



# MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

**TERM 1 ISSUE 1 – FEBRUARY 2017**

### WELCOME TO 2017



Dear Parents and Community,

I would like to welcome back all of our students, staff and our parent community to the 2017 school year, and extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. A particularly warm welcome to our Year 7 who are settling in well to high school life. We have wonderful opportunities for our students to involve themselves in academic, cultural, leadership and sporting pursuits within excellent learning facilities. Macksville High School will continue in 2017 to provide a learning environment that is safe, positive and an encouraging experience for all.

We welcome our new Deputy Principal Ms Linda McGregor and Mr Nathan White to the Learning Support staff. I know that they will be made feel welcome in our school community.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 on their HSC results. I know that parents and teachers are proud of their achievements. Our Dux is Elizabeth Argue with an ATAR of 94.25. Overall the group achieved 4 Band 6's, 34 Band 5's and 74 Band 4 results, demonstrating the wonderful abilities of these students. Many have already secured places at various universities and we wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

We had a very pleasant day at the pool for our annual swimming carnival at the end of week 3. The great weather, I'm sure contributed to most students participating in so many events, including our seniors showing their unique style in the novelty events! Thank you to Mr Parker for his organisation of the day. Congratulations to the many students qualified to compete at the zone level.

Each month our P&C meets here at the school at 5:30pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. I would encourage all parents to attend as it is another great way to support our school. The next meeting is 28 February in the Hospitality room.

I am looking forward again to another great year at Macksville High School!

Erica Lyne  
Principal

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

### LINDA MCGREGOR – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



*'I come from South Grafton High School where I had worked for 14 years. I completed a Bachelor of Health Science majoring in PDHPE, and a Bachelor of Education as my secondary degree.*

*I am very honoured and excited to take up the position of Deputy Principal at Macksville High School, and I am looking forward to working not only with the staff and students but the wider community of Macksville. My passion in education lies in providing a platform where every student can reach their potential and follow their dreams.*

*When I am not working I am a keen gardener and enjoy staying fit with gym sessions and running.'*

### NATHAN WHITE – “BILLABONG” TUTE CENTRE



*'After completing a degree in Education at Southern Cross University in 2009, I went to Canberra and taught in a Catholic High School. I then moved to Yamba and worked at Maclean High School for five years.*

*I am excited about my new role as a Tute Centre “Billabong Room” teacher in Macksville High School. I am very passionate about every student being given the opportunity to reach their full potential in all aspects of school life whether this is academic, sporting or life skills.*

*I really enjoy participating in sport especially triathlons and have a huge passion for rugby league, where I hope to coach the Macksville High School teams with success.'*

### KRIS DE JONG – SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

*'As of 2017, I am permanently based in the area and am working in Macksville Primary and High School, as well as a few small schools nearby. I will be here at Macksville High School every Thursday and every second Tuesday.*

*Before becoming a school counsellor, I was a Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist.*

*When I am not working I usually am playing some type of sport. I love all sport and am a very proud Queensland supporter - especially at State of Origin time!'*

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

On Friday 17th of February, Macksville High School made its way to the Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre. After a late start to the day, due to traffic delaying buses, the carnival got under way. There were a number of novelty events to fill time and allow competitive swimmers to rest between races.

A stand out novelty event for competitors saw students from different ages and genders compete against each other in the 50m freestyle. Students were handicapped by their previous 50m freestyle time to ensure a very close finish, similar to the Macksville Gift.

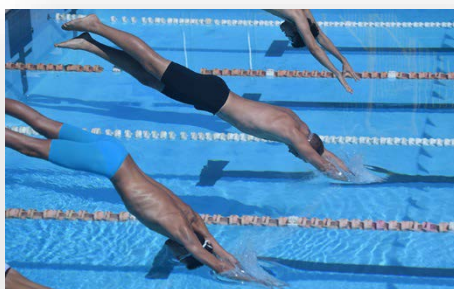
The final house points from the day were: Taylor - 590, Briner - 518, Oxley – 458, and Graham – 329. The overall points tally indicated more participation by students across all years this year over 2016.

Age Champions for **2017** are:

	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
12yrs	Cooper Nunn	Charlotte Cooper
13 yrs	Brandon Willer	Arrin Stirr-Black
14 yrs	Darcy Welsh	Gemma Summerville
15 yrs	Declan Sutton	Astrid Smith
16 yrs	Zach Rolff	Johanna Walshe
17 yrs	Ryan Cartwright	Chloe Northfield

The Regional swimming carnival will be held at the Kempsey Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, March 7. Please come along and support Macksville High's zone team.

**Aaron Parker**  
Teacher





## 2017 SPORT CAPTAINS

*Congratulations to our newly elected Sport House Captains and Vice Captains!*



### **BRINER**

*Captains: Zoe Baxter and Taniela Bula*

*Vice Captains: Caitlyn Boyd and Ryan Cartwright*



### **GRAHAM**

*Captains: Alison Hopkins and Oliver Elson*

*Vice Captains: Jaimaya Rosser and Bradley Hawkes*



### **OXLEY**

*Captains: Jocelyn Pedrola and Jacob Pedrola*

*Vice Captains: Madeline Simpson, Zoe Baines and Tomas Steward*



### **TAYLOR**

*Captains: Shenay Blanch and Sid Shaw*

*Vice Captains: Gemma Raveane, Sarah Rose and Thomas Martin*

## MAX'S ROMAN VACATION

In December 2016 and January 2017, I was fortunate enough to be able to win the Mama Lena and Dino Gustin Foundation Scholarship in conjunction with the Public Education Foundation. This provided me the opportunity to travel to Rome for six weeks and be involved in an intense language program at EF Roma, an international school set right in the heart of the historical Rome. I won this scholarship due to a number of factors: living in a regional area, living in a low socioeconomic area, being able to maintain an excellent academic record, studying Italian as part of your HSC (which I do through Camden Haven High School – via distance education) and likewise having an interest in the Italian language and culture. I was one of two recipients of this prestigious scholarship and I felt absolutely privileged to have such an incredible opportunity. I found out about this scholarship through my Italian teacher Natalie Rule at Camden Haven High School. With such an incredible prize the process of receiving the scholarship was very competitive. After submitting an application, I was put on the shortlist, where I was interviewed by people from the Public Education Foundation and Mama Lena & Dino Gustin Foundation. After receiving news of attaining the scholarship, I represented Macksville High School at an awards Ceremony at Sydney Town Hall in May 2016.

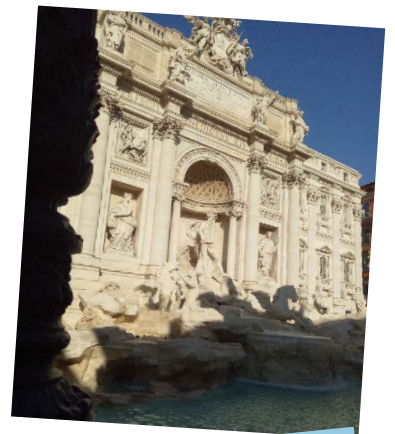
Throughout 2016 I was counting down the days until I would depart Australia for Rome. After over 200 days of waiting and many preparations for my trip, I departed Sydney on December 9. After a 24 plus hour flight and two stopovers, I finally arrived in Rome with Elisabeth Gioia, the other girl who was fortunate to win the scholarship from Hunter School of the Performing Arts.

With a heap of jetlag, I arrived in Vittoria, a suburb three kilometres northwest of the Rome CBD, where I stayed with a host family as well as another exchange student from Chile. For those six weeks I attended an international school with people mainly from Western Europe and South America. My Italian has improved significantly, since my trip to Rome and I believe I am prepared to succeed in the HSC for Italian.

I think a stand out moment for me was meeting all the incredible students and teachers at EF Roma. Cultural diversity made us quite different, but the love for the Italian language, art, food and culture had drawn us together. It's been almost a month since I've left Rome and I have come back here with a desire to travel, a totally new perspective on life and a lot of lifelong friends. I am forever grateful for the opportunity I received and I can't wait to go back to Rome.

I believe it's incredibly important to take every opportunity we are given, take the time to apply for scholarships and to try new things. *Roma sei sempre nel mio cuore e non ti dimenticherò mai! (Rome you are always in my heart and I will never forget you!)*.

**Max Cleversley  
Year 12**





## 2017 ICAS TEST

Macksville High School will be implementing ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools), a comprehensive skills-based assessment program that assesses the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills of students. Cover letter and permission form was emailed to every family on Tuesday, 21 February. If you would like your child to participate, please return permission form with payment to the school no later than 31 March 2017.

Kelli Dykes  
ICAS Co-ordinator

## 2017 SPORT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Last year, *Soulitude Health* in Macksville offered a Male and Female 2017 Sportsperson of the year scholarship. If students were successful they would receive:

- \* \$500 per calendar year toward sporting/arts costs: including uniforms, travel, equipment, etc
- \* Access to free physio assessment, treatment and rehab throughout the year
- \* Access to free classes run by physios throughout the year
- \* Access to free sport/art specific strength and conditioning sessions run by physio

There were two full and two half scholarships offered and Macksville High students were successful in gaining three out of the four. The calibre and talents of the applicants across the Nambucca Valley was outstanding, and we are extremely proud of the successful students.

Ulysses Roberts received the full scholarship for the boys. The recipient of the half scholarship for girls was Zoe Baxter, while the half scholarship for boys went to Adam Nowland.

Aaron Parker  
Sport Organiser



## COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

Amart Sports have launched 'Community Kickbacks', a community program that passes rewards back to our school. Amart's Community Kickbacks gives schools the opportunity to earn rewards for their club. Simply register for the Community Kickbacks program and 5% of all member purchases will go directly back to our school to spend in-store.

It's free and easy to join, and you can find out more information at <http://www.amartsports.com.au/>

Aaron Parker  
Sport Organiser



## STUDENT ASSISTANCE

If you require financial help with your student(s) subject fees or uniforms, you may be eligible for some assistance through our Student Assistance Scheme. An application form can be obtained from the school office or from our website.

## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

A blue 'Enrolment Update Form' has been mailed out to all our families. It would be appreciated if you could complete and return this form as soon as possible and certainly before 4 March 17. It is vital that all your details are up to date in our records, not only if we need to contact you in emergencies but also for school funding purposes.

## PARENT INFORMATION

### 2017 P&C Meeting Dates

#### Term 1

28 February  
28 March – AGM

#### Term 2

18 April  
23 May  
27 June

#### Term 3

25 July  
22 August

#### Term 4

19 September  
24 October  
28 November  
12 December – Xmas Dinner

***Meetings start at 5.30 pm unless  
otherwise stated***

### UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Skirts	\$38.00
Girls Tailored Shorts	\$30.00
Sports Polo Shirt	\$30.00
White Button-Up Shirts (Boys and Girls)	\$22.00
Unisex Sports Shorts	\$24.00
Girls Sports Shorts	\$28.00
Grey Shorts (Kids size)	\$23.00
Grey Shorts (Adult size)	\$28.00
Maroon Hooded Jacket	\$33.00

Items can be purchased from:  
**BINALONG Promotional Clothing**  
**5 Wallace Street, MACKSVILLE**  
**Ph: 6568 2578**

# CANTEEN NEWS

## Helpers 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 April Miller on 6568-1453. Hours are approximately from 9am to 2pm. Free lunch for volunteers and \$7.00 worth of canteen purchase for your child or grandchild on the day.

Your help is very much appreciated.

April Miller  
Canteen Manager

## CANTEEN PRICELIST - 2017

Prices are subject to change and orders can be made in the morning or recess.

Small Hot Cheese & Ham Roll	\$1.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$2.50
Pizza	\$3.50
Chiko Roll	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Plain Pie (lunch only)	\$4.30
Cheese and Spinach Pastie or Roll	\$4.50
Half Cheese Lavish Roll (Cheese, lettuce, tomato, carrot & mayo)	\$4.00
Half Chicken Lavish Roll (Chicken, lettuce, tomato, carrot & mayo)	\$4.00
Ham or Cheese Salad Roll	\$4.00
Sauce	.30c
Hash browns	\$1.00

### ORDERS ONLY

Spinach & Ricotta Burger (lettuce, tomato, carrot & mayo)	\$5.00
Chicken Burger (lettuce, mayo &/or sweet chilli sauce)	\$4.50
Chicken Salad Burger (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese & mayo &/or chilli sauce)	\$6.00
BLT Burger (Bacon, lettuce, tomato & mayo)	\$5.50
Chicken Caesar Lavish (lettuce, bacon, parmesan, egg & Caesar dressing)	\$6.50
Chicken Lavish Roll (lettuce, carrot, tomato & mayo)	\$6.00
Chicken Lavish Works (lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, avocado, etc)	\$7.00
Chicken Caesar tub (lettuce, bacon, parmesan, egg & Caesar dressing)	\$7.50

### SANDWICH

Egg and Lettuce	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$4.00
Corn Meat, Cheese & Pickles	\$4.00
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo	\$4.00
Toasted Sandwiches Made to Order	.50c extra

### DRINKS

600ml Milk	\$2.30
Sml Flav Milk 300ml	\$2.50
Lge Flav Milk 500ml	\$4.50
Lge Thickshake milk 500ml	\$4.50
Up & Go	\$2.00
Cans	\$3.00
Glee	\$2.50
Water	\$2.00
Earth Juice Pop top 100%	\$2.50
Juice - 100% OJ - Isle 250ml	\$2.50 Sml
Juice - Bundy 100% 200ml	\$1.50 Sml
Juice - Bundy 100% 500ml	\$4.50 Lge
Juice - Bundy 35% 300ml	\$2.50 Sml
Juice - Bundy 35% 500ml	\$4.00 Lge
Hot Chocolate	\$2.50
Tea/Coffee	\$2.00

### SNACKS

Watermelon	\$2.00
Fruit Salad (seasonal)	\$4.00
Finger bun	\$2.00
Muffin	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
JJ's	\$1.20
Plain Chips	\$1.20
Honey Soy Chips	\$1.20
Salt & Vinegar Chips	\$1.20
Banana Bread	\$2.00
Blueberry Pikelets (2)	\$1.00
Nutella Pikelets (2)	\$1.00
Frozen pineapple	\$0.50
Yoghurt	\$3.00

Ice creams/Ice blocks in canteen

**NEW!! – Taco on Tuesdays for \$6.00 and Fried Rice on Thursdays for \$4.00. Please pre-order the day before. Vegetarian option available on request.**



## STUDENT TRANSPORT INFORMATION



Transport  
for NSW

### School travel 2017 Application information Nov 2016

#### Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

**Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via**  
**[www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)**

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

Transport for NSW Tel: 8002 2200 Fax: 8002 2209  
18 Lee Street, Chippendale NSW 2008 | PO Box 6699, Haymarket NSW 1240

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## School Drive Subsidy



If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit

**[transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive)**

#### Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.



Transport  
for NSW

DISSEMINATION TO 008-11-2016

## SCHOOL LOCKERS

**We now have a number of school lockers available for hire.** The 12 month hiring fee is \$40 per year, plus a \$20 refundable deposit. Please contact the school on 65681066 or call into the front office for more information.

## COMING UP

<i><u>FEBRUARY 2017</u></i>		
24		Zone Swimming
24		Girls U14/16 Rugby League – Coffs Harbour
24		North Coast RL Teams Selection Trials – Wauchope
28		U15 Touch Selections - Bowraville
28 – 3 Mar		Year 11 Dive – South West Rocks
<i><u>MARCH 2017</u></i>		
28 Feb – 3 Mar		Year 11 Dive – South West Rocks
6		Year 7 Vaccination - Hall
6		U15/Open Boys RL Selection Trials - Macksville
6 - 10		VET Work Placement Week
6 – 10		Year 11 VET Primary Industries to Taree TAFE
8 – 9		Year 12 Advanced Dive – South West Rocks
15		Year 7 & 8 Netball – Coffs Harbour
16 – 17		School Photos
17		Year 11 Biology Field Work
24		Open Touch – Wauchope
27 – 7 Apr		Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
29		MHS Cross Country
30		Year 9 & 10 NSW Touch All Schools – Port Macquarie

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **RIVERS** **NETBALL CLUB** 2017 REGISTRATION

NEW PLAYERS REGISTER @  
<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?type=1&entityid=69018&fl=1&id=29420>  
RETURNING PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH LINK  
(make sure you select Rivers Netball Rego)  
**ONLINE REGOS ONLY**  
**REGO CLOSES 12TH MAR (SUN) 2017 @ 9PM**  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**  
**NEW & OLD PLAYERS WELCOME!**  
For further information call  
Nikki 0423 304 430 or Reigan 0401 402 573



Department  
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Resources & Energy

### Support to Pay Electricity and Gas Bills\*



Help is available to pay  
your energy bills.

For information on  
rebates and emergency  
assistance go to:

[www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)

or phone Service NSW  
on 137 788

\* eligibility criteria apply

### **BOWRA NETBALL CLUB**

#### Registration Day !!!

**All new players welcome!!**

**Hennessy Tape Oval, Bowraville**

**25th February 2017**

**From 10.30am - 1.30pm**

**Players turning 10 and onwards.**

**Free Sausage Sizzle**

**Further information please contact**

**Sandra Gill - 0417 819955**

**Melanie MacDonald- 0498 270 546**

**Allyson Stone - 0422 240 030**



### Beaches Netball Club

#### 2017 Registration

**Saturday 11th March 2017**

**9am-12pm @ Gordon Park, Nambucca Hds**

**Ages 5 & up**

**All Welcome & Coaches Needed ☺**

Bring along uniforms that no longer fit to  
take advantage of our exchange\* program!

\*must be in good condition

For further enquiries please call



Stacey - 0408 118 443 or

Danielle - 0431 671 782

or search **Beaches Netball Club** on facebook

### Macksville & District Poultry Club Inc



Holding a Poultry Auction  
At: Macksville Showground, Poultry Pavilion  
When: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Time: 9:00 viewing, 10:00 auction  
Please come and have a look, buy or just  
support the local poultry auction  
There will be a BBQ and Raffle  
More information on this,  
follow our Facebook page and website at:  
[www.macksvilledistrictpoultryclub.com](http://www.macksvilledistrictpoultryclub.com)  
Or phone: Daniel Lawton, President  
Mob: 0458 933 646