied to study at...; I am constantly told that there are scholarships going begging as no one has applied for them...!!
2. Year 10 and SBAT's: there are some traineeships available for Indigenous students with MNCLHS (Mid North Coast Local Health Service) at a range of locations; if you might be interested, please see Mrs Shrubbs or Mr Lukins for the expression of Interest paperwork.
3. Year 10 Subject Selections: these are pretty well completed; I believe there will be a small number of students who might have to choose another subject as not enough students chose the subject for it to run. Currently, a new timetable to work with 2015 subjects is being developed!
4. RoSA's: Record of School Achievement- if there are any students planning to leave schooling at the end of the school year and would like to complete a literacy or numeracy test, they need to see our BOSTES person (Ms Deslie Howe) to organise for this. NB. It is NOT compulsory and is separate to the RoSA documentation- an addition to it.
5. Macksvillehighcareers.com: most of our Year 9 and 10 students now have a login to the careers site and are able to find LOTS of resources there; there is also the possibility of 'liking' it's page on Facebook, so that they will be notified of any important information uploaded to it... If you aren't familiar with this site, please ask them to show you how it works!!

**Tim Lukins**

## INDONESIAN COOKING

Mrs Gilliland is to be congratulated on her enthusiasm in asking one of her Indonesian friends Ibu Purwanti to give of her time to teach the Year 8 Indonesian LOTE class to cook Indonesian food. Dishes were chosen, menus read, ingredients ordered and purchased then a number of students were asked to help prepare the meal. Vegetables were washed and chopped, and meat cut into chunks for skewers before the rest of the class came to help prepare the satay sauce, potato cakes, noodles and rice dishes.

An amazing buffet of food was soon ready to be consumed. Many hands do a buffet make!

The menu was satai ayam, cap cai, mie goreng, and perkedel or chicken satay, stir fry, fried noodles and potato cakes.

The class of 2014 would like to thank: Ibu Purwanti for purchasing ingredients, initial food preparation and teaching, Glynis East for assistance in the Home Economics room, Mrs Sheather for taking photos and the maths teachers who allowed the students to leave class and participate in this amazing opportunity and Mrs Gilliland for giving of her time to organise this activity.

Congratulations everyone, and thank you for inviting me to be part of the feast!

**Mrs Mendham**

**Head Teacher LOTE**