

NEWSLETTER

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HSC DRAMA SHOWCASE



This year we have 11 students completing the HSC drama. This course has 3 components – the theory elements – group performance and an Individual project.

On the August 6th the students invited friends and family to view their performances. Over 80 people attended. It was a wonderful evening where students performed to a high standard demonstrating their strong performance abilities.

The group performance is a compulsory component of the HSC course and is worth 30%. It must be an original piece of theatre. Another 30% is collected from Individual Projects. 10 students performed pieces that have been devised, created and adapted from a variety of sources.

All students have successfully completed the course and have performed to a panel of expert markers last week.



Top Left: Jye Perkins

Left: Sophie Woods

Top: (from left to right) Kaycee Jeffery, Tayla Fuller, Isabellea Capell, Amber Nicholas and Alex Salloum

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community,

This week is the final school week for our Year 12 students. We are proud of the many and varied contributions this group have made to Macksville High School, and we hope their futures hold success and happiness for them. I would also like to thank the teachers of year 12 who have worked tirelessly to prepare them for the HSC examinations ahead.

For Year 12 students with major works in Industrial Technology, Textiles, Extension English, Visual Arts, and performances in Music, and Drama, the external assessment for the HSC is being completed. Some projects have been sent away for marking, and for others we have had HSC markers in our school. The projects were excellent, and I am sure that their hard work and commitment will be rewarded.

We have just celebrated SASS recognition week. There are many non-teaching staff who work in our office, manage the school grounds, support our practical subject programs and work in our classrooms supporting both students and staff. Our school could not continue to function without their support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our support staff for their efforts in making Macksville High such a great school.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who attended our recent parent teacher afternoon. These afternoons provide opportunities to discuss your child's progress and for us to work together to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for our students.

Many students have completed the process of selecting their subjects and electives, and we are finalising our timetable for 2016. We provide a wide range of subjects to meet the choices and interests of our students, however, there are situations where some students are unable to proceed with their initial choices. We will continue to interview students and work towards solutions.

We have welcomed Year 6 students from our various partner schools over the last few weeks who have been undertaking "taster lessons". This is a great opportunity for these students to experience what it is like to do a high school lesson in some of our many specialist rooms.

Don't forget to come along to our P&C meeting in the Hospitality room from 6:30pm Tuesday 15th September.

Friday is the last day of Term 3. I hope you enjoy a safe and relaxed holiday and return refreshed and ready for new quests in Term 4.

Erica Lyne
Principal

CALENDAR DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 15 P & C Meeting – Hospitality Room
- 17 Year 12 Breakfast 7.30 am
Year 12 Farewell Assembly – Stadium

OCTOBER

- 12 – 16 Year 10 Work Placement
- 12 HSC Exams start
- 19 Year 7 Immunisation Day
- 27 P & C Meeting – Hospitality Room

NORTH COAST DEBATING FINALISTS

The Year 10 Debate team has successfully won the North Coast Debating Finals. The team consisting of Zoe Baines, Eliza Gadsby, Maya Smith, Max Cleversley and Khaja Ahmed who all debated fiercely this year, competing against many difficult and experienced teams.

Schools from all over the North Coast participated in this competition, the winners of each Zone being invited to compete a knockout debating competition held over a 2 day camp.

The team attended the North Coast Debating Camp where they competed against old rivals, Nambucca Heads High School, a very experienced and strong team, a team from Taree High School who debated skillfully and then against Grafton High School who debated convincingly, the topic being that “Schools should be Single Sex”. This was a wonderful achievement and proud win by the team.

We are very thankful for Khaja Ahmed who stepped up after Max contracted bronchitis and completed some very successful first debates.



From left: (back) Max Cleversley, Zoe Baines, (front) Eliza Gadsby, Maya Smith and Erica Lyne, Principal

The team now progresses onto the state quarterfinals to be held in Sydney in September.

Kelly Dykes
Head Teacher English

NAIDOC DEBATING

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia in July each year to celebrate history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC week was held from the 5th to 12th July 2015.

This year the Mid North Coast's Schools Aboriginal Education Team supported a NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Challenge. The aim of the day was to bring both primary and high schools together to build greater awareness of the importance of NAIDOC week.

This year Macksville High School entered a team of four, consisting of two Aboriginal and two non-Aboriginal students. The debating topic was that: ***All sacred lands should be handed back to the traditional owners.***

This was a difficult debate to prepare for but our team of Zoe Baines, Eliza Gadsby, Grace Single and Callum Caesar with the help of Aboriginal Education Officer, Mark Werner, successfully won this debate and will progress on to represent the North Coast in the Sydney competition.

It was wonderful day and was an important celebration of Aboriginal culture on the Mid North Coast.

Kelly Dykes
Head Teacher English



NAIDOC Debating Teams (MHS team members from left): Callum Caesar, Grace Single, Zoe Baines and Eliza Gadsby

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL INDONESIA CONSULATE VISIT

Macksville High School were honoured to have the Indonesian Consul Pak Akbar Makarti and his staff member Lachlan Kurtz visit us to celebrate Indonesian Independence Day. The Consul had previously visited Scotts Head Public School, speaking with students and enjoying displays in the morning. On arrival Pak Akbar toured the school and was particularly impressed by the facilities offered in the Science laboratories and by the Gifted and Talented programs organised by the school.

Thandeka Ndebele and Leighana Coulter chaired the afternoon's activities. The Welcome to Country was ably delivered by Year 8 Student, Liam Caesar. Jesse Mola, Wyatt Mola, Kye Arnaudon, Jacob Pedrola and Mitchell Whyte assisted with music for both National Anthems. Principal, Erica Lyne and teacher Lee Gilliland welcomed the visitors to the school.

Clementine De La Hunt, Amy Martin, Ruby Cooper, Bianca McFadyen, Ruby Moore and Nicole Hicks looked superb dressed in traditional costume and gave a well coordinated drumming display. The Year 7 debate was introduced by chairperson Patrick Go-Sam. The topic for the debate spoken totally in the Bahasa language was "Students in Australia should attend school on Saturdays." Solomon Hill, Annalise Robertson and Matthew Williamson Roe, spoke in the affirmative supported by guest Lachlan, while Jadzia Hicks, Krysta Stennett, and Amy Cameron spoke for the negative case, ably supported by Saule Stasionis and Mrs Gilliland. Pak Akbar adjudicated the debate and while it was a close decision the result was awarded to the affirmative side. Finn Stevens and Declan Sutton are to be thanked for their support in preparing for the debate.

Patrick, Matthew, Amy, Annalise, Leighana, Thandeka and Saule backed up to join Taylor Adair, Courtney Duffy, Rylee Godfrey Martin, Dakota Fuller, Tiana Clews Sorenson, Jazmyn Horne, Nate Coulter, Jess Laverty, Ruby Hallinan-Smith, Charlize Blair, Olivia Rogers and Taj Williams in a colourful and energetic display of Poco Poco dancing.

Pak Akbar thanked the school for hosting his visit and was impressed with all he saw. Lachlan spoke about the importance of learning a language and the doors which are opened to students who are bilingual. Mrs Mendham presented a small gift to thank the Consul for his time before afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

We are extremely fortunate to have been visited by the Consul and thank him for his interest in our students.

Moyra Mendham
Head Teacher LOTE



EILS VALLEY OF THE MIST VISIT

The *Evolving into Ladies Scheme* participants are exposed to a wide range of concepts and activities as part of social and emotional development. Cultural exploration and consideration is a crucial part of what is incorporated into the program. This year there has been a primary focus on sustainability through the building of our bush foods garden, Clayton Donovan cooking and now Valley of the Mist.

Our school garden is quite young so in week 5 we decided to showcase to the girls what we can make here at school and what our plants will mature into. Valley of the Mist is a bush foods farm situated just minutes from Macksville High School at Congarinni.



Left to right: Courtney Duffy and Jessie Laverty

It is a working farm therefore bookings are essential. Our guide Dennis walked us about the farm and told us many interesting facts and stories, tasting the in season fruits as we explored the orchards. Then we were seated for more fantastic tasting opportunities including *Macadamia Chutney* on crackers, sausage dipped in *Davidson Plum Sauce* and pancakes with ice cream and *Davidson Plum Jam* all prepared by Marilyn. The EILS girls would like to thank Dennis and Marilyn for a valuable experience and their fantastic knowledge and hospitality. The girls behaved like gems and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, many wanting to return. Well done girls.

Laura Cooper



U15 GIRLS SOCCER FRIENDLY DAY



Top to bottom, left to right: Sophie Wicks, Jiminka Leow, Johanna Welsh, Shakira Silvia, Olivia Rogers, Trent Stack, Kayla Turner, Charlize Blair, Laura Cooper (coach), Sasha Frost, Krystal Thompson, Dakota Fuller, Ryleigh Freeman, Mallee Goldrick, Hope Eadie, Lily Borg

Due to the fierce competition and early knockout in last term's Bill Turner Trophy, a friendly match day was organised to involve Nambucca High, Kempsey High and Macksville High on more sociable terms. On Thursday 25th June, the 3 school representative teams met at Bellevue Drive fields, Macksville, each to participate in 2 matches. The Macksville girls were over the moon with their first win as a team; 2 goals to Johanna Walsh and 1 goal to Shakira Silvia, defeating an untiring Kempsey squad 3-1. After also defeating Kempsey, a strong Nambucca side did not show fatigue when approached by the Macksville troop and the game was held to a 0-0 draw.

The girls were outstanding and have improved out of sight. Teamwork, positional structure and simple ball skills are evidently coming together and with much more practise and experience, Macksville High will have a strong team for the future. Acknowledgements not only to our goal scorers but to all of these valued team members, something positive can be said about every single player after watching on Thursday and you should all be proud.

Of course the day could not have happened without our match officials, Hope Eadie, Trent Stack and Brodie Moran. It was a long time on your feet but a job well done. Thanks Hope for the on field coaching along the way, the girls really responded.

Additionally thanks to Macksville soccer club, in particular the Moran family who not only allowed us to use their equipment but also set it up for us. As well, the canteen was open for our use. Thanks for your time, effort and support.

Thank you to Nambucca and Kempsey High for attending the day and contributing to its success. Hope to see you again soon!

Laura Cooper

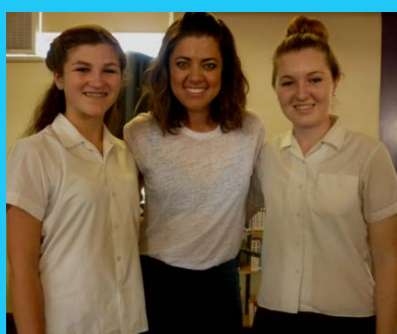
GOLDEN GUITAR WINNER – AMBER LAWRENCE INSPIRES



Amber Lawrence, 2015 Golden Guitar 'Female Artist of the Year'



Alison Hicks, Zoe Edwards, Amber, Indiana Jansen, and Jiminka Laow



Victoria Wheaton, Amber, and Ellie Reibel



Alan Battery, Amber and Yvette Wallis

During term 3 music and drama students were inspired by a visit from Golden Guitar award winner Amber Lawrence. Students enjoyed Amber's performance of songs from her award winning albums and listened as she openly shared stories of her leap of faith, to leave a career in the world of corporate finance, to pursue a career in the music industry. Amber encouraged students with stories of her determination to realise her dream, and to not give up, despite setbacks and challenges along the way. As the winner of the **2015 Golden Guitar, 'Female Artist of the Year'**, Amber's success is testimony to what can be achieved when we commit to work hard, to demonstrate self belief, and to not give up when faced with challenges as we strive to realise our dreams.

Yvette Wallis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HSC 2015

2015 Higher School Certificate Examination Timetable - Monday October 12 to Wednesday November 4. See NSW Students Online - your one-stop for everything HSC. The best place for information about the HSC is the Board of Studies, Teaching and Education Standards NSW (BOSTES) website *Students Online*.

You can visit Students Online at anytime to check your personal HSC details and other important information, eg examination timetables. For everything HSC: studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR STUDENTS

Reminder: Students need to purchase a USB or other storage device to save their computer work. Some of the laptops do not have access to the student drives and students are unable to save their work.

MHS USB's \$15.00 for 18gigs.

SCHOOL WEBSITE SURVEY

Dear parents,

We are always looking at ways to enhance the quality of communication between our school and our parents. One of the key communication channels is our school website [insert your school web address here]. The department is looking at enhancing the quality of our school website and would really like to get your feedback as a parent about the type of functionality on the website that would help improve the communication between the school and you.

We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the following online survey.

The survey is located at: -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG>

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback and help us make our school website even better.

Erica Lyne

School Principal

UNDER 18's HOCKEY

Attention Yr 10, 11, & 12 Students

Do you want to get active on Wednesday evenings?

Do you want to meet new people?

Under 18's Hockey is for you!

New players are welcome – Boys and Girls

Sticks and training provided for all new players

COST: \$5 each week

WHERE: Coffs Coast Hockey Centre, Hogbin Drive

WHEN: Wednesday evenings from 6pm

**Contact: Debbie 0417 429 788
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SIX-A-SIDE SOCCER

URUNGA FOOTBALL CLUB

SIX-A-SIDE SOCCER

2015 SUMMER TWILIGHT SERIES



Registrations open now – go to www.urungafootball.com or

Facebook: [Urunga SIX-A-SIDE](#)

Competitions starting 8th October:

Juniors – 8 & 9's, 10's & 11's, 12 to 14's

Seniors: Mens, Womens A & B Grade, Mixed social

All welcome – great family fun

Enquiries: Dixie Erlandsen 6569-5687

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 23/9 Bowraville Fun Day

6-16 years, 10-2pm Fun activities and games at Hennessey Tape Oval

THURSDAY 24/9 Music Madness

6-16 years, 10-2pm Fun with Music and games, open mic, dance and more at Grants Hall

TUESDAY 29/9 The Movie Bus

12-16 years, 9-4pm Catch the bus to the movies, FREE travel to the Plaza Nambucca Heads, movie and lunch

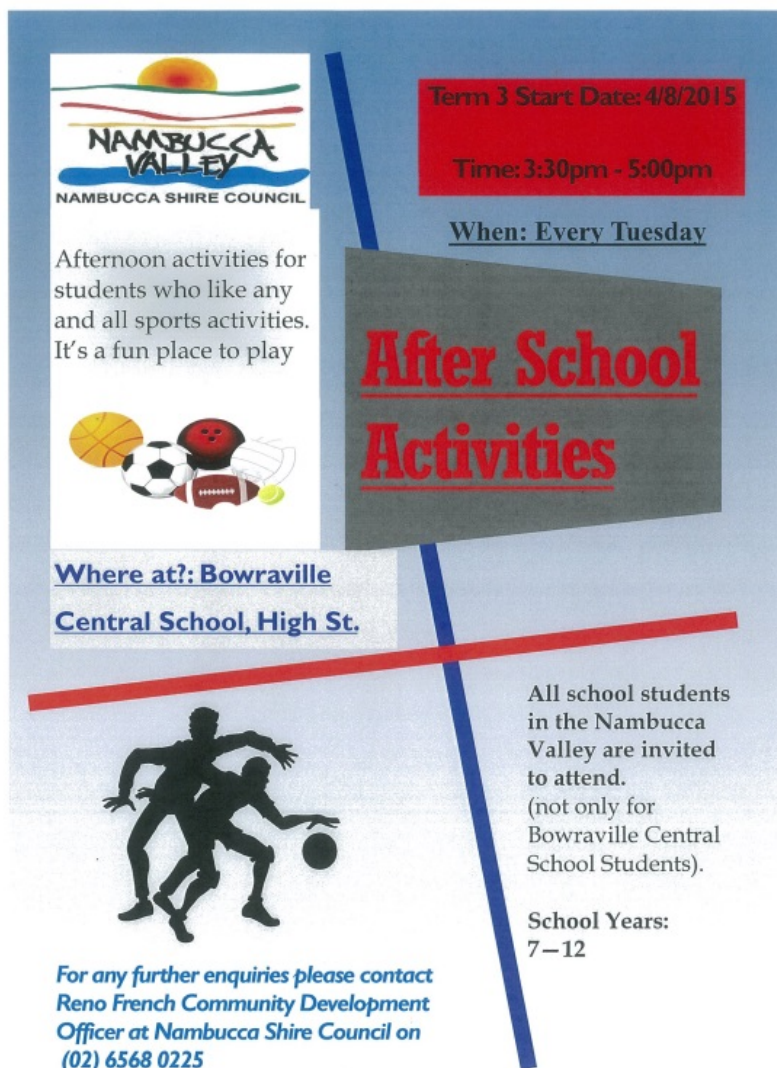
WEDNESDAY 30/9 Bowra Basketball

10-16 years, 10-2pm Team & individual events 3 on 3

Lunch included, bookings essential, limited places. Contact Nambucca Shire Council 6568 2555

For more details go to www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



NAMBUCCA VALLEY
NAMBUCCA SHIRE COUNCIL

Afternoon activities for students who like any and all sports activities. It's a fun place to play

Where at?: Bowraville Central School, High St.

After School Activities

Term 3 Start Date: 4/8/2015
Time: 3:30pm - 5:00pm
When: Every Tuesday

All school students in the Nambucca Valley are invited to attend. (not only for Bowraville Central School Students).

School Years: 7-12

For any further enquiries please contact
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