COMING UP:
Wednesday February 20th
- P&C Meeting 3.30pm in LCC
- 1F Parent Meeting 9.15am
- 6P and 5/6Y Parent Meetings 3.30pm

Thursday February 21st
- Whole School Assembly: 2pm Prefects & Captains Induction
- Swimming Trophies & Champions

Swimming Carnival
 Congratulations to Miss Yates, our wonderful parent and community helpers and staff for an excellent combined effort for our 2013 Swimming Carnival. And well done to our students who once again displayed a high degree of school spirit, enthusiasm and overall behaviour. It was a great day. Well done everyone. **Individual Champions:** Boys: Senior-Sam Lenthall, 11yrs-Brod Harris & Junior-Thomas Stanford. Girls: Senior-Amy Martin, 11yrs-Astrid Smith & Junior-Saule Stasionis.

Overall house winner: Pope.
Diamond Level and Uniforms

I am aware that there was a lot of discussion at the end of last year around uniforms, shoes and eligibility for achieving Diamond level. On page 3 of this newsletter is a survey about shoes, which unfortunately caused a great deal of angst and confusion. I apologise for that as it was my intention to clarify this issue before I took up the role at Regional Office. Your input is valued. You can either complete the survey on paper or should you prefer you can do it online following this link: https:// surveymonkey.com/s/XXJT6GL – it is a very simple survey which I will use to make a decision, after which the policy will be much clearer. To clarify some issues:

♦ Our uniform was implemented in conjunction with our school community and our policy strongly advocates that all students wear full school uniform each day. Of course there will be times when this is not possible and in such cases a parental note will ensure the school is aware.

♦ To achieve Diamond Level, students in Years 2-6 must meet the following criteria.
  - remain on Gold level all year
  - Achieve 3 School/Community Service Awards
  - Demonstrate good behavior and attitude at all times
  - Adhere to the School Uniform Policy
  - Have their nomination for a Diamond Award supported by their class teacher.

These criteria have not changed. What has changed is that we lacked consistency and clarity in regard to what is a black shoe, hence the survey. While high expectations are fine, they should not be restrictive or limit the chance of success.

Diamond nominations are not compulsory. Students choose to nominate. Adhering to our uniform policy does not mean perfect uniform each and every day. It does mean that every effort is made and where necessary, an explanation provided. Obviously common sense must prevail and in future if there are any doubts I will make the final decision. Naturally, if we all agree on this policy this will not be necessary. Once I have a collated response from staff, students and community, I will announce an outcome; certainly before the end of term.

Regards ~ Glenn Thorncroft Principal

In the meantime, just to remind us of our wonderful school and students, here are this week’s stars.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Stage 1 Assembly Awards Week 3
Kindergarten: KB: Ella Honnery, Danielle Stilbe, Isaac Maloney.
KR: Ella Hazelwood, Bradley Cant, Claire Stranlund.
KG: Ryan Guy, Layla O’Connor, Caitlin Laird.
Year 1: Oscar Hicks, Montana Ward, Ella Bradford, Asha Searle, Mercedes Ramunno, Matilda O’Connor
Year 2: Indianna Mills, Nikita Short, Jasmine Callaway, Feja Lane-Stasionis,
Eli Bennett, Jarna Ray, Ciara Russell, Shakira Prinz, Astarlia Metz-Gainge

Honey Pot Awards: Joshua Willer, Shontae Doyle, Mercedes Ramunno, Kaleah Benson, Ivy Ellis

Class of the Week: 2K

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

We will let Kindergarten children know soon regarding when they are able to begin borrowing. A cloth bag or even a pillowcase makes a good library bag. Scholastic Bookclub orders were due back in the Library today, but we will accept them tomorrow. Please bring to the Library.

~ Brendan Gillis Teacher/Librarian
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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.

This year we already have some helpers to assist in running the raffle however we could always use more! What we would really like is someone to pull it all together. 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.

MPS Time Capsule
2013 marks a very interesting anniversary for Macksville Public School. 25 years ago in 1988, the Bicentennial Year, MPS students of the time placed time capsules up in the roof of our library. Led by Mr Reg Hoade & Mr Don Mackenzie, under the Principal Mr Bernie Clarke, an unknown number of capsules were placed in the ceiling tubes. This just adds to the excitement of it all!

Mr Gillis (who was teaching here at the time) is currently undertaking the massive task of tracking down as many people as he can who were involved with the 1988 time capsules. At some point this year we will hold a ceremony to retrieve and open the time capsules where the whole community will be invited to join us. If you or anyone you know was involved in the 1988 time capsules, please contact Mr Gillis at school.

Women On The Move
This Thursday 21st February, Women On The Move will be enjoying lunch together at Fook Lum Chinese Restaurant at Nambucca Heads Leagues Club in Short St. We will meet at the club at 11.30am 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.

Uniform Shop
Our uniform shop is up and running again for 2013 with new stock having just arrived. Please feel free to drop in and see Theresa on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm or make alternative time arrangements at the office.

Broken pencils are pointless.

Proud to be a part of the Family School