I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families, both new and returning. It is great to be back.

Thanks for your patience last week. As indicated we have had an extraordinary level of student mobility. Along with a surge in new enrolments, we had around 32 students who relocated since the end of last term. This made forming classes a huge challenge. At present we are within the range of 16 classes, however, we only require several more enrolments to establish our 17th class. This can happen any time during the school year and will make it necessary for us to make some changes, however, it also allows us to reduce class sizes and gain more resources. I will keep you informed.

Following is a summary of our 2013 structure:

Classes and teachers:

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In most instances your child’s teacher is the person to contact if you require any information. Our stage managers, as well as myself, are also available, if required. An appointment is preferred, so please call our office and they will assist you.

Stage Managers:
Stage 1 Manager (K-2): Deb Grenenger (AP); Stage 2 (3-4): Trisha Grace (AP); Stage 3 (5-6) :Ron MacDonald (AP)

In addition to our classroom teachers, we have the following support staff:

- Trisha Grace - Learning & Community Centre
- Lyndall Lynch - Learning & Community Centre (Tues-Fri)
- Maria Miles - Reading Recovery
- Lisa Duguid - Learning & Support Teacher
- Phil Osborne - Computers
- Brendan Gillis - Teacher Librarian
- Carol Witchard - Reading Recovery
- Katie Gander - School Counsellor
- Nellie Greenaway - School Admin Manager
- Maureen MacDonell-Scott (Rhonda Willems) - Sch Admin Officer
- Kirstin Knight - Community Engagement Officer
- RJ Donovan - Aboriginal Education Officer
- lSteph Blair - Aboriginal Education Worker
- Danica Burridge - Aboriginal Education Worker
- Pam Langley - School Admin Officer
- Leslie Stanton - School Admin Officer
- Barry Simmons - General Assistant
- Meg Zell - General Assistant
- Wendy Hillery - Canteen Manager

Student Learning & Support Officers (SLSO):
Theresa Midgley, Jenny Capell, Steve Schmidt, Stacey Johnson, Barbara Ramos, Kylie Laverty.

Parents & Community: Our P&C meets the second Wednesday of every month. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in. The next meeting is at 3.30pm in the LCC on February 13th.

We are currently working on our Term 1 calendar. It will be sent home in the near future. Don’t forget to check out our website as time progresses for general information, newsletter and copies of excursion notes.

Regards ~ Glenn Thorncroft Principal
Our new Kindies enjoyed a busy and happy first day with their Year 6 buddies.
School Student Banking is each Thursday and will be starting this week 7.2.13.

Our School Canteen needs you... your children love seeing you in the canteen - please consider helping out, anytime that suits you. Drop in or phone Wendy on 6568 1800.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Delicious Summer Menu
- Salad bowls, Fruit Salads
- Yummy Wraps
- Hot Noodle Cups
  - Chicken & Beef
  - $2.50 each

Community News

**Macksville Soccer Club:** Registration Days—Sat. 9th, 16th, 23rd Feb. at Nth Macksville Playing Fields 9am-12noon. New players of all ages welcome. Also register through www.myfootballclub.com.au, phone David George 6569 0159 or email macksvillesc@gmail.com

**Girl Guides:** Girl Guides invites girls 5-14 years to join. We meet Tuesdays at Macksville Guide Hall, Briner Street, Macksville, and learn lifelong skills, make new friends and have fun. Enquiries to Leonie Holley 6568 7013.

**Nambucca Strikers Football Club:** Registrations can be made from Feb. 1st at www.myfootballclub.com.au and click on register now. Registration/information days Sat. Feb 16th and Sat. Feb. 23rd 9-11.30am at Nambucca Plaza (in front of Pizza Hut). Bring your printed registration form. Queries to nambuccafc@yahoo.com

**Surfing Australia Girls Go Surfing Day:** Sat. Feb. 9th and Sun. Feb 10th a huge weekend of surfing for girls at over 50 beaches around Australia. To book your spot phone 6569 7127, Scotts Head Beach 10.30am Sat. Feb. 9th, $55.

**Wildcats Basketball Club:** For primary and secondary students Sign-on Day Sat Feb. 9th at Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour 2-4pm (with $50 deposit). Enquiries email wildcatsbasketballclub@gmail.com

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IAN FLARRETY — MUSIC TEACHER PHONE 6568 3921

Anyone wishing to have Music Lessons please fill in the note below and send into the school office.

**PERMISSION NOTE FOR MUSIC LESSONS**

Yes, I am interested:

Name: _______________________________ Class: ________________

I would like to learn ___________________________________________

Signed (Parent): _______________________________ Phone: __________________________

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Out And About At Macksville Public School

What object is king of the classroom?
The ruler!

Proud to be a part of the Family School

Opera House... here we come!

You may remember that we applied to play at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House last year. Earlier this week our application was confirmed as successful! They have offered us the Jacaranda Concert on Wed 28th August 2013. We have been confirmed with 10 descant players (these children started playing last year) and 10 descant beginners.

Mrs Geerlings will be teaching the children from last year and Mrs Grace will be teaching the beginners. We are all very excited about this once in a lifetime event and feel very proud to be accepted. Parents will be very welcome to come on the excursion, after all, not many people get to perform at the Sydney Opera House! Places are very limited, please contact Mrs Grace for further details if you are interested in your child joining us on this wonderful adventure.

MPS Touch Football Stars!

Four children from Macksville Public School have been selected to represent the Macksville Falcons Touch Football Association at the NSW Junior State Cup. This event will be held at Port Macquarie over two days on 16th and 17th February.

Last year 311 teams and 4700 players took part, what a huge event! 800 games of touch football were played over that weekend and it is the largest touch football tournament in the world!

Sam and Lachlan from Year 6, Jessie from Year 5 and Sienna from Year 4 will be playing their hardest in this exciting endeavour. All these children train with the Macksville Falcons at the AFL fields here in Macksville. We wish them all the very best of luck and hope that they have a wonderful weekend. We will be looking forward to hearing how they go!

Canteen News

Wendy sends a warm welcome from the canteen for 2013!

Our canteen bags are still for sale at a cost of only $7.50. Feel free to pop in and buy one, or you can add it to your child’s lunch order.

For a canteen menu, please go to our school website: www.macksville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Or you can pick a menu up from the canteen or from the front office.

All volunteers are warmly welcomed into the canteen, we are flexible to your schedule so come along, lend a hand (even if just for an hour or two), have a cuppa and enjoy some lunch and a laugh!

Women On The Move

This Thursday 7th February, we are off to the movies! We will meet at McDonalds in Nambucca at 9:45am and the day will be PAYG. All women are invited to join in the variety of Women On The Move activities each week. For further details or help with transport please contact the Nambucca Valley Neighbourhood Centre 6568-2305.
Dear Parents,

The Learning and Community Centre (LCC) will continue to operate ‘Homework Heroes’ in 2013 starting next Wednesday afternoon the 13th February. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces back this year and some new ones too! All students wishing to attend must have a signed 2013 permission note (see below).

‘Homework Heroes’ are invited to attend from 3.15-4.00pm every Wednesday afternoon. Notices will appear in the school newsletter when any changes occur to the ‘Homework Heroes’ timetable so keep an eye out.

Homework Heroes offers assistance to all stages with:

- Weekly homework
- General school work (literacy & numeracy)
- Projects
- Offers computer access for school work research

In order to attend students must:

- have their homework/class work/project work with them
- have provided the signed permission slip below
- have organised transport to get them home
- be picked up and signed out from the LCC at 4.00pm

Lyndall Lynch
LCC Teacher

I hereby give permission for my child: _________________________(please print name) from class ________ to attend the after school ‘Homework Heroes’ in the Learning and Community Centre (LCC) at Macksville Public School during 2013 on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-4pm.

My child/children and I accept the above conditions of entry and my child will travel home by:

_________________________________Parent Signature      ____________________Date

5th February 2013