



# Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 10 - 2019

## SLIKK Camp

Macksville High School students took part in a SLIKK (Student Leadership is for Koori Kids) camp week. We attended camp for three days at Valla Beach with a variety of other local schools.

The SLIKK camp provides the opportunity for Indigenous students to extend their knowledge and understanding of their own culture and enable them a chance to connect to country. During the camp students learnt Gumbaynggirr ancestral songs in Gumbaynggirr language. We participated in a variety of creative activities. Female students made their own wooden clapsticks and burnt designs into them while the boys learnt Gumbaynggirr songs on the didgeridoo. Students also made jewellery and learnt how to weave baskets.

All students practiced Gumbaynggirr language and learnt specific stories of their Gumbaynggirr ancestors. They then developed these important cultural stories into dance. The students will continue to practice these dances in order to perform them in Sydney where they will participate in further workshops at the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Students also took part in workshops from Ignite Minds facilitated by Kayne Tremills from the ABC series Bushwhacked! This provided the opportunity for group bonding and collaboration between students and schools. Students worked together to paint a SLIKK banner.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the camp, Charlize Blair, Kimberley Blair, Rhea Blair, Zenobia Hicklin, Tiajuana Rosser, Ashanti Biggs and Tahlia Pritchard, all of these girls were a credit to Macksville High School and represented our school with pride.

We would also like to offer a big thank you to Jenni Farrands for organising such a great camp.

**Ms K Hardingham and Mr P Evans**



# Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

Thank you to everyone who came to visit our school to see the amazing work of our students and staff at our School Expo. It is such a pleasure to be able to showcase the many talents that our wonderful students possess.

Congratulations to Annalise Robertson who was the Regional Lions Youth of the Year and Public Speaking winner at Sawtell on 16 March. Two short weeks later Annalise went on to compete in the District final with contestants from a large part of northern NSW. It was a close contest and unfortunately Annalise did not progress to the next round, but certainly was an excellent representative of Macksville Lions Club and Macksville High School. I would like to thank the Lions Club for their continuing support for our School.



I would like to thank the many Parents and Carers who attended our recent Parent Teacher afternoon. It is always a great opportunity to make connections with your child's teachers and discuss how to assist them in all aspects of their schooling.

The P&C meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at school. Our next meeting is April 30 and everyone is welcome. The Annual General Meeting of the P&C was held last week, and I am pleased to announce the new office bearers. I would like to welcome:

President: David Hall

Vice President: Karen Bodcote

Secretary: Lynette Howle

Treasurer: position held over

Schools Infrastructure have notified us that we have been successful in receiving new security fencing for our school funded by the Department of Education which will support the safety and security of our students and staff. Construction will be completed by the end of next term. Macksville Public School has also been successful in this funding and will also receive a security fence.

Thank you to our staff and students who continue to make Macksville High School an outstanding learning environment and to the many parents who continually support our school. I am going on extended leave next term and Linda McGregor will be Relieving Principal, Kelli Dykes Relieving Deputy Principal and Luke Smith Relieving Head Teacher Teaching and Learning. I wish everyone a safe Autumn break.

**Mrs Erica Lyne  
Principal**



**"Happiness Day 15 March in recognition of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence."**



# Congratulations

*"To have four players from one school playing at representative level just shows the depth of talent coming from MHS."*  
*Lynette Howle*



L-R Jordan Moore, Logan Jones,  
Ulysses Roberts and Blake Howle



# WHAT'S ON AT MHS

## Important Dates and Information

11 April	Applying for University Year 12 12.50pm (lunch time). Get help with the application process. Spaces still available, see Mrs Peisley
8-12 April	Year 10 Work Experience
12 April	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR STUDENTS &amp; STAFF</b>
30 April	<b>STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2</b> ANZAC Assembly, stadium
1 May	MHS Cross Country Colour Run (Note has been distributed to students)
2 May	Year 11 Elevate Program
6 May	MHS Athletics Carnival, Scotts Head
7-9 May	Year 11 Dive, Tues Pool, Wed/Thurs South West Rocks
7 May	Year 7 2020 Transition Day (St Patricks, Medlow, Stuarts Point & Eungai PS)
9 May	Year 7 2020 Transition Day (Macksville and Scotts Head PS)
10 May	UNE Open Day - Year 12
13 May	Year 10 Immunisations & Year 7/8 catch ups
14-17 May	NAPLAN (Year 7 and 9)

*Further calendar dates will follow in Term 2  
Note: dates are subject to change*

## MHS P&C Meeting Dates

**TERM 2**  
**Tuesday 30 April**

Meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm - See you there!

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<https://www.facebook.com/MacksvilleHS/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Macksville-High-School-Careers>



## S All Things English

### Film stars for a day!

On Wednesday 27 February, four Year 7 Macksville High School students – Liam Azzopardi, Dimity O'Connor, Jalaara Walker and Grace Hill – re-lived some of their Scotts Head Public school days with a visit from their Year 6 teacher, Mrs Lyndsey Caldecott.

While the students enjoyed the reunion, they were also willing interviewees for Mrs Amanda Banks, the NSW Department of Education's English Advisor K-6, and her film crew.

Mrs Banks was interested to see if these students had benefited from a project initiated by Mrs Caldecott to use the English Textual Concepts as a way to support students with their transition to Macksville High School by creating a common understanding of the knowledge and skills required in English.

In the interview, our students were asked the following questions:

1. When you were at Scotts Head Public School, what did you like about your English lessons with Ms Caldecott?
2. What concept do you enjoy learning about, which one is really interesting to you?
3. Do you think your primary experiences with the English Textual Concepts have helped now you're in Year 7?
4. Was there a concept you learned about that you think has helped in other aspects of your learning (e.g. History)?

Mrs Banks was extremely impressed by our students and praised the success of the project as a whole. The benefits of the collaboration between Macksville High School and Scotts Head Public School have been invaluable as a way to strengthen

learning outcomes for our students.

The film created on Wednesday will be used as a resource for professional learning for NSW teachers.



### Term 1 in English

Our English classes have made a great start to the year, with our junior classes focusing on their skill development through a variety of reading and writing tasks and a close study of a novel. Our range of novels include:



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**Year 7:** 'Skulduggery Pleasant' by Derek Landy, 'Onion Tears' by Diana Kidd, 'The Burnt Stick' by Anthony Hill, 'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen and 'Bridge to Terabithia' by Katherine Paterson.



Yr 9

**Year 8:** 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne, 'Crow Country' by Kate Constable, 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz and 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan.



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**Year 9:** 'The Dogs of Winter' by Bobbie Pyron, 'Tomorrow when the War Began' by John Marsden, 'Sold' by Patricia McCormick and 'We Come Apart' by Sarah Crossan and Brian Conaghan.



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**Year 10:** 'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper Lee, 'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding, 'Raw' by Scott Monk and 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck.



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We also encouraged our students to enter the Write 4 Fun competition. The competition offers wonderful prizes and we like to make the most of every chance for students to practise their writing skills.

Photographs above are Year 9 students enjoying the time to read their novel 'The Dogs of Winter'.

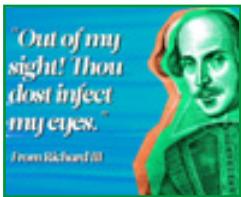
### Expo Experience

The English Faculty put together a wonderful display at our recent Expo. Thank you to those who dropped by to see the range of texts we study in English at Macksville High School.



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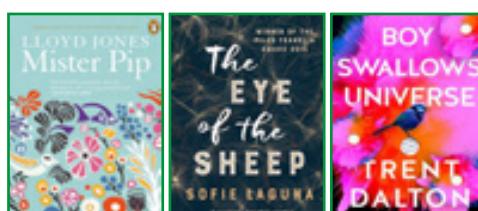
Our pun board and our Shakespearean insults were also a hit. Here are a few of our favourites:

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**Promoting Reading**  
The English staff have been promoting the importance of reading by talking to students about our favourite novels that we read in the Christmas holidays. We want our students to know that even in our busy lives, we make time to read!

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Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. A student's reading skills are important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills.

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In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for students, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

Here are some of the novels that made our favourite Christmas holiday reading lists:



### More debating coming your way

Macksville High School will continue with its strong debating tradition in 2019 and we eagerly await the beginning of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Mrs Hill will take charge of the Year 7 and 8 teams, while Mr Baines and Ms Dykes will combine to focus on the development of our experienced Year 9 team.

Following the achievements of Year 11 student Annalise Robertson, who was selected as a representative for the North Coast Junior State Debating Squad and participated in the Junior State Debating Championships at The University of Sydney in 2018, we hope to see further success from our debating teams this year.

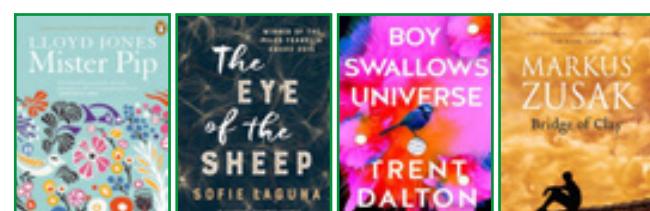
Pictured are some of the keen members of our Year 7 and 8 debating team.

### Mrs A Hill



### Books, books, books!

We love books in the English Faculty so we are sad to see some of our class sets of novels reduce in size. It would be greatly appreciated if all students could check on their bookshelves, in their school bags, on their desks or even under their beds to see if they have any novels belonging to the English Faculty. Please return these novels to the English Staffroom – we would love to have them back!



## STEM - Robotics

Two teams of Robotics students headed to Kempsey High School for the Into Orbit Robotics LEGO championship. Our teams had worked for six weeks to design, build and program a robot to perform various tasks on the LEGO challenge board.

The teams researched the challenges of space travel, and presented their research and ideas to a panel of judges. Jade and Ivy's team did a great job of their presentation and so won an inspiration award. Sadly, their third team member, Josie was sick that day, but the girls stepped up and completed the challenges any way. The girl's team had programmed their robot to redirect the observatory and push the food production machine to pump out space food.

Connor and Dallas had a nail-biting day with many last-minute adjustments to their robot to get it to drive around the track and mow down a fence to raise a flag.

Not all missions as successful as the students hoped for, which made the successful ones all the more exciting!

Students were awarded for their stellar efforts with a sausage sandwich and a milkshake. All students will be presented with a certificate and a token gift at the next assembly. These certificates can be added to their files to demonstrate their community spirit and collaborative and problem solving skills to future employers or education campuses.



### What is it all about?

These students were a part of a year 8 Tasters class that have been learning how to build robots using LEGO Mindstorms kits. They have then worked collaboratively to modify their robots to enable them to perform selected tasks. Students programmed their robots to perform the tasks with full automation. This required a great deal of thinking, problem solving, measuring and planning.

This unit is an introduction to STEM, which is Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics working together. STEM incorporates an essential set of skills in a subject that will be vital to the future of this generation who are likely to be

working in jobs that don't even exist today. STEM has the largest job growth of all sectors, and the skills developed while working on STEM projects have been identified as essential for this generation of workers.

These vital skills include: problem solving skills, critical thinking, flexibility and adaptability, data interpretation, creativity and innovation and most importantly, working collaboratively.

Students who have studied STEM and developed these essential twenty first century skills will be much better equipped for work and study upon leaving school.

**Mrs A Hughes**

# S C I E N C E Biology

## Year 12 Biotechnology Assessment Task

Year 12 Biology submitted their second assessment task on Biotechnology. Students researched a process to make a food or drink from a micro-organism, this included making cheese, yogurt, kombucha, sauerkraut, ginger beer, bread or other yeast based products. Each student chose a variable to investigate, they designed and performed a scientifically controlled experiment.

Friday 22 March, all students submitted their scientific reports and many students bought in various samples of their experiments to observe and taste. As part of their assessment students evaluated three other tasks to further their understanding of experimental design and biotechnology.



## C A R E E R S

### Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)

The pilot Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) qualification delivered through Macksville High School is underway for Term 1 in conjunction with Macksville-Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club. The course is being delivered over 5 weeks during sport time and the participants have the option for extra training every Sunday morning at Scotts Head. On completion of the course they will become active patrol members within the club which lends them access to equipment, uniform, subsidised or free courses and most importantly an invaluable skill set of potentially saving lives. Volunteering in an organisation such as this is also likely to increase employment and scholarship outcomes for the participants.

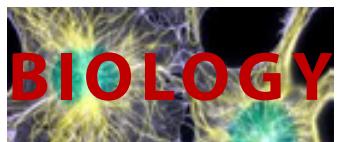


Another SRC course is proposed to occur later in the year for 13 years+ and students who are 15 years of age are able to articulate to their Bronze Medallion as part of the initiative to increase volunteers and participation in the surf club.

Also a thank you to Club Scotts for supporting the students with transport. We are grateful to have a collaborative community to foster positive outcomes for our students.

### Mrs L Peisley





Year 12 Biology and PDHPE students recently visited Sydney to attend Body Worlds Vital, The Museum of Human Disease and a Dr Karl Kruszelnicki talk.

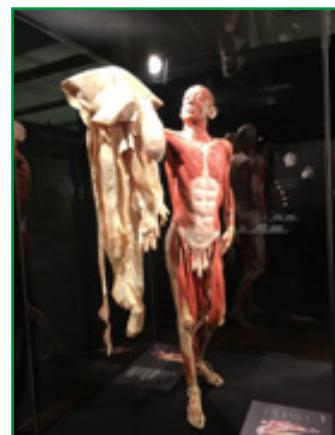
After taking the overnight train, we arrived in Sydney early Monday morning to begin our adventures at the Body Worlds Vital expedition. Vital presents a special collection of specimens designed to show visitors the basics of human health and wellness through the viewing of real human bodies. The specimens on display were preserved through plastination, the preservation process invented by physician and anatomist Dr. Gunther von Hagens while he was working at the University of Heidelberg. The exhibition inspires visitors to assert themselves and claim responsibility for their own health and wellbeing; how best to fight life-threatening diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart ailments, through healthy choices and lifestyle changes.

Dr Karl was the agenda for the afternoon of day one at the University of Sydney. The quirky Australian scientist known for his ground breaking research to why belly button lint is almost always blue, his many podcast episodes, books and triple j shows, delivered a wonderful presentation about Science jobs of the future. We would like to thank Dr Karl for since donating many of his books to the school library.

Tuesday, day two, incorporated a visit to the Museum of Human Disease which houses a collection of over 2,000 human tissue specimens used to train medicine and pathology students at University of NSW. These specimens are obtained both from organs removed surgically and from tissue obtained at autopsy, where the natural history of disease is in full view. Each specimen is accompanied by a clinical history and some specimens are over 100 years old, making them irreplaceable. The museum contains examples of both infectious and non-infectious diseases from typhoid and diphtheria to HIV and tuberculosis. Many diseases associated with lifestyle are also available to view and provide great evidence of the impact of unhealthy lifestyle factors such as smoking, obesity, alcohol, drugs and mental health.

The group returned to Macksville on the Tuesday afternoon train after an action-packed two days on the move. All students are to be commended on their great attitude and fantastic representation of Macksville High School on this trip.

### Mrs L Peisley & Mr L Smith



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**Y**ear 7 Technology Mandatory classes with Mr Ally are proving to have **green thumbs!**

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Students have been preparing suitable beds, growing seeds in punnets and looking after them for two weeks prior to planting out into the beds.

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The seedlings have been very successful given recent rain fall and the students have been able to harvest zucchini, radish, lettuce, silverbeet and tomatoes. Unfortunately, the beans that were planted were not as successful, and may make a reappearance later in the year.

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The Year 12 Construction class lead by Mr Sheridan is currently building a kitchen garden that will enable us to use fresh produce in our Food Technology classes. Mr Sheridan and his team are currently designing and constructing new beds in an area closer to the Technology and Applied Studies block.

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Congratulations Year 7 on a job well done!

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**Mrs D Alchin**

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### **Technology Mandatory - Engineering**

Again in Technology Mandatory students have been exploring design aesthetics with mixed materials, utilising the laser cutter and hand tools. Others have been working on cam toys with a focus on engineered systems and motion.

Students have shown outstanding creativity and originality with their designs.

**Mr G Hill**



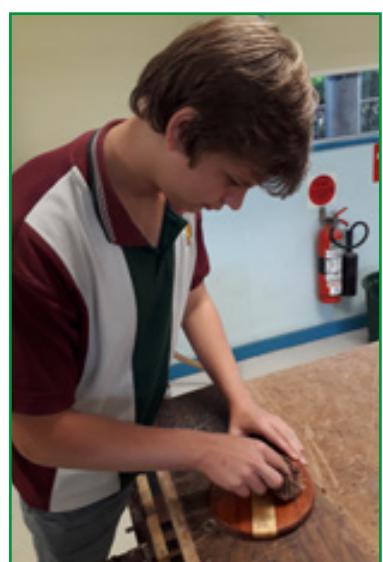
### **Year 10 - Design & Technology**

Students have been exploring time in Design and Technology.

Students had a choice of timber and clock hand design to make an individualised project.

They have utilised the laser cutter to produce numbers in acrylic for the clock face.

**Mr K Jordan**

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Year 10 Engineering have been designing, building and testing "Skylap" Planes.

**Mr G Hill**



Year 9 Food Technology have been learning about food selection and health.

In this practical lesson the students prepared plum pork and vegetables.

**Mrs L Atkins**

*What a dynamic start to 2019!*



## Buckley Shield Gala Day Tuesday 12 March, Coffs Harbour

The Macksville High School's Buckley Shield team had one thing on their mind before the opening round of the completion. That was to go as good as the previous year's team and play in Sydney. In order to achieve this, the boys need to win two gala days. The first one against local schools and the second is from the winners of the other gala days in Port Macquarie, Ballina and Kingscliff.

Their first game was against arch rivals Toormina High. Brodie Moore soon showed them why he is rated as one of the best forwards on the North Coast with a barnstorming run to score under the posts. Finnian Walsh kicked the conversion. Macksville High 6 – Toormina High 0.

Wezley Brown also showed great determination to break the defence line and score out wide. Finnian Walsh kicked the conversion. Macksville High 12 – Toormina High 0.

Brodie Moore scored two more tries to set Macksville High up with an easy win. Finnian Walsh and Joshua Willier kicked the goals. Final score Macksville High 24 – Toormina High 0.

The second game was against Woolgoolga High. Brodie Moore started this game like the previous scoring in the opening minute of play. Finnian Walsh kicked the conversion. Macksville High 6 – Woolgoolga High 0.

Finnian Walsh used his trademark footwork to evade the tacklers and score out wide. He missed the kick, hitting the crossbar. Macksville High 10 – Woolgoolga High 0.

Brodie Moore scored a few minutes later in front of the post after running some 70 metres. He still had plenty of breath left and kicked the conversion. Macksville High 16 – Woolgoolga High 0.

Woolgoolga High never stopped trying and finally got over the try line. They kicked the conversion. Macksville High 16 – Woolgoolga High 6.

Finnian Walsh was next to score after some great metres made up the middle by Jordan Welsh and Wezley Brown. Finnian kicked the conversion. Macksville High 22 – Woolgoolga High 6.

In the final minute of the game, Alfie Walsh scored out wide. Finnian Walsh missed the conversion.

Final score Macksville High 26 – Woolgoolga High 6.

In the final game, Macksville High played a spirited Grafton High team. Brodie Moore must love being the first try scorer in every game as he did exactly that in this. Finnian Walsh kicked the conversion. Macksville High 6 – Grafton High 0.

Liam Cuffe scored a great little try after some slick passing from the backline. Finnian Walsh missed the conversion. Macksville High 10 – Grafton High 0.

An injury to a Grafton player held the game up for almost 10 minutes. This did not help the momentum of Macksville High and they turned the ball over cheaply with a few errors. Grafton capitalised and scored two quick try's. They only kicked one of the conversions. The score was now Macksville High 10 – Grafton High 10. The siren sounded and it was now golden point. Brodie Moore soon scored to wrap up a marvellous day for both him and the Macksville High team.

Special mention goes to Brayth Ledger, Jace McMurray and Liam Azzopardi who all stepped up and played well.

The team now go on to the regional final at Coffs Harbour on Friday 31 May.

### Mr N White



## **University Shield Gala Day Tuesday 12 March, Coffs Harbour**

Fourteen boys travelled to Coffs Harbour to play in the University Shield opening round gala day.

The first game was against Toormina in very warm conditions. Blake Brunsdon opened the scoring with a runaway try in the second minute of play. Logan Jones kicked the conversion. Macksville High 6 – Toormina High 0.

Kamden Walker scored a fantastic try down the left sideline in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute of play. Logan Jones kicked the conversion. Macksville High 12 – Toormina High 0

Toormina scored seven minutes later but failed in the conversion. Macksville High 12 – Toormina High 4.

Logan Jones was inspirational at halfback and scored the match winning try with three minutes to go. Unfortunately he missed the conversion. Macksville High 16 beat Toormina High 4.

**R** The second game was against Maclean High. It was quite ironic that Mr White the coach, had previously coached the Maclean team when they were U14's.

Logan Jones scored straight after kick-off and kicked the conversion. Macksville High 6 – Maclean High 0. Blake Brunsdon scored in the 8<sup>th</sup> minute after some great work from the forward pack. Logan Jones missed the conversion. Macksville High 10 – Maclean High 0.

Logan Jones scored in the next set to give Macksville a very handy lead. Blake Brunsden kicked the conversion. Macksville High 16 – Maclean High 0.

A few minutes later Logan Jones scored and kicked the conversion. Macksville High 22 – Maclean High 0.

**O** Logan Jones decided he wanted to score four tries for the day and so he did with a runaway effort in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute. Blake Brunsdon missed the conversion. Macksville High 26 – Maclean High 0.

Just at the end of the game, Maclean High scored and kicked the conversion. Macksville High 26 – Maclean High 6.

It was a great effort from the Macksville High team to win both games and go undefeated. They now go onto playing at the regional final on Friday 31 May at Coffs Harbour.

Special mention to Logan Jones scoring five tries and being the best and fairest on the day. Great effort from William Douglas, David Styles and Riley Mylrea for stepping up and playing with school pride.

### **P Mr N White**



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# VACCINATION PROGRAM

**TERM 2 \_ WEEK 3 \_ ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND YEAR 7 & 8 CATCH UPS  
MONDAY 13 MAY 2019**

Important Information: It is very important to have breakfast on vaccination day to help avoid faints. We encourage the importance of breakfast each and every morning however especially on this day!

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Mareesa Brunsdon

*Registered Nurse, Port Macquarie  
Class of 2013*



Once finishing school in 2013 at MHS, I moved to Newcastle to study a Bachelor of Nursing.

After a few stressful/fun/exciting years, I completed my degree in November 2017.

After many nerve-racking interviews, I managed to score a new graduates registered Nursing position at Port Macquarie Private Hospital, which I started in February 2018. The year involves rotating in three different wards. Starting in the surgical ward, then I move to theatres and recovery, then rehabilitation.

Starting a career and working full time has many challenges, physically and mentally, but it is so rewarding and I look forward to going to work to make a difference.

## C O M M U N I T Y

Jetty Theatre Touring presents **360 Allstars**, a phenomenal physical performance exploring all forms of rotation.

Boasting a stellar cast, including world champion athletes, world class dancers and world renowned musicians, the production connects the street with the elite to deliver a radical urban circus.

360 Allstars is circus reinvented replacing acrobats with break dancers, substituting jugglers with basketball freestylers and swapping unicyclists for BMX flatlanders. Throw in a Roue Cyr artist and stunning live soundtrack and you have all the elements of an exhilarating experience.

Tickets for this performance are available online at [www.jettytheatre.com](http://www.jettytheatre.com) or during box office hours (Tuesday to Friday 12-4pm) at the Jetty Theatre 66484930. Adults \$35, U21 \$21.

Don't miss this great opportunity.

For a sneak peek of this performance please see the link below.

<http://www.onyx-productions.com/360allstars/>



### FREE ABORIGINAL BIKE SAFETY COURSE

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PCYC Bloomfield Street Kempsey

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- Nika Lowe - Patric Laverty -  
- Beau Hussell -

\$5 entry  
@ the door

## NEXTWAVE YOUTH WEEK FILM FESTIVAL

See 20 of the best films from the  
Nextwave Short Film Competition

**TIME:** 2pm    **DATE:** 17 April 2019    **VENUE:** Bowraville Theatre, 74 High Street

Theatre Cafe will be open - popcorn, drinks etc

A program of the Screenwave International Film Festival

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## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

Contact KEMPSEY PCYC on  
Ph: (02) 65628399 for a copy of the timetable.  
**Starts 15 April to 30 April**  
38 Bloomfield Street, South Kempsey