

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 ISSUE 2 – MAY 2017

### CADET COURSE

During term two, 17 students from years 9 and 10 have been part of a group learning all there is to know about our Rural Fire Service. Fire fighters have been running a Cadets Course where the students have had the opportunity to climb over emergency service vehicles, practice using all sorts of fire fighting equipment and complete a First Aid Certificate.

The students look the part in their bright yellow uniform and equipment. The involvement of the students has been great to see and I'm sure the skills they are learning will be most beneficial. The trainers have been terrific, giving their time each Wednesday afternoon to teach the students the skills needed to become a member of the Rural Fire Service. They have included other emergency services personnel as well with the SES, Police, Ambulance and the town Fire brigade all attending at some stage to show the equipment used in the situations which unfortunately arise from time to time. The students were particularly interested in the Police talk, a number indicating that a career in the force was a possibility.

Each week a different student is nominated as captain and it is then their responsibility to effectively run the training for that day. They have to get the crew ready, into their uniforms and present at the venue ready to start. As well as the obvious skills being learnt the extra responsibility and the understanding of the need to be "on the ball" when dealing with an emergency situation is rubbing off and the students are showing maturity in the approach they are taking to the training.

Thanks must go to the trainers who have given their time freely and who have worked with the students patiently throughout the term. They have provided equipment brought in fire trucks and at all times have shown an interest and enthusiasm for the group. As you can see by the following photographs...



# CADET COURSE - PHOTOGRAPHS



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community,

Congratulations to Rylee Godfrey –Martin who was the recipient of the Public Education Foundation Harding Miller Scholarship. Rylee attended the awards ceremony which was held on May 17 at the Sydney Town Hall. The evening was hosted by Annabel Crabb and the keynote speaker was three-time Paralympic Gold Medallist and OAM Kurt Fearnley.

National Reconciliation Week was celebrated at our assembly with Calijah Craig doing Welcome to Country in Gumbaynggirr language, and our Captain Grace Single and Vice-Captain Callum Caesar giving a speech reminding us all of the significance of the 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision, and the next steps we can take to build on respectful relationships. Calijah continued to demonstrate his Gumbaynggirr speaking skills when he welcomed staff from across the Nambucca Valley as they embarked on their *Connecting To Country* learning days organised by the local AECG.

We have already begun our planning for the 2018 school year! Year 10 are embarking on their subject selection process by attending an information morning. After the presentation given by our Careers Adviser Mrs Peisley and Head Teacher Administration Mr Joyce, students had an opportunity to speak with representatives from each faculty regarding the various courses offered. I am proud to say that for a small school we do offer a broad curriculum for our senior students. Our Year 10 into 11 Parent Information evening regarding subject selections will be held Tuesday June 20. I would encourage all parents/carers of Year 10 students to attend to find out how to choose suitable courses, as well as information regarding the RoSA, HSC, and ATAR.

We also hosted Year 6 students from our smaller partner Public Schools (Eungai, Scotts Head, Medlow and Stuarts Point) and St Patrick's Primary for a transition day, with Macksville Public coming soon. By all accounts the students enjoyed a day of high school lessons as well as 'getting to know you' sporting activities. Thank you to Mrs Robertson and her team of student and staff helpers for a great day.

To all of our students – keep working hard and you will reap the rewards!

Erica Lyne  
Principal



# SENIOR STUDY SUPPORT

## Study Support for our Super Seniors

Macksville High School is committed to supporting our senior students as they navigate the challenges of the Higher School Certificate. A quiet 'study zone' is available to all Year 11 and 12 students in the Senior Study room in the Library. This is a space where students can work uninterrupted and where relevant notices are provided for Year 11 and 12. Students can also access computers and other resources including study guides, assessment schedules, exam timetables and information about Tertiary study.

Students must sign-in to the library when they have study periods. For many of these periods, students have access to Mrs Hill or Mrs Urquhart to help support and guide them with their organisation and weekly planning, forming a study timetable, assistance with homework and assessment tasks, developing effective study techniques and looking at ways to alleviate stress. Students can also book time with Mrs Hill or Mrs Urquhart via the booking sheets in the Senior Study for one to one support.

Another time when senior students are expected to attend the Senior Study is when their regular teacher is absent and their class is not covered. While every effort is made to cover senior classes, there are times when cover is not available, and we expect that our Year 12 students are mature enough to self-regulate and attend the Senior Study to continue with classroom work as set by their teacher, or complete other study work.

Senior students are also required to complete a 'Senior Success Profile' with Mrs Hill or Mrs Urquhart as a way to identify interests and strengths. This profile will also encourage students to set and evaluate personal and academic goals and look at strategies to achieve them.

Each term Mrs Peisley organises Wednesday Study Sessions. These sessions are usually held during periods 1-4 and are run by teachers who are keen to deliver extra advice and preparation techniques for their specific subject. Please see the current Term 2 timetable for these sessions following this article.

Additional to the Study Sessions, Wednesday afternoon, from 1.10-3.10pm, is designated as a 'Wednesday Workspace' in the Library. This is another time when our senior students can use the Library in a settled environment with very little interruption. Senior students who have made use of the Library at this time have commented that they find this effective because they feel that being at school puts them in a 'headspace' to get work done. Mrs Hill and our Teacher Librarian, Ms Smith, are available during the 'Wednesday Workspace' to offer support and assistance.

We encourage all senior students to make use of the support structures offered at Macksville High School and hope that we can provide the best support to help our students achieve their goals and gain the success they deserve.



## SENIOR STUDY SUPPORT CONTINUED

### Senior Study Support Term 2 2017

week	time	Prelim (yr11)	HSC (yr12)
1	p 1/2		
	p 3/4		
2	p 1/2	English Creative Writing- A Hill	Business Studies- M Wemer
	p 3/4	Maths General- A James	
3	p 1/2	<b>Prelim half yearly exams</b>	
	p 3/4		
4	p 1/2	<b>Athletics Carnival</b>	
	p 3/4		
5	p 1/2	PI- T Argent	PI- T Argent
	p 3/4	IT Wood- R Ally	
6	p 1/2	<b>Work placement week 1</b>	Biology- L Smith
	p 3/4		Visual Arts- K Hardingham
7	p 1/2	<b>Work placement week 2</b>	English Standard- A Hill
	p 3/4		Chemistry- T Jones
8	p 1/2		Engineering- G Hill
	p 3/4	Engineering – G Hill	
9	p 1/2		
	p 3/4		
10	p 1/2		
	p 3/4		

**Attention Year 12 Parents/Carers - Save the date!**

**The 2017 Year 12 Formal will be held at Macksville Ex-Services Club on Thursday 16 November.**

**More details will be provided closer to the time of this special event.**

## MINI MUDDIES



On Friday 19 of May, two Macksville High School teams travelled down to Bago Vineyards (Wauchope), to compete in the Mini Muddies obstacle race. The race included 50 challenging assault obstacles, over 8 kilometres of tough and spectacular terrain. As there had been a number of light rain showers before the event, the course was particularly muddy. The students had a great day developing team spirit and collaboration whilst using tactics and strategy to complete the course.

**Aaron Parker, Sport Organiser**



## LOWER NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 19 May, 28 Macksville High School students went down to Kempsey Racecourse to compete in the Lower North Coast Cross Country race. I am very proud and congratulate all students on their fantastic effort and excellent behaviour whilst representing MHS. I would also like to thank Mrs Helen Black as team manager, and Mr Ian Smith and Mr Paul Evans for their efforts and help on the day.

Six students qualified on the day to compete in the North Coast Cross Country race in Murwillumbah on Friday 9 June. Three Macksville High School students were also age champions on the day which is a very high achievement. These students were Tallin Rolff, Astrid Smith and Christopher Power. Good luck to all of you!

As always, we would like to acknowledge and extend our gratitude to the parents that drove and accompanied students for the day.

**Aaron Parker, Sport Organiser**

### MHS NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY QUALIFIERS

AGE GROUP	STUDENT NAME	POSITION
14	Tallin Rolff	1 <sup>st</sup>
14	Jake Jones	6 <sup>th</sup>
14	Tamsyn Spear	6 <sup>th</sup>
15	Zach Martin	4 <sup>th</sup>
15	Astrid Smith	1 <sup>st</sup>
18	Chris Power	1 <sup>st</sup>

# COUNTRY CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

## Country Cup Rugby League U13 & U15 at Kempsey Tuesday 16 May

Macksville High School sent both a U13 and U15 boy's teams to play in the first round of the Country Cup Rugby League Competition. Both teams were missing some players however they were prepared to play their hearts out.

In the U13 Boys, Macksville High played St Pauls Kempsey in their first game and then played Melville High in the last game. Macksville High was very dominant in their game against St Pauls winning 32 points to 4. Leading the way was Blake Spear, Wyatt Rouse and Wesley Brown.

In their final game they had to win as Melville High had also beaten St Pauls. In what was a classic encounter the scores were locked at 6 all at halftime. The message at halftime was simple; complete the sets with no errors and get the ball to the edge of the ruck and the tries will come. Macksville High did this and scored two tries in the final minutes of the game to win 18 points to 6. Noah Thompson was very impressive playing centre while Joe Young made big metres in the middle of the field.

The U15's were unlucky to play Kempsey High in their opening game. Kempsey High were a well drilled team and starved Macksville High of the ball for the majority of the match. The boys had to tackle too much and could not hold out Kempsey, losing 38 points to 6.

Their second game was against St Pauls and they finally got some ball. Macksville High used this to win 22 points to 14. Alex Howard and Toby Kinnear were leading the way for the forwards while Zach Martin scored two very good tries.

The final game for the U15's was against Melville High. Macksville High finally starting to enjoy their footy and everything started to fall into place with some great skill and team work. Macksville High in the end ran out winners 28 points to 6. Brody Harris and Blake Sampson played well as did Caleb Wassens. Unfortunately Jai Vincent got injured towards the end of the game, with a suspected broken arm. We wish him well in his recovery.

The Under 13 Boys were crowned the winners and now go onto the next round of the Country Cup to be played at Port Macquarie on the 14 June. The U15's were runners up and have missed out this year going to the next round.

Well done to all players involved and it was a credit to all the boys on their behaviour before, during and after the games.



## CHS RUGBY LEAGUE

Macksville High School hosted Melville High School last week in the Buckley and University Rugby League shield competitions.

In the Buckley Shield, players have to be 14 years and under for 2017. Macksville High started the game well after warming up doing every little thing right. Caleb Wassens was first to score one of his four tries in the game. Caleb was outstanding playing at five eighth, making many metres just off the edge of the play. Elijah Cooper and Riley Mylrea were also very good, playing hard throughout the game by making bone crushing tackles and huge runs through the middle. Jacob Moore also needs mention, playing at fullback, for his heroics stopping Melville High scoring many times.

Melville High School, to their credit, kept finding a way back into the game. However, the class of Macksville prevailed and they ran out winners 24 points to 16.

The **Open Boys** game namely the University Shield was a very close game. The scores were locked at halftime zero all. Macksville High had the measure of Melville High but could not complete their sets. They made silly errors like dropping the ball when trying to force a pass and a few play the ball infringements. These basic errors kept Melville High in the game.

The second half begin well for Melville High as they scored after three minutes from the break. They kicked the conversion and then Macksville had to chase down the six points. Several unsavoury incidents from a few Melville High players ensured the game was very physical. At one point tempers nearly flared, however the referee soon sent the culprits to the sin bin.

Macksville High scored with six minutes remaining through a try to Blake Brunsdon. Mitch Morrison – Kings kicked the goal and the scores were locked at 6 points all. This remained the final score and for the first time in both coaches experience, they had to go to Golden Point. The Golden Point rule is simple: first team to score a point wins the game.

Melville High had the first chance at a field goal, however it missed. Macksville seized the opportunity and marched down the other end of the field. Mitch Morrison – Kings kicked the match winning field goal. Macksville High wins the University Shield round two game 7 points to 6. It was quite ironic as the Macksville High team had trained a few days earlier and part of the attacking set was setting up for a Mitch Morrison – Kings field goal.

Ethan Ross, Ryan Atkins and Toby Jeffry all impressed with Oliver Ellsem the stand out with some outstanding return the ball runs at fullback.

Both the Macksville High School teams now go to on to play Wauchope High School.

# SALVO RED SHIELD APPEAL – STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



## DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDY VISIT

On Friday 19 May, Distance Education Teacher Natalie Rule visited Macksville High School to conduct a half-day intensive study session with HSC Italian Students Max Cleversley, Georgia Hanger and Gemma Raveane. The focus of the afternoon was preparation for their HSC Oral Examination in August. "It was a great experience to understand what is required in the HSC as well as to meet our teacher in person. Hopefully we will be able to participate in another day before our HSC Exam." Max said.

Maddison Robertson who has recently commenced study of Preliminary Italian also had the opportunity to meet her teacher. We are most appreciative that Camden Haven Distance Education Centre has made this valuable learning experience available for our students.

Julie Smith

Distance Education Supervisor.



## COFFS COAST CAREER CONNECTIONS

A busload of year 10 students attended the Careers Expo held in Coffs Harbour on 25 May. It was a bustling atmosphere with information overload and engaging hands on activities. Students could choose to participate in health service workshops and professional service workshops to speak with people actually working in the industries. They could 'try a trade' and compete in various competitions from guess the number of lollies in a jar to who can change a tyre the quickest. They could tour an ambulance vehicle and a Lindsay logistics truck. They could talk to institutions such as universities, TAFE and other course providers as well as the defence force.

Ultimately, each student came away with valuable information contributing to their career direction, a timely event as we head into subject selection.

Thank you to the year 10 students who attended the careers expo, we had a wonderful time together and you made MHS proud.



# INFORMATION

## School Attendance

Do you have trouble getting your child to school? Won't get out of bed, can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag. Do they dawdle over breakfast, watch tele till late, chat with friends into the small hours? Here are some suggestions;

Have set times for bed, homework, limit online/phone access and monitor. Be firm with your student, missed time at school is missed learning and missed opportunities. Don't treat birthdays as a holiday, shopping trips are best carried out at weekends and encourage kids to attend school even if there is a test on today. A doctor will see your child out of school hours so if at all possible make appointments after 3.15pm.

School attendance is compulsory for children aged between 6 and 17. Until a student turns 17 they must be enrolled and attending a school regularly. Schools are legally required to maintain accurate records of school attendance and absences need to be explained by parents and carers. Notification can be by note, email or phone (SMS) and the absence will be recorded as a justified absence.

Family holidays should be taken during school holidays, however, if this cannot be organised you must seek approved leave by the Principal. The application form can be collected from the front office. If approved, and a leave certificate will be issued which you must keep with you, and work should be requested for the time away.

In cases where attendance is very low then intervention by a Home School Liaison officer may be required. Plans can be developed to assist students to improve their attendance and with the school's help a normal pattern of regular school attendance should be restored. If it isn't then further action may be needed, the worst case being legal action and prosecution of parent/carer.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS...

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

**Give your child every chance to succeed...**

**Every day counts!**



## COMING UP

<u><i>JUNE 2017</i></u>		
14		Buchan Shield Rugby Union, Crescent head <b>POSTPONED TBA</b>
15		Yr 8 Uni-Bound, MHS Hall
19		Yr 7/8 Brainstorm Production
20		Years 10 into 11 Parent Information Evening
21		Yr 12 CSU Visit, Port Macquarie
22		Love Bites Program Yr 10
23		Zone Athletics Carnival <b>POSTPONED FROM 16 JUNE</b>
27		MHS Presentation Assembly
27		P&C Meeting 5.30pm, MHS TAS Room T12
28		U13 Country Cup Rugby League, Port Macquarie <b>POSTPONED FROM 14 JUNE</b>
29		Newcastle Uni Visit
29		Love Bites Program Yr 10
29		Nambucca Valley Youth Forum Meeting
30		Last Day of Term 2
<u><i>JULY / AUGUST 2017</i></u>		
18		First Day of Term 3
19		Yr 10 into Yr 11 Guidance Interviews
26 JUL		Yr 10 into Yr 11 Guidance Interviews
31 JUL – 4 AUG		VET Work Placement
15		Yr 8 into Yr 9 Parent Information Evening 5.30pm
14 – 25		Yr 12 HSC Trial Exams
23 – 24		Yr 10 Subject Selection Interviews
29		Parent Teacher Evening

## PARENT INFORMATION

### 2017 P&C Meeting Dates

Term 2  
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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

*Retaw Boyce*                      *Heather Rose*  
*Violin*                                      *Piano*

# Sunday Recital



**2pm, 18th June, 2017**  
*Doors open 1:30pm*  
**Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi and more...**

**Nambucca Community & Arts Centre**  
19 Ridge St, Nambucca Heads

Pre-sales from Hello World Travel - 6568 6455      **Tickets \$30**  
or order online @ [tinyurl.com/sundayrecitalnam](http://tinyurl.com/sundayrecitalnam)      **Concession \$20**

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PRESENTS

# WHO WILL BE THE 2017 "CRESO" KARAOKE STAR



**1st Prize. \$1,000 Cash**

**Must be 13 years or over to enter**  
**Ph: 65 660268 for more Information!**

**2 Heats - 7.30pm**  
**8th & 15th July**  
**Grandfinal - 22nd July**

**Grand Final Prizes!**  
**1st - \$1,000**  
**2nd - \$500**  
**3rd - \$300**  
**Plus Heat Prizes!**