

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR DATES

JUNE

9	Public Holiday
9-13	Yr11 Work Placements
13-15	Ag students to Taree TAFE
10-13	Yr 9 & 10 exams
12-13	Yr12 Night Dive - SWR
16	MNC Waratah Cup Opens/Buchar Shield U16 – Coffs Harbour
18-20	Yr10 Work Experience
18-20	Yr12 Chem.Bio. Syd. Excurs.
20	Taree SS RU Challenge-MVAS
27	Last day Term 2

JULY

14	School Development Day
15	Term 3 commences – students return
17	Yr10 into Yr11 Info Day – a'noon and evening at 6pm in the Hall
22	Half Yearly Presentation Assembly 10am in Stadium
22	P & C meeting – 6.30pm in TAS room

SUBJECT FEES

Just a reminder that subject fees are due.

If you require Student Assistance to meet the cost of these fees, the school has some Student Assistance funding and applications are available from the front office on request or phone 6568 1066.

MHS WINS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE



Students from Macksville High recently travelled to Kempsey High to compete in the Science and Engineering Challenge run by Newcastle Uni.

In small groups they worked on a range of problem solving challenges that included bridges, towers and catapults, water distribution, hovercrafts, string-ways, suspension systems and planes.

Each challenge required high levels of teamwork and ingenuity for success, and our Macksville High team showed outstanding skills and co-operation to win the event. Our fantastic group of students will soon compete in the State finals at Newcastle University.

Pictured from L-R: Callam Caesar, David Perkinson, Jordan Kenny, Lachlan Graham, Grace Waters, Kiera Robinson, Anzac Flint, Luke O'Laughlin, Sam Schmidt, Jacob Cooper

Front row L-R: Will Roberton, Alex Bonser, Harry Elson, Sarah Welsh, Caitlyn Nugent and Max Fallowfield.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community

It is Week 5 already in a 9 week term **and you will see as you read** our newsletter there are many activities and excursions taking place at our busy school. Some of these include becoming Champion School at the Regional Science and Engineering Challenge, Elizabeth Argue winning the Plain English Speaking Award for the area, our debating teams being successful and our Cattle Team winning many ribbons at the local shows.

Some breaking news – Sandie Grant-McDonell has just been named the North Coast Trainee/Apprentice of the year!! Congratulations Sandie on your excellent achievement!!

We had fantastic weather for our Athletics Carnival held last week with a focus on participating and having fun. It was great to see so many students competing in the formal events with many records being broken, and having fun joining in the novelty events. Thank you to Mr Grant Gough for his organisation to allow events to run smoothly on the days.

This term is a time for Year 12 to really start working hard and not lose sight of their end goal. Students should be planning towards areas in which they can improve based on their exam results and report comments. Past HSC papers are a very good way of studying, researching and completing for teachers to give feedback. The Senior Support Team consisting of myself, Mr Joyce and Mrs Shrubbs have been interviewing many of our senior students, helping them to set goals and providing avenues of support to succeed in their senior years.

Overall the majority of students are in correct uniform each day and I congratulate these students for demonstrating respect for our school; however as the weather cools it seems that uniform standards are dropping with the temperature. I do understand that on occasion students are unable to be in full uniform, and I ask that you write your child a note and your child then gives it to their roll call teacher. If you are having difficulty in purchasing uniform, please contact the school.

Erica Lyne, Principal

TANGERANG SCHOOL EXCHANGE VISIT

Macksville High is looking forward to our biannual exchange visit with our sister school in Indonesia in week 8 of this term. 17 students from Tangerang School will be billeted with families to experience our lifestyle in Macksville. The official welcoming assembly will be held on Tuesday June 17 at 10.30am. in the Stadium. Host families are invited to attend this assembly.

Lee Gilliland, LOTE Teacher

FRIDAY'S FOAM CHALLENGE



'Twas Friday 16th May.....ALL WAS WELL.

THE SOUND OF MASS BEATING FILLED THE CORRIDORS

Year 11 Food Technology students were glued to their bowls and beaters, determined to excel in making Lemon Meringue Pies, the take home favourite!!

All did well !! What a great way to learn about food properties. Next practical - an edible assessable- parfaits- layers of mousse, jelly, peaches, cream... and then taste test ! Keep you posted.

At the helm- Jayme Thompson and Sebastian Rogers-Palmer – beating meringues -

James Thorp- ready to beat, think before I act and Jayme's meringue - ready to manoeuvre into place.

A great time was had by all in the kitchen.

Regards, Mrs Orman



DOUBLE DEBATING WIN TO START THE YEAR

It's been a successful start to the year for the Year 9 and 10 Debating teams at Macksville High School. Competing in the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge, both teams were successful in winning their debates against Melville High School.

The Year 9 team – Max Cleversley, Eliza Gadsby, Zoe Baines and Maya Smith – had the task of debating the affirmative side of the topic, 'That all schools should have CCTV'. The Year 9 team spoke well and posed a convincing argument. They impressed their coach, Ms Kelli Dykes, by focusing their case on the need for safety as a priority to privacy.

The Year 10 team – Georgia Craven, Hayden Frazer, Elizabeth Argue and Peta Salter – had the challenging task of arguing the negative for the topic, 'That horse racing should be banned in Australia'. Their coach, Mrs Amanda Hill, was thrilled with the way the team approached the topic. They provided clear examples of the significance of horse racing in forming part of our Australian identity and history, and explained the importance of the horse racing industry to the economy.

Both teams are continuing with their preparations for the second round of the competition where they will compete against Nambucca Heads High School. We wish them well.

Amanda Hill, Debating Co-ordinator

FUTURE CHEF – THE FINAL CHAPTER

How fortunate were the staff who ventured to Zulu's restaurant in Coffs Harbour recently to enjoy a fabulous degustation dinner created by the winning group of students from the Future Chef competition. The group of 6 students (including our very own Harry Mitchell) from Year Eleven were asked to cater for 36 guests using the kitchen at the restaurant. They began work at 11am preparing the meal that had got them to this round in the competition. It was a long day for the students as they had not experienced creating their dish for such a large group of diners before.

The group was fortunate to have Chef Joel McCulla available to "tweak" their dish and show them a selection of different options which would make their load easier and broaden the horizon of the students.

On the night 4 of the 6 students were available to serve the meals to the guests. A rocket, pear, brie cheese and prosciutto Pizza opened the evening followed by a scrumptious Herbed Crumbed Lamb chop with lemon flavoured couscous wrapped in a spring paper roll. Duck a' la Orange and "Dad's Pasta" were favourites before we enjoyed Harry's Beetroot Chocolate and Chilli Brownie. The meal ended with a raspberry and pear tart.

I am sure I won't need to eat for a week and was delighted to be part of the experience. Teacher Margie Orman and Harry can be proud of their efforts.

Harry also entered the local Macksville Show - Baking Competition in the category 16 years and under. Harry's achievements were: *First Prize*: Plain Packet Cake; *First Prize*: Rock Cakes; *Second Prize*: Jam Drops; *Third Prize*: Four Piklets; *Third Prize*: Four Plain Scones. Well done Harry!

Moyra Mendham, Head Teacher Maths



GAMELAN ORCHESTRA

Students in Year Seven LOTE and the Year Eight language class have enjoyed a hands on demonstration of Indonesian musical instruments.



At the Gamelan workshop, students were able to select an instrument they would like to learn to play and were then instructed as to how to make the best sound from each instrument. High levels of concentration were required to keep in time with the beat which was pounded out on a drum. The student's rhythm was excellent and the sounds blended beautifully.

Gamelan is a uniquely Asian style of music and some classes created a wonderful cacophony of sound. Class 7V performed extremely well. The students reported it was great fun and all enjoyed the experience.

Lee Gilliland, LOTE Teacher

TRY HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday the Year 6 students went to Macksville High School to learn what life is going to be like next year when we are in Year 7. We had two Year 8 students take us for a tour around the school, showing us where the classrooms, toilets, library and staffrooms are.

After that we had a Science lesson with Mrs Hughes. We did an experiment to see how fast hot water cools down in different things like foam cups and other things like that. We also made a line graph at the end to show how the water cooled down.

I feel more confident about high school now and I would like to thank Mrs Conway for providing us with this opportunity. I think high school is going to be great and I can't wait for next year. I almost know how to get around the whole school!

Article by Solomon Hill

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING AWARD

The SMH public speaking competition is a prestigious event that has been won by many famous Australian politicians and public figures. This is a state wide competition and students from both Public and Private schools compete for the privilege of reaching the state final.

Macksville High school hosted the North Coast Finals early this term. Four schools competed with 6 speakers on the day. At each stage of the competition students present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. The prepared speech can be on any subject chosen by the contestant. They are then asked to deliver an impromptu speech with only 3 minutes preparation time. The Competition was fierce this year with all speakers delivering thought provoking, relevant speeches on important topics. All spoke with passion and conviction and should be commended on the high quality of the competition.

Thank you to our adjudicator Ms Kay Morrison, who had to make a difficult decision. The decision is based on the manner, matter and method that the contestants employ in presenting their speeches. All contestants need to be confident and engaging speakers and show a strong depth of knowledge on their subject matter, along with skilful development of the theme and the effective use of plain English. Contestants need to also offer a personal opinion and information in their speeches, as well as a balance of humour and sincerity.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Argue of Macksville High School, who won this section of the competition and will move on to compete in Sydney later in the term.

Kelli Dykes, Head Teacher English

COME AND DISCOVER ENGINEERING

Date: **Tuesday June 24 2014** at Norm Jordan Pavillion, Coffs Harbour Showground, Coffs Harbour from 5.30pm – 7.30pm

This Free Forum is for all students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 who are interested in Engineering as a career choice. Light refreshments will be served.

Topics: Why be an Engineer?; What do Engineers Do?; How do you Become an Engineer? Guest speakers include: Engineering professionals and University students.

Registration is essential by Friday June 20 2014, phone 4911 7310. Further information and register on-line at: www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division/events

CIRCUS SPLENDIFEROUS

Tammy Truscott is directing and producing a stage production (August) this year, titled "**Circus Splendiferous**" at the Bowraville Theatre.

Auditions will be held at the theatre for the young and the playful *young at heart* on Sunday June 8 at 1.30pm. Auditions are open to all age groups, kids, parents and grandparents as well.

Can you juggle, do magic tricks, want to be a knife thrower or a lion tamer? If you ever dreamed you wanted to run away and join the circus, then come join us.

Details are as follows: Tammy Truscott, 0429474272 or email: tammy_truscott@yahoo.com

INDONESIAN SPEAKING SKILLS PUT INTO PRACTISE

Students in Yr7 Indonesian classes have been learning to speak about food in Indonesian. To make this task meaningful we had an excursion to subway to order and eat food. Students spoke well to order food they wanted to eat, so this is a positive incentive.

Thanks to Vanessa at Subway for the smiling service and co-operation. It was good to hear kids practising new words and helping each other to speak in another language.

Lee Gilliland, Indonesian Teacher

RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (RoSA)

The RoSA has immediate use for students leaving school prior to getting their HSC...

While most students complete the Higher School Certificate (HSC) just over 10 percent leave school before the HSC. They move straight into the workforce and/or to further education opportunities in their chosen field. In the past, these students would have received their School Certificate with their Year 10 results and no additional information from BOSTES if they went on to participate in some Year 11 or Year 12 courses. To address the information gap that had existed for students attending school beyond Year 10, BOSTES developed the Record of School Achievement or RoSA, which was first awarded to students in 2012.

The RoSA is a **cumulative credential**. It details all results for a student up until the date of leaving school. The RoSA has immediate use for students leaving school prior to getting their HSC. As it is cumulative, the information shown on any given student's RoSA will change depending on when the student leaves school.

Here is a brief overview of what students will receive:

Successfully completing Stage 5 and leaving at the end of Year 10

These students will receive a RoSA listing their Stage 5 courses with an A to E grade for each course as well as achievement details for any completed Vocational Education and Training (VET) or Life Skills courses.

Leaving during Year 11

Students leaving during Year 11 before they complete any Preliminary courses will receive a RoSA that lists their Stage 5 courses with their results as well as a list of Preliminary courses they participated in and the date they left school.

Leaving at the end of Year 11

Students completing Year 11 will receive a RoSA listing their Stage 5 and Preliminary courses with their results.

Leaving during Year 12

Students leaving during Year 12 before completing their HSC courses and examinations will receive a RoSA listing both their Stage 5 and Preliminary courses with their results and also a list of HSC courses they participated in and the date they left school.

Literacy and Numeracy tests

Students intending to leave school before the HSC can also take voluntary literacy and numeracy tests. These tests were developed by BOSTES in response to feedback from employer groups that evidence of these skills was highly regarded and an important consideration when making employment decisions. The tests are taken at school and there are two opportunities each year – May and October. It is important that students who would like to leave school before October and want to take the tests let their school know as soon as possible. Students can take the tests and still decide to stay on at school.

Important information

[Students Online](#) is a purpose-built website for NSW senior students. All students from Year 10 onwards have access to their personalised Students Online account. This portal is managed by BOSTES and gives students access to their results for Years 10, 11 and 12. Students can generate an interim report known as a Student eRecord. A Student eRecord can be printed and shown at job interviews or to further education providers.

Students should speak to the school if they do not have access to their Students Online account.

WHERE GRADS GO 2014

Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest that you will ever have to make. *Where Grads Go* is dedicated to helping you make informed choices through providing the latest information on things like what Australian graduates do and how much they earn shortly after graduating, as well as providing guidance on where to find further information.

These figures are from the 2013 Australian Graduate Survey, conducted by Graduate Careers Australia. Find out more: www.graduatecareers.com.au/wheregradsq

MHS 16G THUMB DRIVE

MHS 16g Thumb Drives - cost \$15.00....See Deslie for purchase.

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.

ATHLETICS REPORT 2014

This year's athletic carnival was held on Tuesday May 20 and Wednesday May 21. The carnivals focus was on participation, just like the carnivals of olden days, with tug-o-war, captain ball, tunnel ball, and 3-legged races as well as all the traditional events. Students from all years had a great time and as seen on the house points participation at all levels was extensive.

Of course there always has to be an overall winning house and once again Taylor house took out the carnival with 4547 points for the second year in a row, closely followed by Briner on 4429 points, then Oxley on 3608 and Graham on 3301.

The 2014 Age Champions were:

12 Yrs Girl	Astrid Smith	12 Yrs Boy	Brody Harris
13 Yrs Girl	Johanna Walsh	13 Yrs Boy	Liam Clews
14 Yrs Girl	Jessica Seymour	14 Yrs Boy	Oliver Elson
15 Yrs Girl	Gemma Raveane	15 Yrs Boy	Christopher Power
16 Yrs Girl	Peta Salter	16 Yrs Boy	Cameron Gaymer
17Yrs Girl	Alina Tape	17Yrs Boy	Stuart Mason
Open Girl	Sandi Grant-McDonall	Open Boy	Dylan Newbury

I would also like to acknowledge a number of students who put in outstanding efforts throughout the carnival. These include:

12 Yrs Girl	Shonelle Blair, Ruby Moore, Violet Capell and Bonnie McGree
12 Yrs Boy	Sam Bekis, Steven Borg and Kooper Woods
13 Yrs Girl	Emily Hall, Sophie Sutton, Jazmin Small and Keyarna Baker
13 Yrs Boy	Samuel Lenthall, Blake Brunsdon, Ulysses Roberts and Ryan Atkins
14 Yrs Girl	Zoe Edwards, Madison Turner, Sharni Summer-Whalley and Chloe Northfield
14 Yrs Boy	Ryan Cotterell, Jayden Brindley, Dixon Roberts and Tobaskin Bonett
15 Yrs Girl	Jocelyn Pedrola, Alison Hicks, Erin Atkins and Alison Hopkins
15 Yrs Boy	James Bush, Connor Thorp, Samuel Perkins and Toby Jeffery
16 Yrs Girl	Sophie Crowley, Georgia Craven, Elizabeth Argue and Kittani Donovan
16 Yrs Boy	Lawrence Vernon, Jye Allan, Harry Elson and Tannah Bradshaw
17Yrs Girl	Rhyannon Chappelow, Kelly Taylor, Ruby Porter and Deanna Buckley
17Yrs Boy	Max Vernon, Aaron Ryffel, Ryan Gleeson and Dawson Denison
Open Girl	Maddison Smart, Kirstie Pedrola, Brooke Pedrola and Yierah Dunn
Open Boy	Adrian Cappelow, Zimba Ahmed and Jesse Allan

Macksville High has a long and proud record in the field of Athletics and every year records are broken. The records broken this year:

Maddison Smart Open 400m at 1:10:47 beating the old record of 1:20:00 held by Meika McAlister in 2013;

Maddison Smart Open 200m at 29:37 beating the old record of 29:69 held by T. Blanch in 2008;

Maddison Smart Open 100m at 13:75 beating the old record of 13:84 held by Shannon Crowley in 2013;

Max Vernon 17 Yrs Javelin at 45.5m beating the old record of 45.2m held by Dyan Newbury in 2013;

Lawrence Vernon 16 Yrs Javelin at 48.48m beating the old record of 43.69m held by Jack Mitchell in 2008;

The zone athletics carnival will be held at Jack Biffin Oval Friday June 13.

Grant Gough - Head Teacher PDHPE and Sports Organiser

CANTEEN ROSTER-JUNE

Monday	2	S Compton
Tuesday	3	Sandrine
Wednesday	4	Helpers Needed
Thursday	5	D Jackson
Friday	6	Helper Needed

Monday	Public Holiday	
Tuesday	10	S Compton
Wednesday	11	Helpers Needed
Thursday	12	Helpers Needed
Friday	13	Helpers Needed

Monday	16	S Compton
Tuesday	17	Helpers Needed
Wednesday	18	Helpers Needed
Thursday	19	Helpers Needed
Friday	20	H Jaeger

Monday	23	S Compton
Tuesday	24	Helpers Needed
Wednesday	25	Helpers Needed
Thursday	26	J Beggs
Friday	27	Helpers Needed

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

UMAT

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST

Registration deadline: 500pm AEST

Friday, June 6 2014

Test date: Wednesday July 30 2014

<http://umatacer.edu.au>

TEACHING CAREERS

Careers in Teaching Video

Conference Series will take place on:

Thursday June 12

These Video Conferences are free.

Register on DART Connections using the following URL:

<http://www.dartconnections.org.au> and search for Bridges to Higher Education

THURSDAY JUNE 12 PROGRAM

9.30am-10.20am: A day in the life of an Early Childhood Teacher

10.30am-11.20am: Possible pathways In secondary teaching

12.30pm-1.20pm: "All Roads Lead to Rome" (Primary Education)

MACKSVILLE GIRLS DO WELL AT CHS STATE NETBALL TRIALS

Macksville High School was CHS State Netball Trials, that week. Five students from play for the North Coast team, achievement. They are Megan Taylor, Deanna Buckley and

The trials were held over 3 full games over that time. The games out of the 10, coming to topple the eventual winners

Macksville High should be represented their school. They even against the more

Macksville's own Helen Black was the North Coast coach, as well as the Convener of the Carnival, and has to be congratulated on how well she guided this team over the 3 days. We are very lucky to have such a talented and experienced teacher as a member of the staff.

Paula Buckley



certainly well represented at the were held in Coffs Harbour this Macksville, were selected to which is an impressive Porter, Ruby Porter, Kelly Georgia Craven.

days, with each team playing 10 North Coast won a massive 7 4th overall. They even managed of the trials, Hunter, by 1 goal.

very proud of how these girls showed grit and determination, experienced Sydney teams.