

NEWSLETTER

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MHS SCHOOL CAPTAINS - 2017

We are very pleased to announce our new School Captains, Grace Single and Max Cleversley, and our Vice Captains, Zoe Baines and Callum Caesar. We wish them all the best with their efforts to support and lead the student community at Macksville High School in 2017.



*From Right: Erica Lyne, Grace Single, Max Cleversley, Zoe Baines
and Callum Caesar*

Congratulations

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community,

The HSC exams are now completed, and it is the waiting game till results are released in mid- December. The BOSTES presiding officer has commented to me that our students demonstrated exemplary behaviour and courtesy throughout the exams – well done to all. The Formal was a lovely evening held at Macksville Ex-Services Club, with the students looking absolutely fabulous and glamorous. A number of our students have already received university offers through various university early entrance schemes, which is great news so soon after the completion of exams.

Our new school captains were badged at a recent school assembly. Grace and Max were the hosts for the Formal, and did an excellent job. We are looking forward to their leadership over the next 12 months.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Argue who has received a prestigious award for a written work she completed in Italian.

Congratulations also to Nathan Ireland for winning the Under 18's section of the Macksville Gift.

Some of our Year 10 students have been supporting Macksville Public School through the *Swim and Survive* program. This is an important initiative in assisting younger students to learn to swim, and I know the help our students are giving is appreciated.

Our Year 10 students have been involved in Project Based Learning, Master-classes and study skills sessions over the past two weeks. These activities are designed to develop their skills as they move towards their senior schooling. The students have reported that they are enjoying these lessons. Thank you to Ms Dykes, Ms Robertson, Ms Collits, Mr Jordan and Mr King for their time in organising these activities.

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, until the end of term. There is a strong correlation between attendance and achievement, and all students need to give themselves every opportunity to achieve their best. Head Teachers have outlined the work expected between now and the end of the year.

Keep working!

Erica Lyne
Principal

MACKSVILLE GIFT CHAMPION

On Saturday 12 November, Nathan Ireland competed in the 63rd Annual Macksville Gift. He participated in the 'Amateur 70m Gift' and the 'U18's 120m Gift'. The event was free to enter and also free for spectators to come watch. There were a wide variety of running events and also the World Championship Banana Hurl, which Jocelyn Pedrola won, receiving \$50.

Nathan placed second in his first heat for the U18's event early in the day. Later that night he placed fourth in the amateur 70m Gift. The U18's 120m Final was held after 6:30pm with a lightning storm as a backdrop. In this event, athletes are handicapped by distance according to earlier heat times.

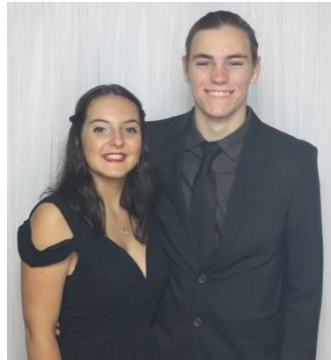
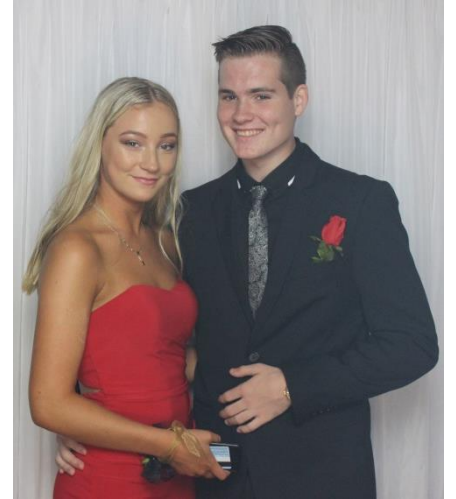
Despite of running in his older brother's football boots, Nathan Ireland took out the winning title of the U18's 120m Gift, receiving \$200 and the winners sash.

Congratulations Nathan and thank you to the small contingent support crew that came down to the field to watch him compete.

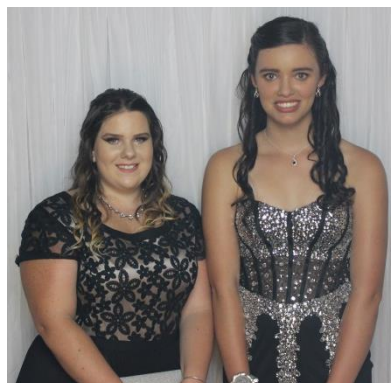
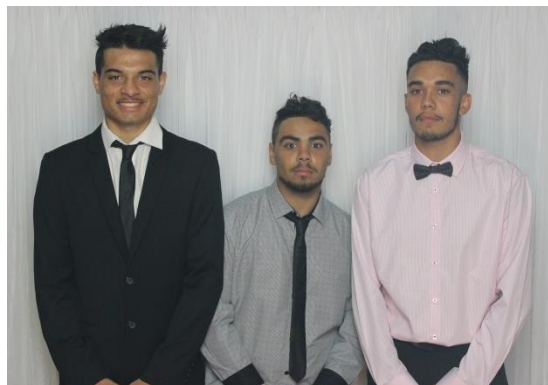
Aaron Parker
Sport Organiser



YEAR 12 FORMAL - 2016



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MORE ARTEFACTS FOR YEAR 12 MODERN HISTORY

Year 12 Modern History is engaged in the HSC core study 'World War 1'. The Internet enhances student understanding by providing rare archival film of the trenches and the Home Front. We are fortunate war memorabilia is still available in markets and second hand shops in the local area. The artefacts vividly reinforce images of a struggle now one hundred years in the past. At the *Rusty Iron Rally* I found the Australian Imperial Forces Insignia and the German 'Hindenburg' Active Service Medal. The Air Raid Precautions Handbook No.3 'Medical Treatment of Gas Casualties' is a 1st Edition from 1937. It reflects the ongoing concerns of the use of poison gas in battle amid increasing fears of the outbreak of another world war.

David King
Teacher



YEAR 10 ENGINEERING EXCITEMENT



Year 10 Engineering students have been using a 3D printer to create wheels and other bits and pieces for their projects. Pictured below is Tyler Watts' comb.

Liz O'Sullivan
Teacher



SHINING PERFORMANCES AT THE NATIONALS

Two of our students have recently returned from Perth after representing NSW in the School Sports Australia (National) Touch Football Championships. **Matiese Trisley** played in the NSW U15s girls team and **Nicholas Willer** officiated as referee across age groups and gender.

The NSW team competed strongly across four days of play, performing exceptionally well and defeating all other states except QLD. The NSW girls were ecstatic with a silver medal and many displays of outstanding sportsmanship were demonstrated, and new friendships were forged.

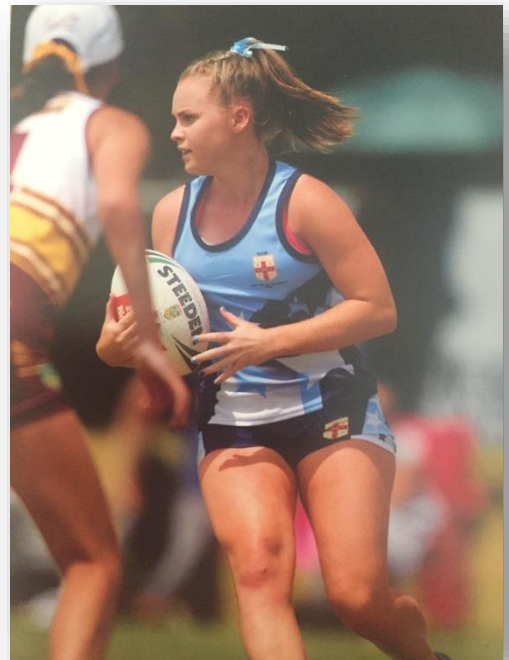
The Queenslanders went into these titles with a mental edge knowing they have dominated this competition for many years.

Nick did a magnificent job, growing in confidence with each game he was allocated. He was awarded lead referee roles in two finals. An outstanding achievement particularly for his age!

Congratulations to both students, you have represented Macksville High School exceptionally and we are very proud.

Also, thank you to Shelly Trisley for providing the information for this article.

Aaron Parker
Teacher



YEAR 12 TEXTBOOK RETURNS

We would like to remind all graduated Year 12 students to return their textbooks, library books and any other resources they have borrowed from the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation.

YEAR 9 AND 10 GIFTED AND TALENTED PROJECT

Throughout the semester, selected year 9 and 10 students have been busily working on a health promotion initiative competition – *Refuel & Rehydrate*. After a very productive planning session, students decided to promote the benefits of drinking water by painting a mural, creating humorous 'meme' posters and filming their progress to develop a promotional video. All students proved themselves to be highly motivated and independent workers throughout the creative and planning process. Students got straight to work in the following groups:

The Meme Team – Chloe Northfield, Daisy Peachman, Ruby Moore, Clementine De La Hunty and Lyam Caesar.

The Mural Maestros – Chilli Burt-Perks, Ayla Allan and Cassandra Ferris.

The Film Crew – Aengus 'Spielberg' Hill, Nathan Ireland, Indi Jansen and Sam Kinnear.

By entering the Refuel & Rehydrate competition, Macksville High School is in the running to win a chilled water bottle refill station which has been valued at \$2800. Congratulations to all students involved and good luck!

Amanda Midson
Gifted and Talented Co-Ordinator



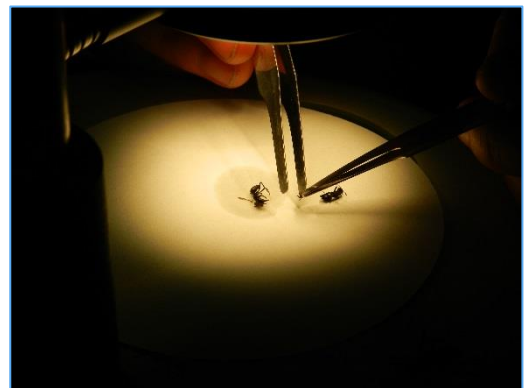
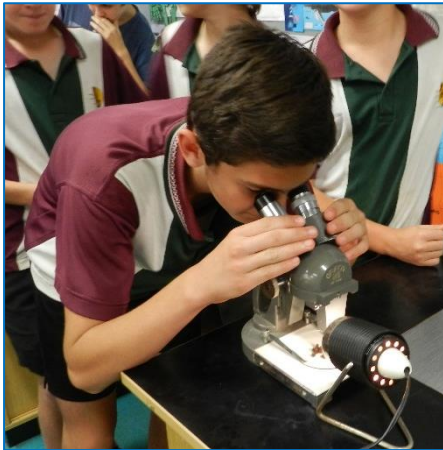
Stay hydrated for Harambe



UNE SCIENCE VISIT

On Wednesday 9 November, University of New England discovery bus visited Macksville High School. Dr Matt, Dr Josie, Dr Kathryn and Dr Kirsty ran workshops on ants or soil with all Year 7 Science classes during the morning. This supplemented our current teaching program on '*The Earth*' and allowed students to think about further study at university.

Jennifer Conway
Teacher



SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Ethan Ross of Year 10 has recently been awarded a scholarship through the Gaagal Wanggaan (South Beach) National Park Board of Management School Scholarship Program. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student to assist them in completing their HSC. Ethan completed a work placement with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and the feedback from supervising staff was of the highest quality. Gaagal Wanggaan (South Beach) National Park covers an undisturbed coastal dune system, littoral rainforest, shrub land, and estuarine mangroves – covers, in short, a variety of breathtaking natural environments that teem with migratory wildlife and precious endangered species.

Mark Werner
TEACHER

WHAT'S COOKING IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY?

Year 9 and 10 Food Technology class has been looking at food preservation and promotion through the production of orange and lemon marmalades. The students were surprised how much sugar was needed in the production process. Pictures of the marmalades created are featured below. Students also designed their own labels.

Liz O'Sullivan
TEACHER



UNIFORM DONATIONS

All unwanted uniforms in good condition would be greatly appreciated for our uniform pool. Please drop them in to the Front Office.

Thank You!

Elsa Dixon Aboriginal School Based Trainee Graduates 2016



This time 2 years ago, interested students applied to the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal School-Based Trainee Program. The program was developed to provide career opportunities within the Mid North Coast Local Health District, offering qualifications of Certificate III in Business, Certificate III in Health Services Assistant, Certificate III in Information and Digital Technology or Certificate III in Allied Health Assistant.

On Friday 11th November the program participants and key stakeholders across our region were recognised. The program could not happen without the committed people involved representing North Coast TAFE and hospitals around the area. The care and dedication that each representative provides to our students is a reflection of the great community that we live in and reinforces our commitment to Aboriginal Education and career opportunities in our valley.

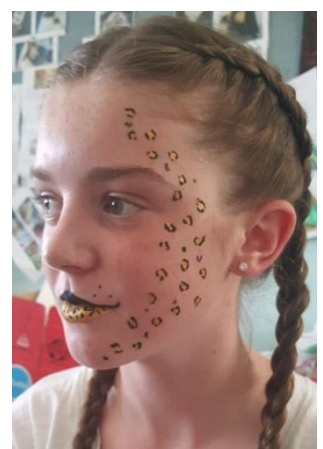
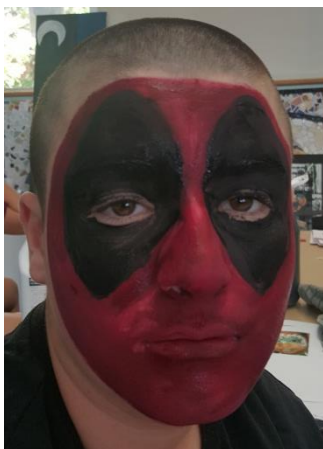
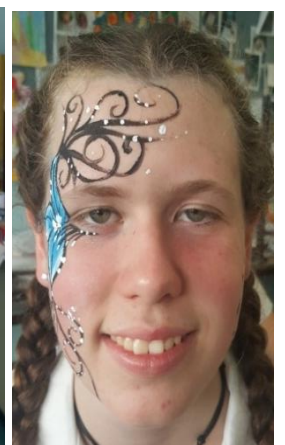
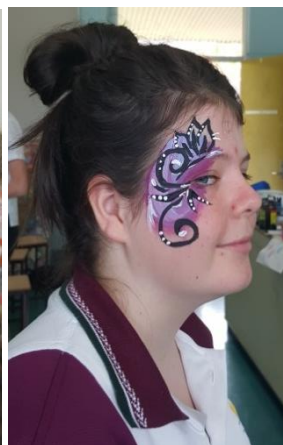
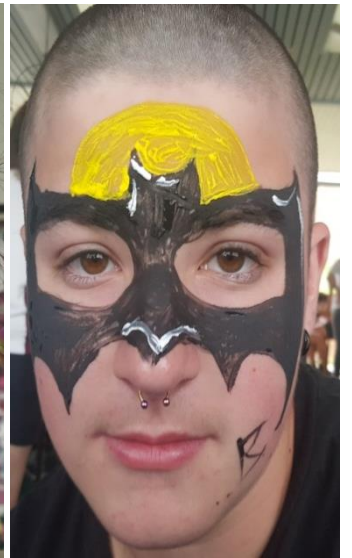
CHEC TAFE campus hosted a fantastic ceremony with comedian Andrew Saunders presenting an entertaining series of speakers throughout the morning. Liam Donovan was elected to deliver a vote of thanks on behalf of all the graduates which was a very special moment.

Macksville High had 4 students graduate from the ceremony; Kelsie Go-Sam, Lisa Pritchard, Chatesha Craig and Liam Donovan. We would like to congratulate these students for their efforts in completing their qualifications and wish them every success in the future.

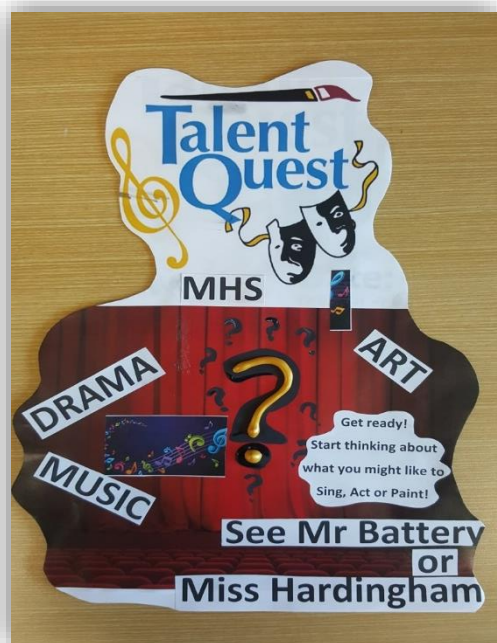
New rounds of applications have been submitted for 2017 Year 11's and we would like to wish our applicants luck in obtaining Elsa Dixon Aboriginal SBAT positions.

Laura Cooper
TEACHER

ART DEPARTMENT – FACE PAINTING DESIGNS



COMING UP



COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Nambucca Rooster Juniors
Rugby League Club**

Registration Day

Saturday 4th February 2017

Bellwood Park, Nambucca

11am

Will be a BBQ on the day

Rego fees: 1 x child \$100, 2 x children \$150, 3 or more \$180
Every registered player will receive their game day shorts,
socks and shirt

CALENDAR DATES

DECEMBER 2016

Week 8	Nov 28 – Dec 2	Year 10 Swim and Survive
	1 – 2	Year 12 QLD Uni Visits - Brisbane
Week 9	5 - 8	Year 10 Excursion
	6	Year 6 Orientation Day
	13	Presentation Day at 10 am - Stadium
	14 – 15	Activities Days
	16	Last Day of School

JANUARY 2017

Week 2	30	Years 7, 11 & 12 return
	31	Years 8, 9 & 10 return

FEBRUARY 2017

Week 2	3 - 6	Year 11 & 12 Drama - Sydney
Week 3	10	Swimming Carnival