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Newsletter

## Literacy and art students reflect on traditional Dreamtime storytelling

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The 2020 NAIDOC Week theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be' provided a platform for literacy and art students to reflect on the history of NAIDOC Week and to learn about traditional Dreamtime storytelling and symbolism. Of note, students enjoyed a study of the Dreamtime story the 'Rainbow Serpent,' which was the theme of the award-winning poster designed to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2020. The poster is the work of proud Noongar and Saibai Islander man, Tyrown Waigana. Students used their visual literacy skills to engage in a study of the artwork, titled 'Shape of Land.' The poster depicts the Rainbow Serpent coming out of the Dreamtime to create Australia, with the Serpent's body forming the outline of the country. The images capture students' engagement to use colour to create their own version of the poster or an artwork of their own design for NAIDOC Week. Miss Yvette Wallis



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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

2020 has been a year like no other. It has, however, still been a year of learning. All of us have learned new ways to live our lives and learned new words that weren't part of our everyday language a year ago such as COVID and social distancing.

Earlier this week we celebrated the achievements of our students in separate year Presentation Assemblies. Although it was not our traditional event it in no way diminishes the achievements of our students. I again want to recognise the effort and dedication our students have shown over this difficult year and hope they continue to give their personal best in all aspects of their school life. Thank you to our parents and carers for your enduring support of your children, for encouraging their talents and for the partnerships you have created with us especially this year in educating your children.

I would like to pay tribute to the expertise, energy and support our teachers have demonstrated this year. In term 1 education as we knew it was turned upside down and yet even in this new environment they managed to continue to be influential in guiding our students and allowing them to grow and succeed.

In a year of change we will see some staff changes for next year.

I would like to welcome Ms Rachel Foster to our Mathematics Faculty, Ms Kalista Scott as the teacher of our Multi-Categorical Support class and Mrs Brooke Farnsworth as our School Counsellor for 2021.

We are also farewelling some long term staff.

Mr Chris Shannon our School Counsellor retired at the end of term 3. Chris has supported so many of our students when they were at their most vulnerable and has certainly made a difference for many families across our Valley.

Mr Terry Argent is going on leave pending retirement next year. Terry has been in Agricultural education since the late 70's. Terry has led our Cattle Team to success across the state in competitions including the Sydney Royal Easter to our local Macksville Show. As Head Teacher of Learning Support he has been an advocate for students across the school.

Mrs Lea Hall, our School Administration Manager retired earlier this year and is enjoying time with her grandchildren. Lea has been an integral part of the smooth running of our school for the past 17 years and her knowledge and expertise is respected both in our school and across the Nambucca Valley.

Mrs Glenese Welsh has been a cleaner at our school for 28 years and will be retiring this year. Glenese was a volunteer in our canteen before taking on the cleaning role. She has always taken pride in her work making sure our learning spaces are ready and I am sure she will not miss the 4 am alarm.

It is difficult to put into words the many and varied contributions these amazing people have made to our school. They all have unique talents which have enhanced our school and made a difference to countless young people over the years. They will be leaving a hole that will not be easily filled. On behalf of the Macksville High community I wish them all every happiness in retirement.

Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy, safe and restful holiday and hope that 2021 will be, comparatively speaking, an uneventful year.

Thank you.

Erica Lyne



## **Literacy students Christmas Celebration**

The final weeks of term provided an opportunity for our literacy program students to join together for an end of year Christmas Party. The images capture our Year 7 and 8 students celebrating their success. Thanking students for their participation in the program and their support of one another's learning. It has been rewarding to see their overall improvement and confidence grow during the year, while reaching individual milestones and setting goals. Wishing all a happy and safe holiday break and continued success in the New Year.

#### **Miss Yvette Wallis**



## Year 9 Child Studies learn how to 'Care for a Newborn'

Our Year 9 Child Studies students have enjoyed working together to learn parenting skills and how best to meet the needs of a newborn baby. As part of the 'Caring for the Newborn' unit in the Child Studies Syllabus, students enjoyed the opportunity to take a simulated baby home to care for them over a weekend. Data collected from their time with the infants indicated how well students managed, with each of the ladies recording a positive result for their care. The class has worked well together to learn how to meet the needs of young infants. The students have expressed their keenness to continue their Child Studies learning in the New Year as they progress to the Year 10 course. Pictures below show the ladies during a hands-on demonstration to learn about nappy folding and the needs of young infants, with all very keen to get involved.

Ms Sharon Morris and Miss Yvette Wallis



Ms Morris with Jordon, Jessica, Paige and Kiarra

# YEARLY AWARDS

## **Special Award Recipients**



Gwyneth Keeys Distance Education Award for Korean SRC Leadership Award



Arrin Stirrat-Black ADF: Long Tan Leadership Award Food Technology Award 16 yrs Age - Swimming



Charlotte Vinen Food Technology Award Freemasons Master Lodge Community Award



Bill Simmonds 15 yrs Age - Swimming



Jazmin Sutton 15 yrs Age - Swimming



Hailey Bloomfield SRC Leadership Award



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Charlotte Vinen Arrin Stirrat-Black Henry Stranlund Toby Hill SRC Leadership Award

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## **Special Award Recipients**



**Brayden Clark** 12 yrs Aged Swimming Champion Swimming Champion Swimming Champion Swimming Champion



Mikayla Lenthall 12 yrs Aged



**Cohen Welsh** 13 yrs Aged



**Millie Edwards** 13 yrs Aged



Asha Searle **Courtney Clark Darcy Welsh** 14 yrs Aged 14 yrs Aged 17 yrs Aged Swimming Champion Swimming Champion Swimming Champion Swimming Champion



**Declan Sutton** 18 yrs Aged

# YEARLY AWARDS

## **Special Award Recipients**



Amisha Marican 18 yrs Aged Swimming Champion













Alice Burns Imogen Graham Kalahni Gray Grace Hill Siska Krause Dimity O'Connor SRC Leadership Award



Phoebe Baxter Katelyn Jones Hamish Scott Ariel Thompson Lauren Vinen SRC Leadership Award

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# SCHOOL UNIFORM

## **Getting Ready for School for 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform is a very important part of Macksville High School and very much reflects the Core Values of our school. A uniform means you are part of a team and as such mirrors our value of *Teamwork*, of coming together and working together. We encourage high-quality work from each individual through collaboration to achieve personal best.

Wearing our school uniform shows *Respect* and *Honesty*, valuing Macksville High School and the reputation of a fine educational institution that strives to create an environment of genuine harmony and success for all.

Finally *Pride* in who we are both as a school and as individuals here at Macksville High School can be demonstrated through the simple act of wearing our school uniform.

Please remember that if purchasing our school uniform is becoming difficult and you require financial assistance, we are more than happy to help every student be in our school uniform. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or our wonderful staff in the office for a voucher. We currently have a supply of uniform to assist students on a day to day basis if required.

## Please note that the shorts worn as uniform must be the black sports shorts with the Macksville High School logo.

Thank you all so much for acknowledging, supporting and assisting this very important part of Macksville High School. Please have a very merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. Stay safe and we look forward to the return of all our students in 2021.

Ms Linda McGregor

Deputy Principal

The following page has a detailed outline of our Junior and Senior Uniforms.



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# SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is a specific requirement of Macksville High School that each student on site must be readily recognised as authorised to be on school premises. This can only be achieved by school uniform that is worn in a way that is appropriate to a school. Revealing clothing, offensive captions or WH&S risks are not acceptable at any time.

## **GIRLS' UNIFORM YEARS 7-10**

Skirt or Tailored Shorts	Regulation maroon check or black shorts with school logo	
Pants	Plain maroon or grey long pants (not cropped) same shade as check in skirt. Black or maroon tights may be worn under skirts.	
Jumper or Jacket	Plain maroon.	
Shirt	Plain white with a short sleeve and collar or MHS sports polo. Logos and artwork should not be visible under white shirts.	
PE/Sport	MHS sports polo with black shorts with school logo. Grey or maroon tracksuit pants for Wednesday sport.	
Footwear	Leather/waterproof fully enclosed shoe/boot in accordance with WH&S requirements. Thongs and slip on styles are not permitted at any time. White socks or black pantyhose may be worn with skirts or pants.	
	<b>BOYS' UNIFORM YEARS 7-10</b>	
Pants	Plain grey shorts, long grey or maroon pants or black shorts with school logo.	
Shirts	Plain white with a short sleeve and collar or MHS sports polo. Logos and artwork should not be visible under white shirts.	
Jumper or Jacket	Plain maroon.	
PE/Sport	MHS sports polo with black shorts with school logo. Grey or maroon tracksuit pants for Wednesday sport in cold weather.	
Footwear	Leather/waterproof fully enclosed shoe/boot in accordance with WH&S requirements. Thongs and slip on styles are not permitted at any time.	
	GIRLS' UNIFORM YEARS 11 & 12	
Skirt or Tailored Shorts	Regulation green check or black shorts with school logo.	
Pants	Plain bottle green or grey long pants (not cropped) same shade as check in skirt. Black or bottle green tights may be worn under skirts.	
Jumper or Jacket	Plain bottle green or personalised MHS senior jumper.	
Shirt	Plain white with short sleeves and a collar or MHS senior sports polo. Logos and artwork should not be visible under white shirts.	
Footwear	Leather/waterproof fully enclosed shoe/boot in accordance with WH&S requirements. Thongs and slip on styles are not permitted at any time. White socks or black pantyhose may be worn with skirts or pants.	
	BOYS' UNIFORM YEARS 11 & 12	
Pants	Plain grey shorts, long grey or bottle green pants or black shorts with school logo.	
Shirts	Plain white with short sleeves and a collar or MHS sports polo. Logos and artwork should not be visible under white shirts.	
Jumper or Jacket	Plain bottle green or personalised MHS senior jumper.	
Footwear	Leather/waterproof fully enclosed shoe/boot in accordance with WH&S requirements. Thongs and slip on styles are not permitted at any time.	



# WHAT'S ON AT MHS

#### **Important Dates and Information**

Note: dates are subject to change. Visit www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

29 January	Return to school for Years 7, 11 and 12	
1 February	Return to school for Years 8, 9 and 10	
8 February	Swimming Carnival, Macksville Pool	
23 February	Immunizations for Year 7 and Year 8 catch ups	

### **Student School Reports**

If your child did not collect their school report in the last week of Term, it will be mailed out to your postal address.



Recently, Year 10 PDHPE elective class (Y-PASS) tested the waters with their avid angling skills. For some, this was their first introduction into the angling world. The class had been participating in leisure and recreational activities and were keen to engage in less mainstream sports. Accompanied by Mr Parker, they set out on their journey to the Macksville riverside park and pavilion. Students were instructed on how to tie a basic fishing knot, how to remove and release fish safely and were reminded that throughout Gumbaynggirr Country the ocean is significant as it is the totem of all Gumbaynggirr people. They were also reminded to ensure we do our best to protect our pristine waterways as has been done for generations prior.

Students had a very successful fishing experience with Triston Mckelvie being the first to land a catch. This created fierce competition and motivations were high as all attempted to beat their peers. Lachlan Petith was the overall winner catching both the biggest Luderick and Bream.



Mr A Parker

# TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY

## Year 8 Food Technology

Students have been exploring different methods of cookery. They have prepared a range of dishes including pancakes, caramel dumplings, chicken pot pies, cheesy jacket potatoes, iced cupcakes and the latest dish - fried rice. Students have developed some skills in food preparation and a knowledge of food safety and hygiene along the way.

Mr David Sheridan



### Year 7 Food Technology Extension Activity

After completing the Food Technology unit some of the Year 7 students were offered the opportunity to create their own personalised cutting board.

Students glued together a variety of different timbers to create an interesting contrast, then using the laser cutter, burnt a design into their board. Students used a range of tools to shape and style their product. They were finished off with a good sanding and an application of oil.



#### Mr David Sheridan



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## **Timber Technology**

Technology Mandatory Timber have been creating tool boxes in Year 7.

Year 8 have been creating a colourful range of C02 Racers and running races to identify whose is the quickest.

Mr Robby Ally



## Year 9 Timber Technology

Year 9 have been developing their skills in wood turning. A range of gouging tools were used to create some unique candle holders. Some of the students also made rolling pins. The students were looking to produce hand made gifts for Christmas.

Mr Robby Ally



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# INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

### Year 9 Metal Technology

Students have been learning to turn metal. Here, Connor Grace and Jake Blanch proudly display their hammers.

## Year 9 Timber Technology

Students have been busy completing their jewellery boxes this term. Hard at work, Bowen Fortescue and Lachlan Anderson finishing off their jobs.

Mr Ken Jordan





## Year 10 Timber Technology

Below Torri Thurgood displays her jewellery box, Henry Peachman and Charlotte Kearney have completed their bedside table project to a very high standard utilising a range of timbers to great effect.

Mr Robby Ally





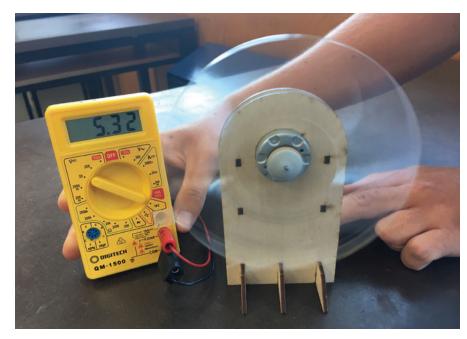
### Year 10 Food Technology

Both Year 10 classes completed the Food Trends unit with Spinach Gozleme. An interesting dish using greek yoghurt to make the pastry. Charlotte Cooper with Charlotte Vinen and Lillian Williams with their dishes.

They have started the Food for Special Occasions with a high tea consisting of sandwiches, pizza pin wheels, fairy cakes, iced cup cakes and choc dipped strawberries.



Mrs Larissa Atkins and Mrs Denise Alchin



### Year 10 Engineering

The class have been studying alternate energy sources and have been designing blades for wind turbines and using them to generate power.

The blades are designed using CAD and created on the laser cutter.

Mr Greg Hill

# C O N S T R U C T I O N

An opportunity presented itself to make the deck infront of the Deputy's office more user friendly and attractive. Mr Sheridan and his construction team recently presented Ms McGregor with stage one of their beautification plan being a pair of hand crafted benches and ends. They were created out of black butt hardwood.

Looking forward to seeing stage two!

Mr David Sheridan



## HOSPITALITY

The current Hospitality class finished the year off by welcoming the incoming Year 7 students at the 6 into 7 transition day. Students were provided with morning tea consisting of a fruit muffin, a popper and fruit and a sausage sizzle with coleslaw and onions for lunch. Food service was finished off with some refreshing watermelon at the end of the day.

Once again the team provided outstanding food service, on what was an extremely hot day.



Mrs Denise Alchin



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Friday 4 December the SRC held a fundraiser for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Students and staff were invited to wear a christmas shirt and make a gold coin donation. Funds raised on the day totalled over \$300.00 and the SRC donated a further \$250.00.

Students and Mrs Atkins went shopping on Thursday afternoon and then wrapped the toys ready for collection on Monday 14 December. All presents will be distributed to local families in the coming week.

Contact the Salvation Army if you would like to donate a gift this Christmas. The toys were collected on Monday by Matt Pethybridge from the Salvation Army.

Mrs Larissa Atkins





## YEAR 12 FORMAL



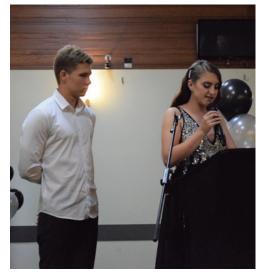












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# BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

## **Our Book Packs have arrived!**

For students to be successful at Macksville High School, they need to be focused on learning and well organised.

We expect that all students come prepared each day. Checking the timetable and packing their bag the night before, helps students be well organised. **Contact the front office to purchase student book packs.** 



	Year 7	
	Pen Pack - (multiple - Blue, Black, Red)	
	HB Pencils	
	Highlighter x 3	
Basic	Eraser	
stationery	Pencil Sharpener	2
require-	Glue sticks from the offic	e <
ments	30cm Ruler ( <b>not</b> metal)	0 <
	Pencil case	
	Coloured pencils	
	Scissors	
Optional items	Felt tip markers	
	Correction tape	
Foundation		
English	2 x 196 pg A4	
<ul><li>Maths</li><li>Science</li></ul>	1 x 64 pg A4	
• HSIE		
PDHPE	1 x 96 pg A4	
PDHPE Prac	Sports uniform* and running shoes	
Indonesian	1 x 192 pg A4	
CAPA Music	1 x 128 pg A4	
Technology	1 x 20 pg + A4 Display folder	
	Calculator (Maths/HSIE/Science/TAS - available from school)	
Special Equipment	Safety glasses (TAS/Science)	
	Geometry Set (Set square, protractor, compass)	
	Apron (TAS) Enclosed black sturdy shoes	

\* Students are required to change out of their uniform and into their sports uniform for practical PDHPE lessons

Student's stationery supplies should be checked and replaced as required during the year.

# BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT CONTINUED

	Year 8		
	Pen Pack - (multiple - Blue, Black, Red)		
	HB Pencils		
	Highlighter x 3		
Basic	Eraser		
stationery	Pencil Sharpener		
	Glue sticks		
requirements	30cm Ruler (not metal)		
	Pencil case		
	Coloured pencils		
	Scissors Packs will		
Ontionalitana	Felt tip markers be available		
Optional items	Correction tape		
English	2 x 128 pg A4		
Maths	1 x 192 pg A4		
Science	1 x 128 pg A4		
HSIE	1 x 196 pg A4		
PDHPE	1 x 96 pg A4		
PDHPE Prac	Sports uniform* and running shoes		
Indonesian	1 x 192 pg A4		
CAPA Art	A3 or A4 Visual Art Diary		
Technology	1 x 20 pg A4 + Display folder		
	Calculator (Maths/HSIE/Science/TAS - <i>available from school</i> )		
	Safety glasses (TAS/Science)		
Special	Geometry Set (Set square, protractor, compass)		
Equipment	Apron (TAS)		
	Enclosed black sturdy shoes		

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Student's stationery supplies should be checked and replaced as required during the year.

# BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT CONTINUED

	Year 9	Year 10	
	Pen Pack - (multiple - Blue, Black, Red)	Pen Pack -(multiple - Blue, Black, Red)	•
	HB Pencils	HB Pencils	
	Highlighter x 3	Highlighter x 3	
	Eraser	Eraser	
Basic	Pencil Sharpener	Pencil Sharpener	
stationery	Glue sticks	Glue sticks	
requirements	30cm Ruler ( <b>not</b> metal)	30cm Ruler ( <b>not</b> metal)	
	Pencil case	Pencil case	
	Coloured pencils	Coloured pencils	$\wedge 1$
	Scissors	Scissors	Packs will
Optional items	Felt tip markers	Felt tip markers	be available
	Correction tape	Correction tape	100 pprox. \$46.00
English	2 x 128 pg A4	2 x 128 pg A4	per pack
Maths	1 x 192 pg A4	1 x 192 pg A4	
Science	1 x 128 pg A4	1 x 128 pg A4	
HSIE	1 x 128 pg A4	1 x 128 pg A4	
PDHPE	1 x 96 pg A4	1 x 96 pg A4	
Indonesian	1 x 192 pg A4	1 x 192 pg A4	
CAPA			
Visual Art	A3 or A4 Visual Art Diary	A3 or A4 Visual Art Diary	
Ceramics	A3 or A4 Visual Art Diary	A3 or A4 Visual Art Diary	
Music	1 x 128 pg A4	1 x 128 pg A4	
Technology	1 x 128 pg A4, 1 x 20 pg A4 Display folder	1 x 128 pg A4, 1 x 20 pg A4 Display folder	
	Calculator (Maths/HSIE/Science/T/	AS - available from school)	
	Safety glasses (Science/TAS - Timber, Electronics, Metal)		
Special	Enclosed black sturdy shoes		
	Industrial Tech. Timber - Artline 0.4 Fine felt tip black pen, apron, set square (30, 60, 90) or <i>geometry set</i>		
Equipment	Geometry set (HSIE/Maths/TAS)		
	Food Technology - apron, contain	er and display folder	
	Textiles - fabric as required, displa	y folder	
	PDHPE/PASS - Sports uniform* an	d running shoes	

\* Students are required to change out of their school uniform and into their sports uniform for practical PDHPE & PASS lessons

# BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT CONTINUED

	English Advanced English Standard English Studies	192 pg A4 + 128 pg A4 192 pg A4 + 128 pg A4 128 pg A4 + A4 Display Folder
Preliminary and HSC	Mathematics Advanced Mathematics Standard	192 pg A4 + board approved scientific calculator 192 pg A4 + board approved scientific calculator
Basic stationery requirements	Science Biology Science Chemistry Science Physics	128 pg A4 x 2 + board approved scientific calculator 128 pg A4 x 2 + board approved scientific calculator 128 pg A4 x 2 + board approved scientific calculator, protractor
<b>Pen Pack</b> - (multiple - Blue, Black, Red) HB Pencils Highlighter x 3	Ancient History Business Studies Legal Studies Marine Studies Aboriginal Language	192 pg A4 192 pg A4 192 pg A4 128 pg A4 128 pg A4
Eraser	PDHPE	192 pg A4, A4 display folder (optional)
Pencil Sharpener	SLR	Sports uniform* and running shoes
Glue sticks	Indonesian	1 x 192 pg A4
30cm Ruler ( <b>not</b> metal)	Engineering	Rochford - Stage 6 Engineering Studies ( <i>available from school</i> )
Pencil case	Food Technology	64 pg A4 x 3
Scissors	Textiles & Design	A5 Artbook Fabric as required
Optional Stationery requirements	I.T. Electronics	A3 Display folder (Major Works) Clutch pencil & leads 128 pg A4
Coloured pencils Coloured felt tip pens Correction tape	I.T. Timber	A3 Display folder (Major Works), 128 pg A4 Artline 0.2 Fine Felt tip black Artline 0.4 Fine Felt tip black Clutch pencil & leads Apron Set square (30, 60, 90)
Board approved scientific calculators are	Music Visual Art Visual Design	1 x 128 pg A4 A3 or A4 Visual Art Diary A3 or A4 Visual Art Diary
available from	Photography	A4 Display folder
school	VET Business services	64 pg A4
*Students are required to change out of their uniform and into their sports uniform for	VET Construction	Enclosed sturdy black shoes (leather)
	VET Hospitality	A4 Display folder, Hospitality uniform, enclosed sturdy black shoes (leather)
practical SLR lessons	VET Manufacturing & Engineering	Safety glasses, Work shirt, enclosed sturdy black shoes (leather)
	VET Sports Coaching	Hand whistle

# IGA RITCHIES

## Please assist MHS by nomitating us as your favourite school!

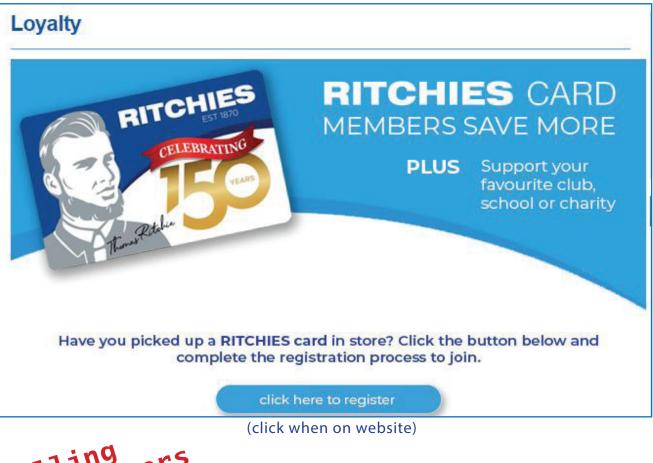
We are reminding parents and carers that **Ritchies IGA (Nambucca, Boambee and Park Beach Plaza)** offer a **Community Benefit Program** in which you can nominate **Macksville High School as your recipient** for this program. We would like to use these benefits to purchase some watercraft for students to use as a weekly sporting option.

It is simple to join, collect a card when you shop at any of these locations, download the free app and nominate us a your chosen recipient.

We thank you for your support

### Where to go to Join!

When joining the Ritchies Card program you are given the option to nominate your favourite club school or charity (known as Recipients). Each time you scan your card (either physical card or electronic card in the App) when making a purchase at any of our participating stores, the total is recorded to your chosen club, school or charity. At the end of each month, Ritchies will pay your chosen club, school or charity . 5% of the total accrued directly into the Recipient's nominated bank account.





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## **Thank You and Season's Greetings To All**

