

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 ISSUE 1 – 2017

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC Week was celebrated in grand style at Macksville High School.

The celebrations were kicked off with a formal assembly which saw School Captain Callum Caesar lead the assembly.



Our Languages Matter

2-9 JULY 2017

Calijah Craig delivered a welcome to Country in Gumbaynggirr Language. Callum then spoke about the NAIDOC theme for this year which was 'Our Language Matters'

Uncle Micheal Jarrett told us why his Gumbaynggirr Language means so much to him and the Gumbaynggirr Community.

The assembly wrapped up with an unbelievable didgeridoo performance by Uncle Steve Donovan titled 'The Beginning of Earth'.

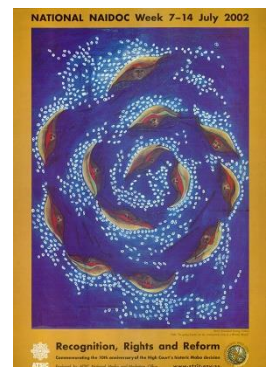
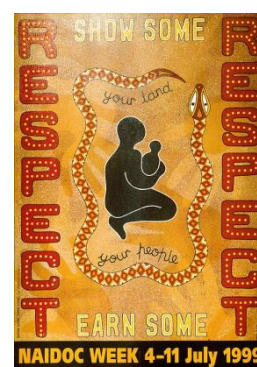
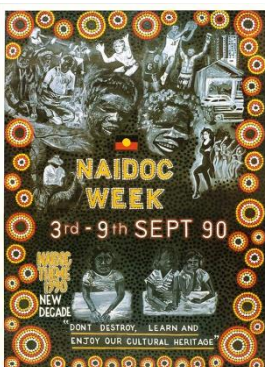
Afterwards parents and guest where invited to morning tea and treated to some incredible Bush Tucker supplied by our Learning Support team.

On Thursday, Indigenous students from years 9 and 10 made the trip to Southern Cross University to attend AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentor Experience). AIME is Australia's most successful mentoring program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students. AIME provides a structured educational program for Indigenous students to access throughout their high school experience. Students completing the program are proven to finish school and transition to university, training and employment at the same rate as every Australian child - effectively closing the gap in educational outcomes.

To wrap up the week's events senior students, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, came together visiting some significant Gumbaynggirr sites in the Nambucca Valley which included Bowraville race course, Stuart Island Nambucca Heads, and Scotts Head. At each location students and peers shared knowledge and creation stories of local land marks.

I would like to thank all staff that assisted in making the week successful.

Paul Evans



2017 VALLA INDIGENOUS STUDY & CAREERS CAMP

At the end of Term 2, a three day camp was organised at Valla Beach Resort for Indigenous students from Year 10 to 12, who attend local high schools. It gave the students valuable information about study skills and how to avoid becoming a victim of “stress”. They were asked to review their daily activities to see if they were applying enough time to their education, health and well-being.

Guests spoke about their careers and students were encouraged to ask questions in relation to the pathways they could follow should they want to become a personal trainer, a lawyer, a beautician, a teacher or a professional football player.

I was invited to attend the camp as a supervisor from Macksville High, along with Paul Evans. We were both most impressed with the enthusiasm and conduct of all students who attended.

A workshop conducted by Deb Munson of “Ochremagic”, explored the application and use of facemasks, oils, lip balms, toners, ochre powders and other Indigenous Bush Beauty Products. It was very popular with both males and females.

Postcards with positive messages were distributed to the students and a meditation and relaxation session was conducted, to focus on their health and well-being.

Some of the boys enhanced their didgeridoo skills in an intensive workshop session, whilst others tried a few hula hoop exercises. In the evening they were witness to a hula hoop show that included the use of fire. Jesse, a teacher from Bellingen High, put on a great performance with her friend from Coffs Harbour.

The students explored the sand dunes and beach area together and Uncle Michael told us a Dreamtime story about the way the landforms were created in the area, by Michael. He chose volunteers to act out the story on the beach, before the rain began to fall. It was wonderful to see the students let go of their inhibitions and participate in the unfolding drama.

In the evening students participated in many activities including yoga, as a means of releasing any stress they may have, a movie which explored the negative impact alcohol has had on some indigenous communities. It explored the conflict faced by those following traditional ways in the outback areas when they try to assimilate with those living in a town, where rules and expectations are so very different to their traditional ways.

Chatesha Craig, who completed Year 12 at MHS last year, was assisting in the catering sector so that nobody went hungry. She acted as a mentor to the students too, encouraging them to realise the importance of gaining a sound education. Chatesha participated in a school based traineeship with the Health Department, whilst still at school, learning many practical skills whilst working in different sectors of a hospital.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to learn more about the Indigenous culture and to assist in enhancing the opportunities for our Indigenous students.

Liz O’Sullivan



2017 VALLA INDIGENOUS STUDY & CAREERS CAMP

- Photographs -



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome back everyone for a very busy Term 3.

The NSW Department of Education is currently rolling out the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) across the state, which will, in particular, involve significant changes to current financial operating systems and practices. Our office administration staff are currently undertaking intensive training as we prepare to 'go live' with the new system on September 4. In order for the transition to the new system to take place, there will be a blackout period for **all** financial transactions from August 29 to September 5. If it is necessary to make a payment, please do so before this time. Your patience during this period of change is very much appreciated.

Our Staff Development Day at the beginning of the term, as part of the School Wellbeing Strategic Direction, was focused on core values and positive behaviours. The discussions also encompassed our processes for developing the 2018 - 2020 School Plan. As a result, some focus areas for behaviour were developed, which have been discussed with students at assemblies.

For term 3 the areas are:

- Lining up outside classrooms, awaiting an invitation to enter by teachers
- Mobile phones are off and away during lesson time
- Use of appropriate school language – in particular no swearing

The staff appreciates your support in making the learning environment at Macksville High School a more positive place for great learning to occur. Further information regarding our work on core values will be available in future newsletters.

The NAIDOC week theme for 2017 was *Our Language Matters*. During week 2 this term we celebrated NAIDOC starting with an assembly where Calijah Craig welcomed us to country in Gumbaynggirr language, and the Anthem was also sung in Gumbaynggirr. I would like to thank especially Uncle Michael Jarrett for his keynote speech and to Uncle Steve Donovan for his captivating didgeridoo performance. Our students were also involved in a bush tucker lunch with Macksville Public and a Connecting to Country day. Thank you to Mr Paul Evans for his organisation of the week's activities.

Mickayla Ennis is to be congratulated for completing the Head Start program with Southern Cross University. A ceremony to recognise the achievements of the cohort was held last Tuesday night and attended by Mrs Laura Peisley our careers Advisor, myself and Mickayla's family. Mickayla has completed one unit of a university course in Biology, as well as studying full time here at school. The program provides an opportunity for students to gain advanced standing and direct entry into a variety of university courses at Southern Cross University, as well as giving a taste of university life. Mickayla made a wonderful speech at the Completion Ceremony saying how much she enjoyed the program.

Year 12 are about to start their Trial HSC exams and the school community wishes them all the very best. I am sure the hard work they have been doing will be rewarded.

Erica Lyne
Principal



STEM – WHAT IS IT?

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. At Macksville High we are developing a new approach to the delivery of these subjects. In 2018 we plan to deliver NESA content to Year 9 via an integrated 'project based' learning environment.

Why STEM?

Research has shown that students develop a better understanding and perform at a higher level in all STEM subjects when they are linked and connections to the 'real world' are made. It is also widely predicted that the major growth area for job opportunities will be STEM based. A quick search on the internet will reveal academic readings and infographics showing these findings.

What is MHS doing in 2018?

During the upcoming Elective selection process for 2017 into 2018, Year 8 will have the opportunity to elect to join a dedicated 'STEM' class. This class will combine Science, Maths and two Elective subjects (Engineering and Information Systems & Technology) into one block of class time. During this time we will deliver STEM using a 'project based' model. The four individual subjects will be delivered to the students as one integrated subject where connections and synergies are developed. Students will follow a normal pattern of study for all other subjects.

The students electing the STEM pathway will study together for STEM. As part of electing STEM students will have two elective classes chosen automatically but will still have free choice to choose the third elective they would like to study in 2018.

Initially the STEM class will be capped at a maximum of 25 students and will be open to any student wishing to study in this way. Should the class prove to be exceedingly popular, prospective students will be interviewed to determine placement in the class.

It is anticipated that the STEM pathway will have a course fee of approximately \$120 and like all fees for Electives, parents and carers are invited to apply for Student Assistance if this creates financial difficulties.

We would encourage all parents or students with an interest in STEM to speak with Mr Joyce, Mr Hill, Miss V. Cooper, Mr L. Smith, Mrs Hughes, Mr Driver or Mrs Lyne if further clarification is required.

Our teachers are very excited about the opportunity to deliver STEM to our students using this innovative model. The University of Sydney is interested in our approach and will be providing mentoring support for our school. More information about this option for students will be provided at the information evening for Electives on Tuesday, 15th August at 5:30pm in the School Library.

See flyer towards the end of this Newsletter.



MATHEMATICS FACULTY

The Year 12 Trial HSC Exams are fast approaching. It is not too late to put into place a regular revision regime. Past papers are a great place to start and give students an indication of the style of questions they can expect to see in the Trials and in the HSC.

There are numerous online resources available to assist students with their preparations. They include HSC-style questions and provide notes regarding marking guidelines for past HSC exams. In addition to past papers published on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website, you can also check out;

- www.pasthsc.com.au
- www.hscninja.com

Mathematics tutoring will also be available on Tuesdays in weeks four and five. This will take place in C1 from 3:15pm until 4:30pm with Mr Urquhart. Please come and see the Mathematics staff if there are any concerns or questions leading into the Trial HSC Exams.

Happy studying!!!

Mr Urquhart
Head Teacher Mathematics



SCHOOL FEE INVOICES



Outstanding subject fee invoices were posted out last Friday.

Payments can be made in person at the front office by cash, cheque or Eftpos/Credit Card or via our website 'Make a Payment'.

Students may pay fees at the School Office before rollcall, at recess or lunchtime.
Parents may pay fees during office hours.

Please remember payments will need to be made before 29 August or after 5 September due to the blackout period for the transition of the new Finance System (LMBR).

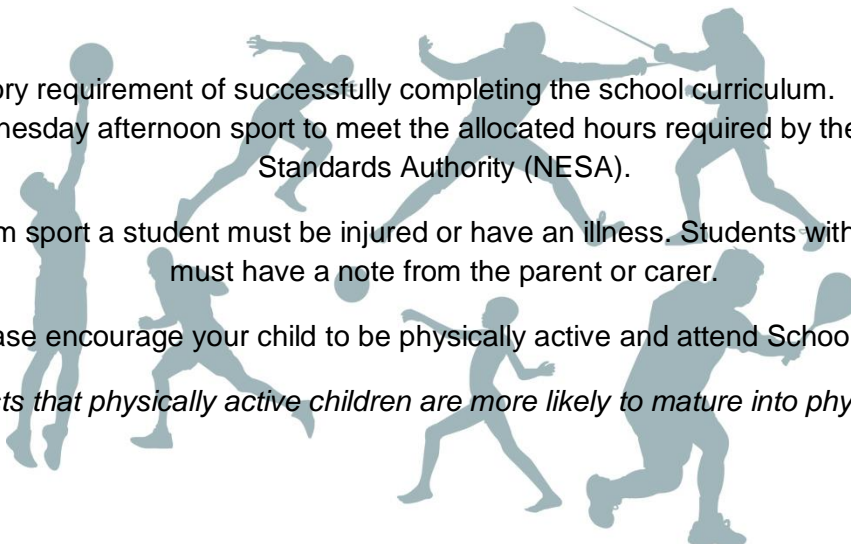
WEDNESDAY SPORT REQUIREMENTS

Sport is a compulsory requirement of successfully completing the school curriculum. Students are required to attend Wednesday afternoon sport to meet the allocated hours required by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

To be excused from sport a student must be injured or have an illness. Students with a pre-existing illness must have a note from the parent or carer.

Please encourage your child to be physically active and attend School Sport.

Evidence suggests that physically active children are more likely to mature into physically active adults.



CAREERS CORNER

Year 10

Please book subject selection interviews at <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> using the code **jcezq** OR contact the front office to secure a booking.

Year 12

SRS & Early Entry 2017

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers to current Australian Year 12 students **who have applied for undergraduate admission through UAC.** **Applications for SRS are a separate application to UAC and are completed online via the UAC website.**

Further information regarding SRS is located on page 34 of the UAC Guide.

Or go to <http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/>

SRS offers are made in November and December, before ATARs are released. They may be conditional or unconditional.

At this time 12 institutions will be participating in SRS in 2017.

Australian Catholic University
Australian National University
Charles Sturt University
Macquarie University
National Art School
International College of Management Sydney
SAE Creative Media Institute
University of Canberra
University of Newcastle
University of New England
University of Technology Sydney
Western Sydney University



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NB: QTAC does not offer Early Entry to students in our region of NSW.

All above institutions can be applied through the School Recommendation Scheme on the UAC website by **29 September**.

The following institutions have varied early entry processes - visit their websites:

- Uni of Wollongong – deadline **August 25** – must also apply through UAC
- Uni of Sydney E12 scheme – deadline **September 1** – must also apply through UAC
- Southern Cross Uni – deadline **September 8** – apply direct (UAC not needed)
- Uni of New England – deadline **September 29** – apply direct (UAC not needed)

Educational Access Scheme (EAS): Look up EAS on the UAC site to check your eligibility to apply or see Mrs Peisley in careers office if you have experienced any hardships over year 11 and/or 12. Documentation will be required upon application.

A further information session is scheduled for week 4, Tuesday lunch time in the prac firm.

Equity Scholarships (ES): Also check your eligibility to apply for equity scholarships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 8 August, 5:30pm, MHS library- Applying for Uni; Parent Info Session.

Tuesday 29 August, 11:20am, MHS library- ETC workshops for year 10, 11 and 12 students wishing to seek full time employment.

CAREERS CORNER – RECENT EVENTS

Aboriginal Health Careers Expo - Tuesday 25 July



Post school options expo - Wednesday 26 July



NETBALL

On Thursday 25 July, Macksville High School competed in the regional NSW Netball knockout in Port Macquarie. Our school entered both a boys and girls year 7/8 team to compete against public and private schools.

The girls team progressed through to the knockout after making it through round one undefeated. They played four games against an assortment of Year 7/8 netball teams and were undefeated for the day. The final series saw the girls again being very successful and winning their matches to make the semi-finals. In this game, they played Mackillop College and were convincing winners which placed the team into the North Coast Grand Final. After a tough, skilful match the team unfortunately lost by three goals. It was a fabulous day of netball and all players were outstanding. Congratulations girls!

The boys team made it to the semi-final, which went into overtime; due to a tied game. The overtime game went for two, four minute halves; ending in a one point loss. The boys then played for 3rd or 4th position, which ended in a tie for 3rd. This group of boys did exceptionally well considering they had never played a proper game of Netball.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Bree Ferguson and Elouise Ennis who volunteered their time to umpire on the day, and extend our gratitude to Amanda Spear, Vicky Wassens and Shelly Trisley for helping transport the teams to Port Macquarie.

Helen Black

Aaron Parker



Back Row: Elouise Ennis, Gemma Summerville, Arrin Stirrat-black, Lily Bartlett, Abby Baxter, Wulaaran Walker, Jacob Moore, Elijah Cooper, Luke Fitzgerald, Calleb Wassens, Blake Spear & Bree Ferguson.

Front Row: Brin Trisley, Tamsyn Spear, Lillah Hoffman, Kira Goodwin, Elliot Joyce, Brandon Willer, Max Thompson, Wesley Brown & Jai Wassens.

RUGBY UNION SEVENS TEAM

Macksville High Swampies Under 16s boys Rugby Union Sevens team finish 4th in the State.

Monday 26 June saw the Swampies 16s boys 7s team travel to Sydney to compete in the State finals. In a strange echo of the Crescent Head 7s win the boys lost their first game in the MNC qualifying round but went on to claim the local crown, thus qualifying for the State Finals. Tuesday 27 June saw the boys up early at the Glebe PCYC and ready for the trip to the Kings School in Parramatta.

The State Finals saw the top 12 schools in the State, public and private, in boys and girls Under 16s and Open divisions. Macksville played Nowra Anglican College in the first pool game triumphing 19-12 with Blake Brunsdon scoring twice. All the boys played well and gained confidence that they could compete at such a high level. The next game was against old foes Farrar Agricultural School from Tamworth. After a pre-game chat from the coach about the importance of scoring first the boys made a mistake from the kick off with Farrar scoring inside 30 seconds. They scored again to go up 10 nil but from then on it was all Macksville with the boys playing scintillating Rugby to win 35-10. Although everyone played well Ulysses "game plan" Roberts was exceptional as was debutant Logan "game plan 2" Jones.

Our third game was against overall Carnival victors and State title holders Westfield Sports High. Coming off a draw with Nowra, the Westfields team which included 3 NSW reps came out on fire to go to a 22 - nil lead at half time playing exceptional Rugby. The Swampies came back to win the second half but the damage had been done. Final score 27-10. Realising they had to beat St Johns College Woodlawn from Lismore to progress to the semis, the boys put the win behind them to refocus and prepare for the last pool game. Many thanks to Nat Ballard for going to the shops and getting BBQ chooks and bread rolls for lunch.

The boys started strongly against Woodlawn scoring first for the first time all day. In a cohesive and thoroughly entertaining effort the Swampies went on to beat St Johns 26 - nil and move into the 3rd vs 4th playoff. The final was between Westfield and The Hills Sports High School with Westfields taking the honours. 3rd vs 4th saw the Swampies against Hunter Sports High School. Possibly content with gaining a place on the Wall of Fame (for making a State Semi or above, therefore top 4 in the State) the boys started off with their worst performance of the day. Hunter were ruthless and skilled and went out to a 14 nil lead. Macksville rallied in the second half to score three tries but went down 21-17.

All in all it was a brilliant performance from a great bunch of kids who displayed team work, spirit and pride in their school and community. Thanks to Bill Kennedy and the Nambucca Valley Goori Elders for lending us their bus and a massive shout out to Bowraville Goannas President Dan Franks for driving the bus, mentoring and assistant coaching duties. Thanks also to Jenny Farrands at 3rd Space Mob Bellingen for their generous donation and to Macksville High Principal Erica Lyne for approving and organising subsidies for the trip. Thanks also to all the staff who continue taking voluntary extra periods to cover for colleagues away on excursions. Without their help, this trip would not have been possible.

Congratulations lads, proud of you all. Mick Baines



COMING UP

<i><u>AUGUST 2017</u></i>		
10		Winter Warriors, Gunnedah
14-25		Yr 12 HSC Trial Exams
15		Yr 8 into Yr 9 Parent Information Evening 5.30pm
16 – 17		Yr 10 Subject Selection Interviews (Book School Interviews Online)
17		AIME Program Yr 9/10 - CHEC
22-24		AgQuip Excursion, Gunnedah
23		SCU Uni-bound Yr 9, Coffs Harbour
23 – 24		Yr 10 Subject Selection Interviews (Book School Interviews Online)
25 - 27		ADFA Open Day, Newcastle & Canberra
29		Parent Teacher Evening
<i><u>SEPTEMBER 2017</u></i>		
5		AIME Program Yr 9/10 – CHEC
7 - 19		Yr 11 Yearly Exams
21		Yr 12 Graduation Assembly

INFORMATION

2017 P&C MEETING DATES

Term 3

22 August

Term 4

19 September

24 October

28 November

12 December – Christmas 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

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS



Macksville High School

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STEM

YEAR 9 2018 @

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STEM 2018

- * PROJECT BASED LEARNING FOR YEAR 9
- * INTEGRATED DELIVERY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AND MATHS
- * DEDICATED STEM CLASS WITH EXPERT TEACHERS
- * NORMAL CLASSES FOR OTHER SUBJECTS
- * TOPICS: BIONICS, PROPULSION, TOYS & GAMES, WORLD ISSUES

14-18 AUGUST: CHOOSE 'STEM' AS AN ELECTIVE + ONE OTHER ELECTIVE

Vive la France!

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL



SWIFF

SATELLITE
CINEMA

23 AUG - 27 AUG 2017

JETTY MEMORIAL THEATRE

TICKETS & FILM PROGRAM

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Vive La France!

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INVITATION - 2017 VIVE LA FRANCE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

We are delighted to invite you to Screenwave's second annual 'Vive la France! French Film Festival.'

After the huge success of last year's festival, we have extended the program with 15 compelling and diverse films from **August 23rd - August 27th** - across 5 days at the historic Jetty Memorial Theatre.

We would love to have your group's next social meet-up at this celebration of eclectic French film and culture. All tickets can be purchased through the Jetty Theatre on 6648 4930 or online at vivefrance.swiff.com.au

The festival will open on a light, comedic note, with the critically-acclaimed *Lost in Paris* - a romp through the French capital in a quirky, slapstick comedy style reminiscent of Charlie Chaplin and Jacques Tati. The night, at the Jetty Memorial Theatre, will feature a special introduction by the film's directors and main cast members Fiona Gordon and Dominique Abel, as well as champagne on arrival and hors d'oeuvres by local French Chef, Loic.

Among the program's other highlights is *Valley of Love*, starring French cinema veterans Isabelle Huppert and Gérard Depardieu, on screen together for the first time in more than 30 years, *Planetarium* starring Natalie Portman and Lily-Rose Depp, and the Oscar-nominated stop-motion family animation *My Life as a Zucchini* - a witty, unconventional story about an orphan boy which will strike a chord with children and adults alike.

There will also be a wine tasting, French Follies, and a free morning event run by local community group U3A where film fans can swap stories and learn about French culture.

The Full Program, tickets and festival passes are now on sale online at vivefrance.swiff.com.au and at the Jetty Theatre Box Office (Tues - Fri 12pm-4pm T: 6648 4930).

Last year's opening night sold out, so fans and groups are advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to seeing you at the festival!

A bientôt!



Kate Howat
Screenwave | Artistic Director