**Term 1, Week 6**

**March 5th, 2013**

**COMING UP:**
- Wednesday 6th: Regional Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 14th: Whole School Assembly, 2.10pm
- Friday 15th: Funky Hair Friday
- Wednesday 20th: P&C Annual General Meeting 6pm
- Tuesday 26th: Egg Drop
- Thursday 28th: Easter Infants Hat Parade & Raffle Draw
- Friday 29th: GOOD FRIDAY

**Thank You**

Despite the poor weather, a very hardworking group of parent volunteers have done a fabulous job of cleaning up areas of the school downstairs and providing plants for landscaping. The recent wet season has made it very difficult for our cleaners and general assistants to keep on top of the work needed to keep our school looking good. Thanks so much to Damon Boxsell, Brad Gouttman and Julie East for your efforts in organising and volunteering your time. The areas you worked on look fantastic.

**Principals’ Meeting**

Yesterday Macksville Public School hosted the combined Mid North Coast and Coffs Harbour School Education Group Principals’ Meeting. Lucky our students were well behaved with 56 principals at the school! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Canteen Manager Wendy Hillary and her busy band of helpers for the excellent catering. A huge thanks to Shonelle Blair for the Acknowledgment of Country and Mrs Herron’s circus performers who performed at such short notice. The audience was suitably impressed!
School Uniform Survey

Thank you for your response to the survey of school shoes over the last few weeks. It was pleasing to see so many families respond. Your input is valued. Our teaching staff was also surveyed and our student leaders had an input. The overall response to the survey gave me a clear indication of the general consensus as well as some general feedback and suggestions. Overwhelmingly, people feel that while all black shoes are the uniform, a small logo or a slight variation is acceptable for a variety of reasons. That being the case, in future, especially in relation to Diamond Awards, this is the policy that will be adopted and if there is any doubt I will make any decisions as to whether particular footwear meets the criteria. I trust this clarifies the issue.

Several good suggestions will also be implemented, two of which include a more thorough system of monitoring uniforms regularly, and a third term celebration for all students who have been on Gold all year, and who may choose to nominate for a Diamond Award. This would present an opportunity to discuss the criteria for the Diamond Awards. As I outlined last week, our school community expects our students to wear full school uniform each day. Diamond Awards include wearing our uniform as one of several qualifying criteria and it is totally up to students to nominate.

For your information, our primary and infants school uniform is:

**Girls Summer Uniform**
- Blue/white checked skirt, dress, shorts or skort
- Royal blue polo shirt
- White socks and Black shoes
- Royal blue hat

**Boys Summer Uniform**
- Royal blue polo shirt
- Grey shorts (above the knee)
- Grey socks and Black shoes
- Royal blue hat

**Girls Winter Uniform**
- Royal blue shirt
- Royal blue track pants
- Royal blue sloppy-joe
- White socks and Black shoes
- Royal blue hat and Royal blue jacket

**Boys Winter Uniform**
- Royal blue polo shirt
- Long grey trousers or royal blue track pants
- Royal blue sloppy-joe
- Grey socks and Black shoes
- Royal blue hat and Royal blue jacket

**Girls Sports Uniform**
- Royal blue pleated skirt or royal blue shorts
- White polo shirt
- White socks and Sports shoes
- Royal blue hat

**Boys Sports Uniform**
- Royal blue shorts
- White polo shirt
- White socks and Sports shoes
- Royal blue hat

*A small school logo is an approved optional extra for T shirts and sloppy-joes.*

**Clean up Australia Day**

Wouldn’t it be fantastic if there was no rubbish to clean up! Sadly this is not the case but the good news is that our students did a wonderful job last Friday cleaning up our patch of Australia. Well done everyone and thanks to Mrs Lynch who organised our school event.

Regards ~
Glenn Thorncroft
Principal
Stage 1 Assembly Awards
Kindergarten: Mikayla Lenthall, Baylee Freeman, Hannah Czisz, Nakein Adams, Jacob Loveday, Layla Brennan, Maddison Gouttman, Zannah Hogan, Kiara Heatpl0n, Yvon Grace.
Year 1: Hope Willer, Anna Walker, Tom McNally, Brayden Luffman, Nate Payne, Willow Punton, Eric Doyle, A.J. Bennett, Tayah Smith-Comber, Lachlan Rouse, Mystique Leggo, Dylan Dunstan
Year 2: Taylah Jury, Samantha Hamer, Jemeika Cohen, Jarrad Laredo-Fitzgerald, Bowen Fortescue, Hali McFadyen, Bradley Cooper, Jasper Scott
Honeypot: Travis Banks, Zachary Smith, Toby Dwyer, Charlie Wilkes, Layla O'Connor, Ella Beckington, Lachlan Pade, Lachlan Rouse
Stage Awards 11 for Week 3: Maya Jarrett, Luke Pollard, Jamie Ward, Charlie Crossingham

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Wed, March 6th                Jessica Nash
Thurs, March 7th                            Dave Flack
Fri, March 8th        Ruth Flarrety, Beth Graham
Mon, March 11th                        Billie Grant
Tues, March 12th                  Dave Flack
Wed, March 13th                Jessica Nash

Delicious Summer Menu
Salad bowls, Fruit Salads, Yummy Wraps
Hot Noodle Cups
Chicken & Beef $2.50 each
‘MACARONI CHEESE’ IS BACK $3

Community News
Scotts Head Boardriders: Great surfing fun, all ages and abilities welcome. Next comp day Sun Mar 17th, meet at Scotts Head near Surfclub at 8am. More info from Natalie Robertson 6569 7952 or check on facebook.
Our Very Own Swim Stars

Last week our swimming champions competed at the Mid North Coast Carnival in Coffs Harbour. After being delayed due to the weather, our team really shone. Miss Yates said the children’s behaviour was exemplary and that our kids were “fantastic”! She would also like to pass on a massive thank you to all our parent helpers who did an amazing job on the day.

We now have 2 individual swimmers and our Girls Jnr Relay Team who have qualified to swim at the Regional Carnival to be held in Coffs Harbour tomorrow, Wednesday 6th March.

P & C Easter Raffle- Eggs, Eggs and More Eggs!

This well loved Macksville Public School tradition with at least 50 prizes up for grabs can only be fantastically huge with your help. We need lots of Easter Eggs to make up lots of prizes. As Easter is quite early this year, we’ve got a much shorter time frame to pull it all together so please keep on sending those donations in.

Your ticket sales have been fantastic! Keep up the good work, you’re keeping our wonderful volunteers very busy indeed!

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.

Our wrapping days are now set and we would love as many of you as possible to come along and help. We will be wrapping on Friday 22nd March in the LCC & Tuesday 26th March in the Old Hall, both days from 9.10am.

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.
“SHOWTIME’

“A Celebration of Public Schools in the Nambucca Valley”

OVER 500 PERFORMERS! COME CELEBRATE THE WEALTH OF TALENT IN OUR VALLEY!

Date: Thursday April 11th 2013
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Nambucca Heads High School
Ticket: Available at the door
Price: $10 per Adult
       $5 per child 17 yrs and under