



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR DATES

MAY

8	CHS Open Boys Softball – Kempsey
9	Zone Cross Country - Kempsey
13-15	Yr 7 & 9 NAPLAN
19-23	Yr 8 Exams - in class
20-21	MHS Athletics Carnival
22	Safe Driver Workshop – MHS
26-30	Yr 7 Exams – in class

JUNE

9	Public Holiday
10-13	Yr 9/10 Exams – stadium
9-13	Year 11 Work Placement
18-20	Year 10 Work Experience
27	Term 2 ends - School Holidays start
14	Pupil Free day - School Development Day
15	Term 3 commences - Students return to School

CANTEEN ROSTER

MAY 2014

Monday	5	S Compton
Tuesday	6	Sandrine
Wednesday	7	Helpers Needed
Thursday	8	Helpers Needed
Friday	9	Helpers Needed
Monday	12	S Compton/R Smith
Tuesday April	13	Helpers Needed
Wednesday	14	Helpers Needed
Thursday	15	D Jackson
Friday	16	Helpers Needed
Monday.	19	S Compton/R Smith

The canteen is always appreciative of parent/carer/grandparent help. Please phone Ros on 65681453 if you can assist.

NEW ABSENCE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Commencing 5TH May, we will be moving away from mailing out our 'yellow' absentee letters advising you of an unexplained absence for your student, to an SMS/email alert system.

This will mean that if your student is marked absent during rollcall and we have not received previous advice from you regarding this, you will be sent an SMS and/or an email on the morning of the absence advising you of their absence and requesting that you contact the school.

You will receive an SMS and an email if we have both of these recorded but you need only to reply to one or the other, not both. If your contact details need to be updated, please phone our office so that our records are correct.

There are various ways to reply to our notification of an absence (*see below in preference order*) and when the absence has been explained, we will record this in our system:

1. SMS by replying to our text message - when replying by text, it is **very important** that you hit the **'reply' button** and not enter in the number directly as this number changes with every message and we will **not receive your reply**. It is not an actual school number but is linked to a server
2. Emailing to macksville-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
3. Phoning the school office on 65681066

If the absence is correct, we need to have your reply within 7 days or the absence becomes 'unjustified' and then cannot be changed. This can have implications with Centrelink payments tied to school attendance. If you think an error has been made and your student should be at school, please make sure you contact us so we can follow this up.

It is very important that our students attend school and it is a legal requirement that absences are explained by parent/carers. We feel this new system of contacting you will assist with attendance by making it simple and easy for you to advise us as to why your student is absent and errors that may have occurred with roll marking will also be able to be corrected promptly.

If you have any questions regarding this new system, please do not hesitate to contact us.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community

Welcome back to a busy term. It is a short term of only 9 weeks and looking at the school calendar it certainly will be packed full of activities including our school musical, athletics carnival and our Tangarang cultural exchange.

Our staff development day focussed on our core business of teaching and learning. We developed some forward planning ideas, and will be looking at differentiated learning to meet the needs of all students. The ideas and strategies will be followed up at staff and executive meetings throughout the year.

I would like to thank our students and staff who represented our school by attending ANZAC Day marches at Macksville, Taylors Arm and Stuarts Point. Well done to Max Vernon and Raina Schmidt, who gave an enlightening speech at the Macksville ceremony.

Throughout this term all students will be engaged with a range of assessment tasks and exams, including NAPLAN for years 7 and 9, which will form the basis of the semester one reports. It is important that all students are actively participating in these assessments and striving towards their personal best.

Attendance at school and in class is essential to prepare fully for these tasks, and I seek your assistance in ensuring that your child attends school every day, unless they have a valid reason such as illness. The legal responsibility of parents/caregivers states that you are required to explain in writing your child's absence(s) from school promptly and within 7 school days. To assist with this process we have introduced SMS or email messaging to inform you when your child is absent. Further information is contained within this newsletter and on the school website.

Erica Lyne
Principal

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers



ANZAC DAY



Anzac Day 2014

The students at Macksville High were great representatives of the school in the annual Anzac Day service. Max Vernon and Raina Schmidt spoke about the importance of ANZAC to all who attended and did so with confidence, respect and humility.

Following this a luncheon was attended by Mr Webb, Max Vernon and Tavis Hall. Again the students conducted themselves with excellence. The Macksville RSL was kind enough to donate 3 important and socially relevant books, the most notable about the Nambucca Valley servicemen and servicewomen.

The march was also well attended. Students were proud to show off their medals belonging to their respective family members who previously served. Although the March timing needs work, the students at Macksville high can be truly proud of their efforts once again.

On a side note, special mention must also go for former Macksville High student Taylor Bradshaw who was a rifleman at the service in France and to Brooke Blanch another former student who was part of the flag bearers at the Macksville March. Congratulations to both Taylor and Brooke, your family and the school are delighted for your tremendous achievement.

NAPLAN

Year 7 students and Year 9 students will complete NAPLAN examinations in Literacy and Numeracy on 13th and 14th May. Please remind your child it is compulsory to use a calculator in the Calculator section of the Numeracy exam. Calculators may be purchased from the front office for \$20. A rubber and spare 2H pencil could be useful. As Year 7 will be sitting their exams in the stadium, students are reminded to wear warm clothing and may bring a small rug if needed. Students will complete multiple choice sections in pencil. Should they make a mistake the wrong answer must be completely rubbed to maximise marks.

We wish each student every success.

MHS Mathematics Staff.

CAREERS



1. Year 10 Workexperience: all done and dusted now in the last week of last term...with many students reporting having had a fantastic time + a number having been offered employment and training possibilities following the time, around two thirds made the most of this amazing opportunity. I talked with all the employers, who uniformly reported that our students were showing interest and cooperation in their work places as well as courtesy and commitment!!

2. Tax File Numbers: most that want to, have applied and these are sent away. If you haven't heard back OR your child didn't get around to applying, please send them to see me so it can be chased up.

3. Coffs Harbour Careers EXPO: All Year 10 have been given permission notes (on Thursday 1st May) for this EXPO- which is coming up on Thursday 15th May; the notes need to be returned to the front office by **TUESDAY 13th May** at the

latest please. The EXPO is to give our students a 'taste' of the sorts of training available when they finish schooling- and how they might be able to access it! i.e.: They shouldn't miss this time!! To help make it achievable, the coach cost is being subsidised so it will only cost them \$5- for the day...so no excuses!! On the day, short seminars will also be available in a range of specific interest areas- including health, Trades and Professional Services (surveying, architecture and engineering). Watch for the adverts on the TV leading up to this...

4. Year 12 Happenings: Last Friday (2nd May) was the UNE Open day- where some of our students joined the coach to access this time and learn about university study, courses and entry requirements, college living and technology required for university study!! Coming up on the 19th May is a talk with staff from ACPE (Australian College of Physical Education) which is a non-university provider of tertiary training. Further away on 23rd July is the Coffs Harbour Post School Options EXPO at CHEC- which is a mix of trade, professional and university providers available for Year 12, to give them some inspiration just as their last months of schooling are winding up.

SENIOR VISUAL ARTS

Last week a group of senior Visual Arts students travelled to Sydney for the annual gallery excursion. We spent two days visiting a number of different types of art galleries and viewed many different types of art forms including the traditional (painting/drawing) to the contemporary such as installations and video art. At the Art Gallery of New South Wales we spent time admiring and being inspired by the works created by last year's HSC students in ArtExpress. Our visit at the Museum of Contemporary Art involved a workshop focusing on creating a Senior Body of Work and a guided tour of the Sydney Biennale exhibit. In the afternoon we took the ferry across to Cockatoo Island to view more Biennale works. On Thursday there were a number of highlights which included an amazing guided tour by our lovely tour guides at the Asian specific White Rabbit Gallery, during dinner at The Star some students met some musicians from the group 3rd Degree (made known on last year's X factor) and we finished off the night watching the amazing musical Strictly Ballroom. From all reports the students enjoyed themselves although there was tons of walking! Thanks to Mrs Toni Jones for her help as well as Mrs Erica Lyne for her support as well.



EVOLVING INTO LADIES SCHEME (EILS)

Last term Macksville High began a girls' program to align with the current Transition Into Manhood Scheme (TIMS) boys program. The program is consistent with the guidelines of TIMS which follows Covey's 'Seven Habits of Highly Effective People'. The primary objective of the scheme is to develop our Year 7 and 8 girls into proactive people who can function in accordance with society and therefore evolve into healthy, successful people. Our program explores topics such as teamwork, making choices, goal setting, personal hygiene, nutrition, sexual health and stress management. Physical and recreational activities are linked in to each habit and topic and include self-defence, yoga, traditional art, cooking, surfing and canoeing.

The girls experienced their first self-defence lesson in Week 10 of last term when Adam Rumsey introduced the girls to simple defensive techniques. Students were required to work in pairs for most activities, many of the girls a tad nervous from watching the boys do mixed martial arts the week before. By the end of the session, we were pleased that all the girls had a go and were more relaxed as they figured out we weren't doing quite the same activities as the boys. We intend to get Adam back this term for a follow up lesson and we are looking forward to it very much!

As we are all aware, Term 2 is quite a short term, with a public holiday that only leaves 3 available Mondays for EILS this term. It's proved a slow start but we anticipate that Terms 3 and 4 will provide for a little more consistency, which is what we need to achieve the objectives of the program. If you would like more information about the program or have any further comments or contributions, please contact Laura Cooper or Nikki Thompson on 65681066.

Laura Cooper & Nikki Thompson



The EILS group doing Yoga

CONTACT DETAILS

It is **very** important the parents keep their contact details up to date with the school. This is not only for correspondence but also for emergencies. We would appreciate you providing your email address, your home phone number and your mobile number. If any of your details have changed or you would like to check what we have on record please contact the school on 65681066.



TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 30th May Macksville High Open Girls' Touch team competed at Wauchope in the lower north coast Knockout carnival. The team played Port Macquarie in Round 1 and had a very convincing win - 7:0. This moved the team into Round 2 in which they played West Port. After trailing 2:1 in the first half the team went down 5:2. All players were outstanding in their team play and sportsmanship. Kelly Taylor and Megan Porter were selected to represent the Lower North Coast at the North Coast trials in Wauchope next Thursday. The team consisted of Kelly Taylor, Megan Porter, Sandy Grant -Mcdonnell, Georgia Craven, Peta Salter, Hope Eadie, Amber Nicholas and Maddison Smart. Congratulations girls on a wonderful day!



BITE BACK'S COMPETITION

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BITE BACK's [Canvas Quotes Competition](#) aims to help young people aged 12-18 identify and share what inspires them, helps them create, makes them laugh, and uniquely speaks to them.

How it works

Students are asked to create a visual representation of their favourite quote and describe why that quote holds meaning for them. They can create the visual quote in any medium either digitally or by hand. See the [competition entry page](#) for more information.

Ever heard or read an incredible quote? One that was inspiring, creative, funny or spoke to you personally?

Now you can win some awesome prizes by creating your favourite quote as an image - a photograph, drawing, digital graphic design, painting, or even your own creative handwriting.

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Entries close soon so visit www.biteback.org.au/competition for more info on how to enter

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 2nd April Macksville High School held its cross country carnival. The carnival was held early this year to take some of the pressure off Term 2. This proved to be an ideal day for running. It was great to see so many students involved, especially in the 13 and 14 years age groups.

Trophies will be awarded to the first place getters at the next major assembly.

Results from 1st to 6th were as follows;

12 years boys – Kooper Woods, Sam Bekis, Brody Harris, Luke Sternbauer, and Andrew Street

12 years girls – Astrid Smith, Ruby Moore, Caitlin Reynolds, Tanika Worthington, Tahlia Grace and Violet Capell

13 years boys – Liam Clews, Ryan Atlins, Kyran Tsujimoto, Sam Lenthall, Heath Galvin and Noah Richards

13 years girls – Matiese Trisley, Emily Hall, Johanna Walsh, Sophie Sutton, Indiana Williams and Keana Fishburn

14 years boys – Michael Baldock, Oliver Elson, Jarrah Godfrey-Martin, Adam Nowland, Kaj William and Nash Hutchinson

14 years girls – Madison Turner, Tahlira Jarrett, Sharni Summers, Jiminka Laow, Gabbie Farr and Jessica Seymour

15 years boys – Taniela Bula, Chris Power, Jacob Pedrola, Tom Steward, Jacob Cooper and Jamie Bekis

15 years girls – Jocelyn Pedrola, Gemma Reveane, Alison Hicks, Erin Atkins, Alison Hopkins and Adeona Barrett

16 years boys – Wayne Voutier, Luke O'Loughlin, Trent Stack, Cameron Gayner, David Perkinson and Lachlan Graham

16 years girls – Peta Salter, Elizabeth Argue, Alysha Proctor, Coralie MacDonald and Amy Cooper

17 years girls – Alina Tape

18 years boys – Dejon Harnos-Jamieson

18 years girls – Kirstie Pedrola

Once again the house results were very close and had to be checked twice. Briner 247, Graham 279, Oxley 298 and the winning house Taylor 299.

The school will be represented by a strong team at the zone cross country, to be held at Kendall 16th May – good luck to all participants! The Area Cross Country will be in Kempsey on June 6.

