

# NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR DATES

### November

17-21	Yr10 Swim & Survive
18-21	Aboriginal Student Camp
20	Yr7 Uni-Bound – CHEC
24	Musical lunch P5&6 – Hall
25	Yr6 – 5pm - Parent info evening
27-28	Yr11 Qld.Uni Excursion
27	Yr11 Dive SWR

### December

2-3	Yr9 Uni Bound CHEC
3	Yr6 Orientation Day
5	Yr11 – History (Mod./Anc. – to CHEC
8	Engineering Excursion - Newcastle
8	10am - Presentation Day – in Stadium
10 - 11	Yr11 PD/H/PE – Outdoor Educ.
12	5am - 5 Star Worlds Excursion
17	Last day Term 4 – Students finish school

## ART EXCURSION

Earlier this semester year 9 and 10 students travelled by bus and went to the Scott's Head Reserve. At the start of the day we went to the main beach and created oversized sand sculptures depicting oceanic themes. We had teams of students creating sand turtles, mermaids, a whale, a starfish and a jellyfish. The kids also put their body on the line of duty placing themselves in the sand as the main features to their animal creations (as you can see in the photo with Thomas Steward and Caleb Griggs). After our sand sculptures we then moved onto carving oceanic themes into hebel blocks (See picture below). We then explored 'Little Beach,' collecting washed up objects and taking panoramic photos. We will then use these photos and objects as inspirations for artworks back in class. We had many prizes to hand out throughout the day and would like to thank all the students who participated in the excursion. Well done on your positive behaviour, we both hope you had fun, we did also.

**Thanks guys!**

**Miss Hardingham and Miss Holding**

Tomas Steward

Caleb Griggs







## 2015 MHS SCHOOL CAPTAINS

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October Macksville High School held a special assembly in order to celebrate and present our 2015 school captains, Harry Mitchell and Brooke Chapman, and vice captains, Sal Bartley and Jaiden Walker, to the rest of the school community. We welcome them and wish them all the best in the coming year.



Sal Bartley, Harry Mitchell, Jaiden Walker Vice, Brooke Chapman



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers and Community,

Congratulations to our year 12's who have recently completed their HSC exams. Their Formal Dinner was held last week celebrating the completion of their schooling. A special mention goes to their Year Advisor Angelle Hughes, and previously Moyra Mendham for their support and guidance over the years, it is very much appreciated. We are also receiving word regarding early entry offers for many of our year 12 students to universities including Charles Sturt and Southern Cross so far, which is great news so soon after the completion of exams.

It will be my privilege to work with our new School Captains and Vice Captains Brooke, Harry, Jaiden and Sal. Student leadership is a very important part of any school community and they have a significant role in representing the student voice at Macksville High.

Their first official duty was representing us at the commemoration of the new cenotaph on the river at Macksville, and in leading the Remembrance Day ceremony here at school. I was very proud of the evident respect our students demonstrated at this important ceremony. Thank you to Josh Webb for his contribution to the organisation of these observances.

Although most students will now have finished their final exams, there is still assessment work continuing and attendance at school is still expected every day. There is a strong correlation between attendance and achievement, and all students need to give themselves every opportunity to achieve their best.

We have been developing our School Plan for the next 3 years. The staff and Executive have been analysing data and looking at the strengths of our school, as well as areas to work on. We will be surveying all students next week and will have a parent survey out by the end of term. We will be developing 3 strategic directions from this information to focus on in moving our school forward.

As we approach the end of the year there are many activities being planned to celebrate the various achievements of our students, and I look forward to seeing the vast majority of our students participating.

*Mrs Erica Lyne - Principal*

## 2015 SCHOOL FORMAL



## LISMORE SHOW 2014



From left - Patrick Fuller, Wesley Styles, Haydon De Jonge, Josh Ennis and Katie Cooper

During week 2, the cattle team took part in the Lismore national show, it was a 4 day cattle show. The first day was Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. We left Macksville High School at 9:00 on Wednesday morning. When we arrived at the Lismore show ground there was a Youth Education day where we had 4 different speakers from the beef industry give the students a talk on what they have achieved throughout their time in the industry and what they are working towards today.

Throughout the afternoon they ran a junior judging competition where all students from Macksville High took part in this event.

There were no placing's for this event but all 5 of the Macksville High students did the school proud with Hayden DeJonge talking first, then followed by Wesley Styles, Patrick Fuller, Josh Ennis and Katie Cooper. The over judge of this event was amazed by how well the Macksville high students could perform, speaking on the microphone in front of hundreds of people. Also the judging of the cattle was difficult due to the closeness of the classes. The over judge said to the whole of the Macksville High group after the event 'He wished he could publicly speak as well as we could'



Wes Styles, Hayden DeJonge, Katie Cooper

On Thursday we had a very intense day at the show, waking up at 5:30 to start preparing the 3 bulls for their events. Patrick Fuller and Hayden DeJonge led the first 2 bulls. It was a hard day at the office when we walked into to show ring and we saw the competition. There were 6 bulls in the class, all much larger than our own. We were unlucky in this class, but we still soldiered on! With a tremendous effort by Katie Cooper In the under 16 months bull class where she had the biggest bull from the high school to lead, KO J53 owned by Kerry Argent, Katie took home a first place ribbon. It was a massive effort from one of the younger girls from Macksville High taking home a blue ribbon.

Friday saw the interbreed competition with some top quality cattle on show. Unfortunately, we didn't make it into the interbreeds. We got given the opportunity to lead for some of the other exhibitors throughout the day and in the interbreeds which was a great experience. Later on that afternoon they had the junior judging competition where you judge cattle. Once again Macksville students performed extremely well, with 3

out of 5 getting placed in the top 12 with Wezz Styles, Hayden DeJonge, and Katie Cooper having a chance to win the blue ribbon. Hayden DeJonge did extremely well taking home the blue ribbon. This was a major achievement for Hayden as he was competing in a class with 70 junior judges in the 14-19 year olds. Katie Cooper and Wezz Styles didn't get placed above 7th but performed well in their judging.



Saturday the 18th of October the final day!

Saturday is always a bugger of a day because that's the day we have to pack up and come home!

Saturday was quite a big day at Lismore because we had to do our school speech, which, at Lismore show, they put a heifer up as a prize for the best performed school over the 4 days. Unfortunately we didn't end up with the heifer this year but there is always next year. The over judge was quite amazed with Macksville High's team speech, which is made up of 3 students who were Wezz, Katie and Hayden. All three students spoke really well and did the Macksville High School cattle team proud!

And a big shout out to Tony Styles, Emily Gough and Jane Cooper for helping out with the students and teaching me some new things!

Also a massive shout out to Patrick Fuller, Josh Ennis, Katie Cooper, and Hayden Dejonge for making it a show that I'll never forget!

I would just like to thank Luke Smith on behalf of Wezz, Hayden, Katie, Patrick and Josh for giving us the opportunity to attend this event and do the Macksville high cattle team proud!

By Wezz Styles Year 11



Wes Styles

## YEAR 8 DEBATING TEAM UPDATE



From left: Chloe Northfield, Daisy Peachman, Mickayla Ennis and Colette Vernon.

After winning their zone and knocking out the Macksville Year 7s, the girls of the Year 8 Macksville High debating team looked across the water for their next challenge: Norfolk Island Central School.

Setting sail, via a video conference debate, the Year 8 girls won the Affirmative position on the topic, "That We Should Ban Motor Sports", for the first regional semi-final.

In a heated contest that included the related issues of fatalities, maiming, advertising and random kangaroos, Macksville went down in a close decision.

Mr Coia, who had the privilege of filling in for Ms Eagan, felt it was a fair enough call but still felt for the team, which fought valiantly. The adjudication was exhaustive and informative in its insights and constructive criticism.

The Year 8 debating team consists of Mickayla Ennis – 1<sup>st</sup> speaker; Daisy Peachman – 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker; Chloe Northfield – 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker and Colette Vernon – team adviser.

Once again, full credit should go to Ms Eagan for having guided the Year 8 girls so far in 2014. She will be a great loss to Macksville HS debating when she moves on next year.

## CAREERS NEWS

For most students interested in studying at university BUT who don't get offered a spot please read on:

Most universities in Australia offer potential students an alternative entry to their course as part of a qualifying or foundation program.

These are a type of entry which involves students being part of a more basic skills course (such as UNSW's "January Standard Plus Program" or SCU's "Prepared for Success") or foundation studies.

These basic skills studies aim to equip a potential student with the required academic and literary skills to succeed at university and the length varies from university to university, some running over weeks/months and others being full academic year (but being able to count as some units towards the final selected course).

If you think this might be you please go searching on any of the university sites that you might like to study at and decide if it might be something you can achieve, or come to the careers office if you would like to do this with Mrs Shrubbs.

Please don't "die wondering" what might have been!

## THANK YOU

Macksville High school would like to thank all those shoppers who shop at Ritchies and donate to the school through the Community Benefit Program. If you would like to join with the community to help support our school please contact Ritchies for further information.

## MUSIC NEWS

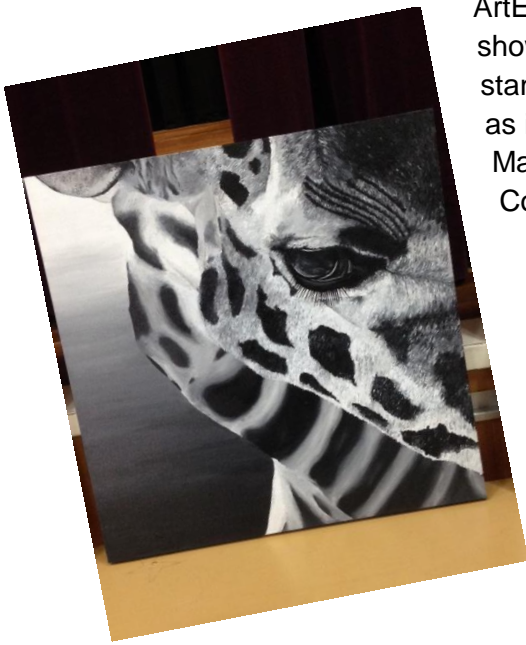
ARIA-charting **In Hearts Wake** Metal /Punk band will be headlining Indent's regional drug and alcohol free all-ages tour in 2014 – the only tour of its kind in Australia. This year the Indent Tour will be hitting **Nambucca Heads, on 21<sup>st</sup> November**.

Macksville High school students have been gaining experience in promotion and production via the Youth Centre at Nambucca Heads. New band Red Dragon featuring all local artists including 4 musicians from Macksville High School are one of the support acts.

## NEWSFLASH!

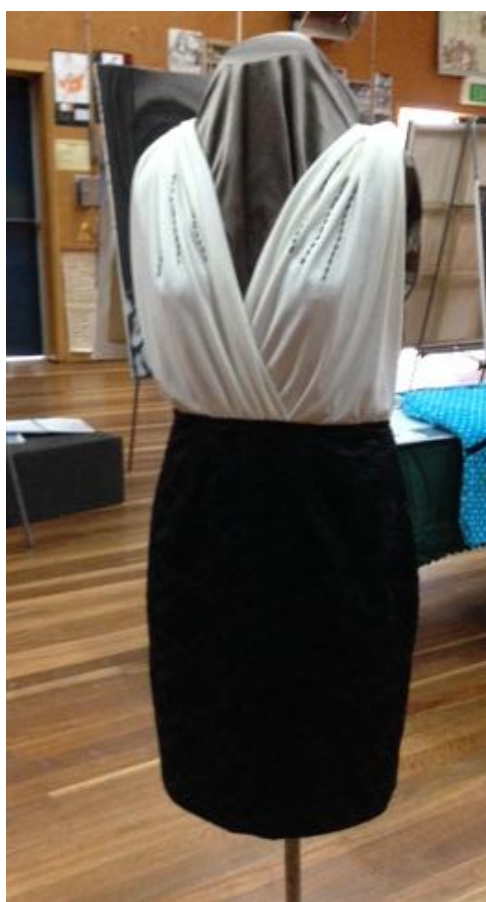
Megan Porter a Visual Art student from this year's HSC class at Macksville High has had her artwork preselected for ArtExpress.

ArtExpress is series of exhibitions held at various NSW art galleries that showcase HSC artwork of an incredibly high technical or conceptual standard. The Visual Art Department are incredibly proud of her achievement as is the rest of the staff Macksville High School. Congratulations Megan!





## HSC ART/TEXTILES 2015



### CANTEEN ROSTER-NOVEMBER

<b>Monday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>S Compton</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>D Jackson</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>H Jaegar</b>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>S Compton</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>

### DECEMBER

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>S Compton</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>J Beggs</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Helpers Needed</b>

The Canteen is always appreciative of parent/carer/grandparent help. Please phone Ros on 6568 1453 if you can help.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Domestic Violence Emergency Numbers

Nambucca Valley WATCHIT – 6651 1136

Mimi Mothers – 6564 8855

Domestic Violence Line (24Hrs) – 1800 656463

Victims Access Line (24hrs) – 1800 633063

Rape & Domestic Violence Services Aust. – 1800 424 017

NSW Men's Referral Service (24hrs) – 1300 766491



## SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our class experienced three aspects of the Australian Food Industry on a recent excursion. We visited the “Valley of the Mist” located at Talarm for a very informative tour through an organic bush food farm – hosts Dennis and Marilyn were very accommodating and treated us to a morning tea of pancakes, ice cream, macadamia nuts and Davidson plum sauce – yum!



Our next point of call was at Macksville’s Mac Nuts – a co-operative venture that processes the macadamia nuts grown in our area. Here the students learnt about the mechanisation of the industry, quality control, food regulations....and tasted an array of flavoured macadamias!



Lastly we headed off to McDonalds Nambucca Heads to complete our journey from paddock to plate. Here students were taken through the busy restaurant, versed in every point of operation and informed of the procedures in place to ensure that every food item produced here was of the highest standard.

Photos by Harry Mitchell



## MORE FORMAL PHOTOS

