COMING UP:
Friday March 1st       Clean Up Australia Day
Thursday 14th         Whole School Assembly, 2.10pm

Another flood!
Thanks for your patience and support last Friday, and a special thanks to our office staff who managed to contact all our families of students who had to be sent home early via bus.

As you can imagine these events are highly stressful as your children’s safety is our prime concern. The biggest issue we face is contact information that is incorrect. The following information is essential for you to know:-

- No child can be sent home on a bus during a flood event without contact first being made with the family.
- We need up to date information including emergency contact numbers for every family (there is a slip you can fill in in this newsletter to update your details)
- Where possible, avoid sending your children to school on days where floods are expected, especially if you live in low lying areas which are flood prone.
- We use Mid North Coast ABC Radio for updates and announcements. As most of our staff live out of town, this can be an important source of information as supervision may be minimal.

Hopefully this will be the last flood event (oh to be so lucky!!). Your support in this matter is gratefully appreciated.

Survey
Thanks to those of you who have responded to our school shoe survey. There is still time and your feedback is appreciated. There is a link on our school website (in the news page), you can return the paper survey or you can follow this link to Survey Monkey:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/xxJT6GL

Swimming Champions
Induction of our student leaders
Our induction and badging ceremony was well supported last week. Thanks so much to the families who were able to attend. The family school really lived up to its name! It was great to see all the mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents and even siblings acknowledging our school leaders and doing the badging. Congratulations to our Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects, House Captains and House Vice Captains. I look forward to working with you this year.

School drop off zones
A reminder that in the interest of student safety, would parents please use the appropriate, designated drop off zones outside the school. Concerns from the community have been expressed about some people dropping their children off in the incorrect place. For your information:

- The area from the staff car park through to the school sign is a designated bus zone from 8.00-9.30am and from 2.30-4.00pm each school day. Parking is permitted at other times. Please do not use this area as a drop off zone.
- Outside our new hall there is a specific zone designated for vehicles to stop while dropping off students.
- Alternatively there is a drop off zone (as well as parking) on the opposite side of the road to the school.

Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Regards ~ Glenn Thorncroft Principal

Homework – tips for busy parents!
At Macksville Public School we value the important role that parents have in the education of their child. To make the job of a parent easier we are offering a series of afternoons to come along and discuss how to make homework a pleasant experience for all involved!

When: Monday 2:00 – 3:00 in week 5 & 6 of each term.
Where: LCC
What to bring: Questions and your successful methods of completing homework!

~Trish Grace Assistant Principal

Borrowing from the Library
Library lessons and borrowing will take place for classes on the following days:

Monday: 4C, 4I, 1U, 1/2B  Tuesday: 5/6Y, 6P, KG, KR  Wednesday: 1I, 2K, 2GH, 6M
Thursday: KB, 5C, 3H, 3V

~ Brendan Gillis Teacher/Librarian
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

‘MACARONI CHEESE’ IS BACK $3

Community News

Bowraville Junior Rugby League: Registration Day Sun 3rd March at Bowraville Rec Club 10am. Payers aged from under 5’s-16yrs old. New registrations must bring a birth certificate. For more information contact Kristy Ireland 65693366.

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.

Bellingen Bulldogs AFL Club: We are looking for boys & girls aged 5-14 to play AFL & NAB AFL Auskick in 2013. For registration details, contact Adam Kornhauser on 0417423578.

Volunteer Host Families: World Education Program (WEP) needs host families for international students arriving in July 2013. Phone 1300 884 733, email: info@wep.org.au or online: http://www.wep.org.au

CHANGE OF STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE

Student Name: ___________________________ Siblings: ___________________________

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Address: ___________________________ Home Phone: ___________________________

Mothers Name: __________________ Work No. __________ Mothers Mobile No. __________

Fathers Name: __________________ Work No. __________ Fathers Mobile No. __________

Emergency Contact Name: __________________ Phone No. __________________

Mobile No. __________________ New Medical Details: __________________

SCHOOL UNIFORM COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please fill out this tearoff and send in to the office, or go online to https:// surveymonkey.com/s/XXJT6GL

To help us clarify the thoughts of our community on school uniform, please respond to the following options for our school shoes.

1. I believe that black school shoes should be defined as:
   - [ ] Completely Black (including soles)
   - [ ] Completely Black (excluding soles)
   - [ ] Predominantly Black (Example small coloured logo)

2. Please feel free to add any general comments or clarifying points below:

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Out And About At Macksville Public School

P & C Easter Raffle
Yep, it’s that time of year again, time to start thinking about our Monster Easter Raffle! This is a well loved Macksville Public School tradition with at least 50 prizes up for grabs. Raffle tickets are now starting to roll out.

Thanks so much to the wonderful helpers who have put their hand up to come along and help organise our raffle this year, however we could always use more! It’s not a huge amount of work, everything you’ll need is here and you’ll have all the help in the world. It’s a great way to get to know other people and an even better excuse for a cuppa and a chat.

This year the Easter Hat Parade & Raffle will be held on Thursday 28th March so we really need to get a move on. If you can help, please contact Kirstin at school on 6568 1800.

Easter Raffle Book Order Form

Please send me _______ raffle books of ten tickets.

Student’s Name ________________________
Class____

International Women’s Day
Nambucca Valley Care is inviting women of all ages to come along and celebrate International Women’s Day. This event will be held on Friday 8th March at the Bluegum Function Centre, 1-3 Short St Macksville 9.30-11.30am. The cost is $10 per person. Please RSVP on 6598 5000 or to Marea.Slater@nvcl.org.au

Some photos from Easter last year!

Krazy Whist Card Morning
The Autumn Lodge Auxiliary invites you to a ‘whist’ card morning. Krazy Whist is easy to learn and great fun for all. A delicious morning tea will be served from 9.30am and there will also be cooking & craft works for sale and a great raffle too! All monies raised will go towards vital care equipment for our Autumn Lodge residents.

When: Monday 25th March
Where: Bluegum Centre 1-3 Short St Macksville
When: 9.30am
Cost: $5 per person

Absenteism Leaves Gaps In Your Child’s Education!

Women On The Move
This Thursday 28th February, Women On The Move will be relaxing at the movies. We will meet at Nambucca McDonalds 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 Family & Community Information Centre on 6568 2305.

Velcro. What a rip off!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
Clean Up Australia Day is This Friday at MPS!

Bring your gloves to school and help us clean up our little patch of Australia this Friday 1st March. Each class will work as a team and be designated a different area of the school to clean up. All children who participate in Clean Up Australia Day will receive a community service award for their efforts.

Here are some photos of what we did last year.