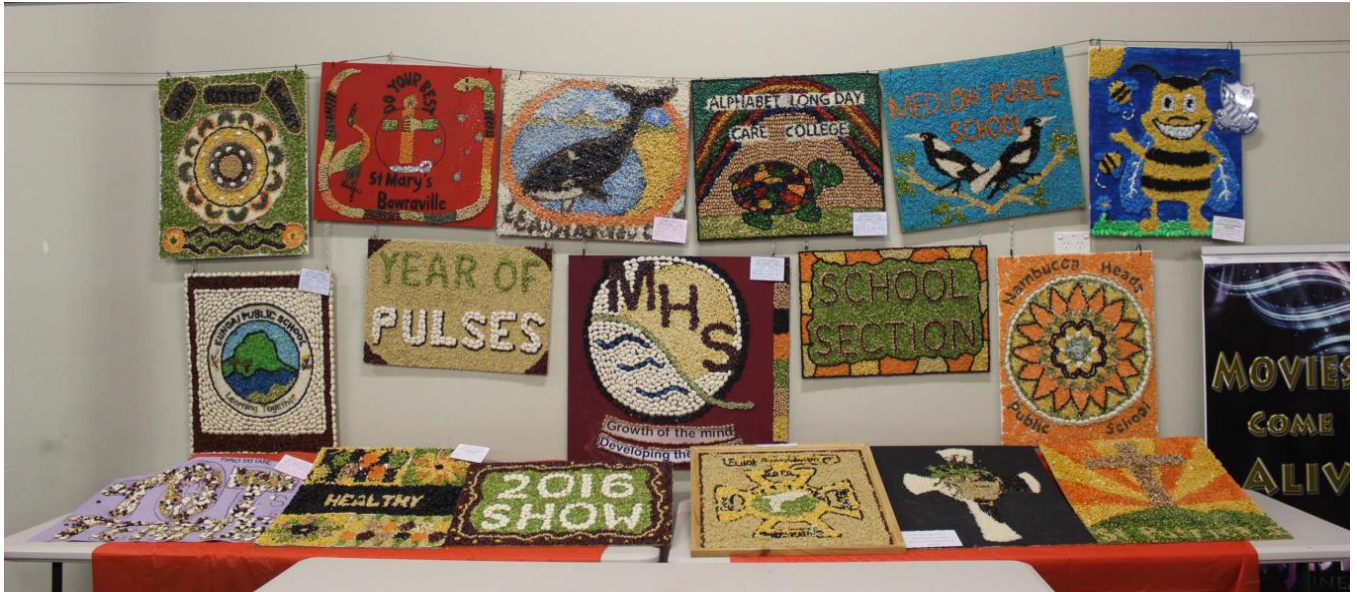


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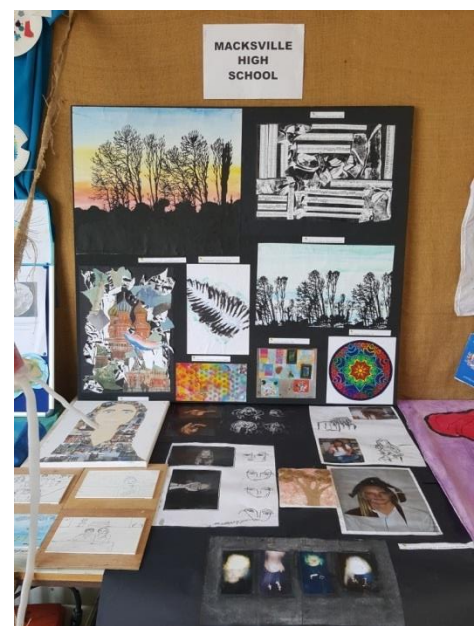
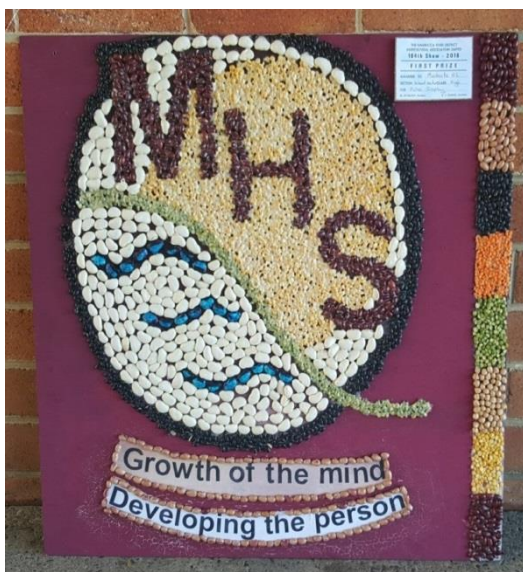
IT'S MACKSVILLE SHOWTIME!



Macksville High School has taken out 1st place in the local 2016 Macksville Show - 'Year of the Pulses' competition. Well done to everyone that contributed! Great job team! ☺

The picture above represents the rest of the valley's school contributions for the Pulses competition as well as our entry in the middle. Below this picture is a close up of the pulse display and the Macksville High School art display for the show which was held in the pavilion. Stay tuned as many more exciting Art projects are on the way this term!

Kelly Hardingham



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome back to term 2. Firstly I would like to thank our students and staff who represented our school by attending the ANZAC Day march at Macksville. Although it was a wet march, I was pleased to see so many of our students taking time out of their holiday to attend.

Throughout this term all students will be engaged with a range of assessment tasks and exams which will form the basis of the semester one reports, as well as the NAPLAN testing for years 7 and 9. It is important that all students are actively participating in these assessments and striving towards their personal best. Year 12 has just received their mid-course reports and I would encourage all students to heed the advice given, and continue to prepare themselves for the workload ahead. We do offer a significant amount of support for our senior students to assist if they are feeling overwhelmed in any way.

One of the greatest predictors of success is full attendance at school. It is important that students commit to their studies and make the most of the time they have at school to enable them to be proud of their achievements in all years. SMS messages go out to parents and carers after roll call, which is now a part of period one. If we do not have your details, or they have changed, could you please contact the school.

Our staff development day at the beginning of term focussed on the School Excellence Framework, gathering evidence and evaluating where we are as a school against the Framework elements of Learning, Teaching and Leading. The school will be participating in an external validation later in the year. The staff have also been participating in extended staff meetings focusing on assessment and adjustments, and reflecting on the assessment practices across the school. These sessions have provided valuable professional discussions across faculties and sharing of ideas.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Erica Lyne
Principal

P & C PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2015

In starting I would like to express my thanks to those that have made my role as President of this great school's P&C such a joy. To my wife, thank you for everything you have done in supporting me both personally and indeed through the various roles you have taken on through our time here on the P&C. You have not only brought our two children through their primary and secondary educational careers but you have also brought me through too. To all those who have taken on executive roles over the years, thank you. Particular thanks to Lynette Howle for running this P&C for the last three years. I can only say to anyone thinking of running for President, "Go for it! Lynette does all the real work anyway." Thanks also go to Anita Wood for her help with all things monetary, particularly in light of the fact that we have actually gone without a Treasurer this year.

It's been a crazy ride over the last seven years having been through three Principals and various educational reforms. Thank you Erica for what you have brought to the school. I am extremely confident you will continue your great work of moving this school forward, working hard to make sure everyone, both staff and students, reach their potential. To the staff who have guided the students over the last year we appreciate your commitment to our children. I want to take this opportunity (possibly a little unfairly to other teachers because you are all terrific!), to acknowledge those who have particularly impacted on our kids here at Macksville High, Mrs Herivel, Mrs, Hill, Ms Hardingham, Mr Battery, Mr Webb, Mrs Mendham, Mrs Hughes and Mr Baines.

A special spot must be reserved for the amazing Ros Field who so tirelessly has led the Canteen team, continually finding creative ways to make the most out of what she has. We really appreciate everything you have done. Thanks again to the rest of the Canteen team too. The P&C Committee have the fun/honor of spending the proceeds from this industrious group and have again managed to contribute financially to the usual areas of school life including helping out the Cattle Team at the Royal Easter Show, rep shirts for individuals and sporting teams, library newspapers, donations towards various representatives, welfare and much, more.

In closing my final report, I need to reflect on the two main issues facing us as a P&C at this point. In the past we have been able to contribute quite considerable funds from the Canteen to support the educational requirements of our kids, but over the last few years our profits have been dropping as staffing costs increase due to fewer volunteers being available. We have also struggled a number of times over the last year to reach a quorum in our meetings. Both of these issues are two sides of the same thing, namely a dropping off in parental/carers engagement in P&C activities and many other areas of school life. A school community is just that, a community, and parents and carers have a critical part to play in its life. I strongly encourage those that have the opportunity to be involved to do so. It can be shown empirically that young people who have parents engaged in their education perform better and develop into adults that contribute more positively to the broader community.

Thank you again to those who have made our experience with Macksville High School such a positive one. Our thoughts are with you as you impact on future generations and their growing minds, developing the adults of tomorrow.

David (and Lisa, Tavis and Tegan) Hall
President
Macksville High School P&C (2009-2015)



SCHOOL CAPTAINS' INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS



It was with great pleasure that I accompanied Elizabeth Argue and Trent Stack to visit the Parliament House and Government House in Sydney on the 6.30 am plane last Thursday morning. We met up with the captains from Bowraville Central School accompanied by Lynden Briggs and the captains from Nambucca High, once we boarded our flight.

The students were introduced to a number of parliamentarians from regional NSW, including Melinda Pavey, our local member from the Oxley Electorate. A number of students asked questions of the members relating to issues such as drugs, disability support funding, the impact of mining on communities, sexual abuse, out of home care, the impact of technology on society, connect classrooms and selective high schools.

One of the members stressed how important the art of “coding” is today. He encouraged students to study and develop this skill, as it is the way of the future. He gave the example of the rail system, explaining that trains are to become driverless, but the need for people to program the trains is another area of employment that will open up. His slogan of the day was “If it is to be, it’s up to me.”

The students were given a run down on the difference between the upper and lower Houses of Parliament, before moving to the next room where the discussion was in relation to the “double jeopardy” ruling in Law.

After a break for lunch the students walked down Macquarie Street, past the Conservatorium High school, which was originally built to be used as the Governor’s stables, to Government House. The Governor’s right hand man told the students about his role and that of the Governor of NSW. He explained that the Governor was involved in matters of the Constitution, Ceremony and Community.

We were guided through the beautiful rooms of Government House, amazed at the portraits of past Governor’s hanging in the foyer, the grand old Grandfather clock, the tables and chairs made from imported oak, the chandeliers hanging from each ceiling, the heavy drapes either side of the windows and the paintings on the ceilings that represented the four seasons, and much more.

Governor Hurley and his wife were introduced to the students and answered many questions before mingling outside on the terrace for afternoon tea. We parted company and walked down to Circular Quay to view the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge, before catching a train back to the airport.

Liz O’Sullivan
Year 12 Adviser

Right: A proud moment with
General David Hurley



ANZAC DAY



They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and
in the morning
We will remember them.



QUEEN OF PUBLIC SPEAKING



Congratulations to Elizabeth Argue who won the Public Speaking section of the Lions Youth of the Year district competition on 9 April. Elizabeth travelled to Tamworth and competed against five equally talented young leaders from the Lions Region. She was also interviewed on the Coffs Coast ABC Morning Show on 12 April.

Well done!

IMPORTANT UPDATES – PLEASE READ

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Parent online payments will be available by accessing a link on our website. The proposed date for this link to be live is 1 June. Permission notes for excursions, activities, etc., will in the future have a reference payment to use. For current excursions, please be very specific for what you are paying for in the reference area. If paying school fees, please use the description on the invoices sent out Term 1. Further instructions can be found on the school's website.

BUS PASSES

Bus pass applications (for new enrolments and change of address) are now to be completed online instead of using paper forms through the following link:

<http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students>

If you do not have access to the internet, the contact phone number is **131 500** where you will be assisted with completing a phone application.



CAREERS NEWS

CAREERS EXPO

Macksville High School Year 10 students have the opportunity to attend a Careers Expo. It will be on **26 May 2016** at Coffs Harbour Racing Club. There will be a cost involved and numbers are limited.

Helen Black
CAREERS

WITECARD COURSE

Macksville High School will be running a second Whitecard course on **Monday 6 June**. Numbers are limited.

Please see **Ms Black** for all paperwork.

IMPORTANT DATES - YEAR 10 INTO YEAR 11 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

8 June	Student Information Day – Period 1 and 2
21 June	Parent Information Evening – Hall – 6.00 pm
27 June	Subject selection will need to be back
17 – 18 August	Interviews will be held (more information to come)
24 – 25 August	Interviews will be held (more information to come)

HELPERS STILL NEEDED

The school canteen is in desperate need of volunteer helpers. If you are a parent, grandparent or carer and are able to assist, please call Roslyn Field on 6568 1453. Hours are approximately 9.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Roslyn Field
CANTEEN MANAGER



OPEN TOUCH

On Thursday 24 March, Macksville High School competed in the **Opens Boys' and Girls' Touch Football** knock-out and selection trials at Landrigan Park, Wauchope. Both boys and girls teams did a fantastic job making it into the Grand Final on the day.

Five players from the girls team and three players from the boys team were selected to compete at the North coast Opens selections on 9 May at Hepburn Park, Oliver Avenue Goonellabah. The players are Melea Castle, Matiese Trisley, Amy Martin (reserve), Emily Hall, Johanna Walsh, Peta Salter, Sid Shaw, Brodie Bartlett and Daniel Taylor.

Good luck to all of you!



Above back left: Zoe Baxter, Matiese Trisley, Shenay Blanch, Annabelle Craven, Jocelyn Pedrola, Amy Martin, Emily Hall
Front Left: Johanna Walsh, Peta Salter, Elouise Ennis, Taylah Martin, Astrid Smith, Melea Castle



Left back row: Jacob Pedrola, Jessie Mola, Sam Perkins, Jake Steward, Brody Bartlett, Josh Ennis, Tannah Brandshaw
Middle Left: Wyatt Mola, Sid Shaw, Daniel Taylor, Ben Boyd
Front Left: Taniela Bula, Kye Arnaudon

We would also like to acknowledge and extend our gratitude to the parents that drove and accompanied students on the day.

Aaron Parker
SPORTS ORGANISER

NSW TOUCH ASSOCIATION KNOCK-OUT

On Thursday 28 April, Macksville High School competed in the NSW Touch Association knock-out competition at Tuffins Lane, Port Macquarie. There were a total of 22 teams (11 boys and 11 girls) on the day with the majority being non-government schools.

Both teams played five games with 20 minute breaks between each game. Our boys team finished third and our girls team finished fourth on the day.

The top two teams go through to the next round, which is played at Kingsway playing fields in St Mary's and the boys team may have a chance of being a wild card entry. Fingers crossed!

A very big thank you to the parents who drove and accompanied students on the day, it could not have been possible without their contribution.

Aaron Parker
SPORTS ORGANISER



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2016

Our annual athletics carnival will be held on **Tuesday 27 May** at Scotts Head Buz Brazel Oval. Please show your house spirit by wearing house colours and entering as many events as possible to earn house points. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend and cheer their children along.

Fingers crossed for great weather on the day!

Aaron Parker
SPORTS ORGANISER



STATE SWIMMING SUCCESS

Macksville High students attended the 2016 Combined High Schools (CHS) State Swimming Championships at Homebush from April 3-5.

At his last CHS Swimming Championships, competing in the 17-19 years age group Tannah Bradshaw claimed two individual medals. Tannah received bronze medal in both the 200m and 400m medley events. He was also a finalist in the 50m and 200m freestyle, the 100m butterfly and the 100m backstroke. Tannah has been a great ambassador for swimming at Macksville High both as an individual swimmer and as the anchor of many of our relay teams. Next year we will really miss his enthusiasm, happy disposition and of course, his talent.



Declan Sutton also had an outstanding meet, claiming an individual medal in the 100m backstroke. Declan flew in from the National Age Championships in Adelaide the night before the meet and went on to swim in 14 races at the championships. Overall Declan competed in seven finals and just missing out on other medals. Declan was also a finalist in the 200 and 400m individual medleys, 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle and 100m butterfly.

Kyran Tsujimoto had a very busy meet competing in eight individual events and two relays. Kyran's hard work was rewarded when he was presented with a North Coast Achievement Award, an Eyeline swim package.

In their first trip to a high school state carnival Kate Payne and Kellie Tsujimoto performed well in individual events. Kate and Kellie both competed in the 100m backstroke and butterfly.

Macksville High also had three relay teams compete at the meet. All of the teams swam well. Tannah, Kyran and Declan were joined by Heath Galvin to compete in the Medley Relay where they finished fifteenth in an open event. In the 15 years relay Kyran, Declan and Heath were joined by Ryan Atkins and they narrowly missed the final finishing in eleventh place as did the 13 girls 200m freestyle relay where Kate and Kellie were joined by Abby Baxter and Gemma Summerville.

Special mention must be made of the parents who took the students to the meet and got up with them in the morning to take them to training! Thanks also to the staff at Macksville Aquatic Centre for preparing our students to compete at these events.

Larissa Atkins



HOME ECONOMICS REPORT

WEDDING DRESS CHALLENGE

Community and Family Services, Year 11, have been studying individuals and groups. To better understand the roles each group members take on, the class were set a challenge. Each group was supplied with a newspaper, a roll of toilet paper, a roll of packing tape a ball of wool and a pair of scissors. Two groups of five were formed and the challenge was to make a wedding dress. Both groups embraced the task and were successful in making the wedding dress and working together as a team.

Larissa Atkins



Olivia Petith and Elise Peterkin



Elise Peterkin

SENIORS WEEK CELEBRATION

As part of Seniors Week, Nambucca Shire Council hosted a free luncheon to seniors in the valley. Macksville High hospitality students again volunteered their services on the day giving them the opportunity to contribute to the community and gain valuable workplace experience. The students did a fantastic job under the guidance of head chef Mitchell Ward, right through from the setting of tables until the last plate was washed. This year the students also prepared a variety of slices and muffins to contribute to morning tea which the guests thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this awesome event, you did Macksville High proud!

Larissa Atkins



MACKS CAFE



Year 12 Hospitality students have been busy honing their hospitality skills at 'Macks's Café'!

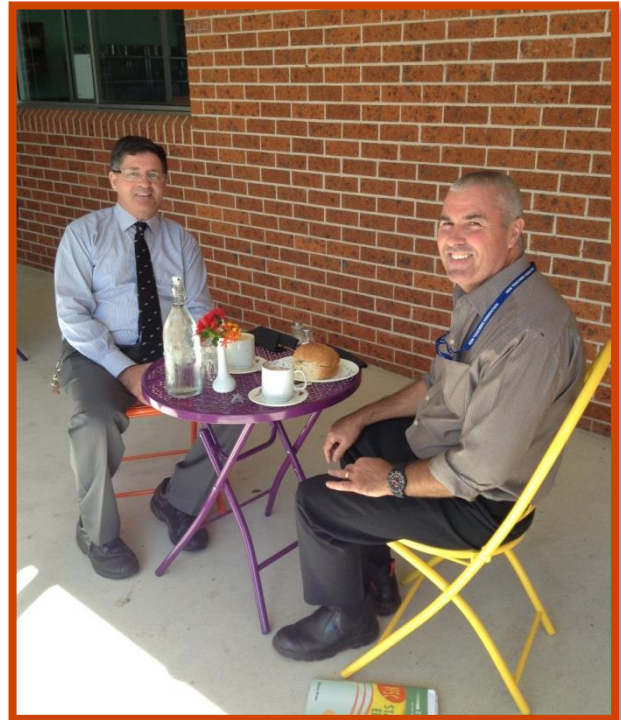
The students open the café during regular class double lessons. The staff at M.H.S. are happy to support the students by regularly purchasing coffee and meals. The students are rewarded for their efforts at the end of service with a meal of their own to eat!



Left: Year 12 Hospitality student Kittani Donovan practising her skills at Mack's café.

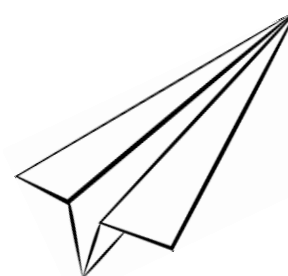
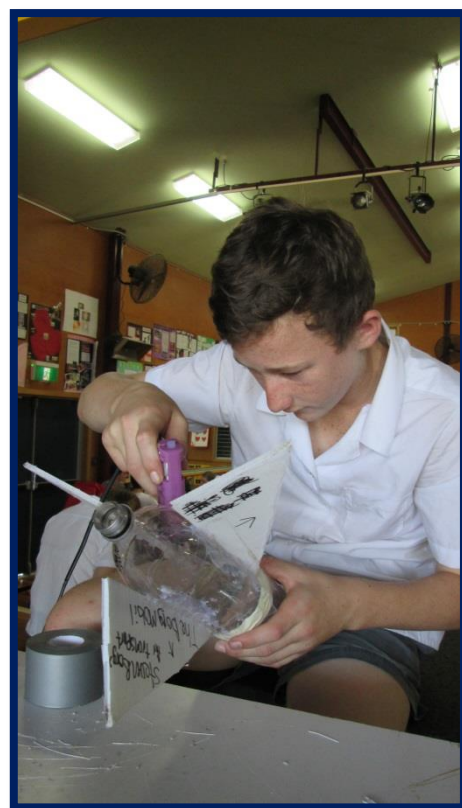


Above: Ms Beisler and Ms East enjoying the sun while waiting for their orders



Above: Mr Gough and Mr King are ready to enjoy their meals

INDUSTRIAL ARTS – AERO CHALLENGE



PARENT INFORMATION

EXCEL HSC SURVIVAL GUIDES

The Pascal Press publishing company donated 80 copies of a very worthwhile HSC Survival guide for our Year 12 students. It has a yearly planner as well as motivational suggestions, study skills, essay writing techniques, how to cope with stress, pages to jot down your long and short term goals and suggestions on how families can survive this important time in the life of a senior student on the verge of completing their school studies. Encourage your child to utilise this valuable resource.

ABSENCES

A reminder to please respond promptly to the schools SMS' advising of absences and partial absences to avoid any unexplained absences on your student's records.

SUBJECT FEES

Invoices were forwarded mid Term 1. If you are having difficulty in paying subject fees, we have limited financial student assistance that may be able to help you (forms available from the school office). You can also pay instalments during the year.

DRIVING STUDENTS TO EXCURSIONS AND SPORTING EVENTS

There is a new Statutory Declaration to complete, which has to be witnessed by an 'authorised witness', for parents/carers volunteering to drive students to excursions, sporting events, etc., along with a 100 point proof of identity (even if you have a Working with Children Check number as we still have to comply with the Department of Education's policy on child protection). This only needs to be completed once while your student remains at MHS. We also need to sight the originals of your licence and registration papers.

While we are very grateful for our parent/carer helpers, and appreciate that there is often late notice involved with arrangements, it is a legal requirement that the school will have the correct paperwork **fully completed** before the excursion/event. If you have already completed a previous Declaration, you will not be required to complete this new Statutory Declaration but may need to update your licence and registration details when you next volunteer.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

All visitors (including parents), are to present at the reception area in the school's office. Please do not enter other buildings/rooms without gaining permission to do so.

PARKING AND PICKING UP STUDENTS

Parents and carers please be aware of the restricted parking times and bus areas outside the front of the school in Boundary Street. Fines have been issued recently to parents dropping off and picking up students.

Bus zone times in front of the school are 8.00 am - 9.00 am in the mornings and 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm in the afternoons. Parking across from the front of the school is prohibited 8.00 am – 9.00 am in the mornings and 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm in the afternoons.



COMING UP

MAY 2016



- 16 Year 7 Immunisation – Hall
- 17 Athletics Carnival – Scotts Head
- 17 Science and Engineering Challenge – Kempsey
- 18 Athletics Carnival continues – during sport - MHS
- 18 CRL Country Cup - Kempsey
- 19 Brainstorm Productions - Year 9 & 10
- 20 LNC Squash - Nambucca Heads
- 24 P & C Meeting - 6.30 pm - TAS Room (T12)
- 24 - 27 Year 11 Dive - South West Rocks
- 25 Australian Defence Force Visit – Year 10-12 – Library at 11.15 am
- 26 Legacy Luncheon - Hall
- 26 Year 10 Careers Expo - Coffs Harbour
- 27 Zone Cross Country - Kempsey

JUNE 2016

- 1 Rugby Union Gala Day - TBA
- 2 Youth Frontiers
- 8 Year 10 into Year 11 Student Information Day - Period 1 & 2
- 15 U13 & U15 Country Cup Finals - Port Macquarie
- 20 - 21 Year 12 Science - UTS, UN & UNSW
- 21 Year 10 into Year 11 Information Evening for Parents - Hall



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