Term 1, Week 10

COMING UP:
- Tuesday April 9th: GOLD DAY
- Thursday April 11th: ‘Showtime’ - NHHS
- Friday April 12th: Last Day Term 1
- Wednesday May 1st: First Day back for students Term 2

April 2nd, 2013

P&C AGM ~ Wednesday
April 10 @ 4pm
~ all welcome ~ LCC

Year 2 Egg Drop

The tradition lives on!! Last week’s Egg Drop was a spectacle for all to see! The ideas ranged from incredibly simple to exceedingly complicated with varying degrees of success. We even had a rotten egg to liven things up! Congratulations to all our Year 2 students and their families for joining in and trialling some excellent contraptions. It was fantastic to see so many families attending.

Well done everyone!
Easter Parade
Thursday was another huge day at Macksville PS. Our Easter Parade was an outstanding success. It was brilliant to see so many people joining us for this annual event. The hats were excellent and so was the spirit of the students. I was impressed to see so many primary students joining in. Thanks to Macksville Community Pre-school and Alphabet Day Care Centre for joining us. Thanks also to our Macksville Police for making our journey around town safer and easier.

This year’s Easter Raffle was huge. Thanks so much for your generous support. A huge thankyou also to the fundraising committee, who worked so hard to wrap, display, organise and sell tickets and assist with the draw. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

~ Glenn Thorncroft, Principal

**School Student Banking is every Thursday**
Electronic Payments to MPS: To make payments easier for Textbooks, Excursions, School Contributions etc, you may pay any of these by direct credit. Please use the following bank account information to transfer funds from your banking institution to our account.

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Once paid, it is essential for you to email the school at macksville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child’s name, the amount deposited and what you are paying for. It is also essential to include your child’s name as the description for the transfer. A reminder note will come home next term regarding outstanding payments.

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

**SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER**

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- **HOT Noodle Cups**
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Stewart House 2013 Donation Drive: Please consider giving to this worthy cause. Envelopes for your donations will be coming home first week back next term. Donations of just $2 go into a draw to win a $4000 family holiday. Sealed donation envelopes need to be returned to school by Stewart House Day May 10th, 2013.

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Community News

**Scotts Head Nippers:** A reminder last training day for the season for all Nippers and their families is this Sunday April 7th. Nippers Presentation Day and AGM with BBQ — Sunday April 14th. All welcome.

**Vacation Care:** In Nambucca Heads and Macksville during school holidays Monday April 15th-Friday April 26th, 8am-6pm. Nambucca also open April 29th and 30th (pupil free days). High quality care, fun activities, sport, craft, excursions, more! For more information email vaccare@bigpond.com or phone Gail at Family Services on 6568 1474. Bookings essential.

**Standing Strong Family Relationship Skills Program:** Getting stronger after difficult times and building strengths and dreams. Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th May 10am-1pm at Family and Community Information Centre, 27 Wallace Street, Macksville. Book on 6568 2305 or Cranes 6642 7257.

**RSPCA Million Paws Walk:** Meet at Park Beach Reserve Coffs Harbour at 10am Sunday May 19 with your family and your dog. On day registration from 9am, day concludes 1pm after 4 km walk. Food stalls, games, raffles and novelty dog show. A great day out for all your family and your canine pet. Discount on tickets sold online before March 31st. 100% funds raised stay in the local community.
Out And About At Macksville Public School

Literacy Programs in the LCC

Letters to the Queen
As a part of the Literacy Program that is being run through the LCC with Mrs Grace, several students have penned letters to the Queen. When the children heard that the Queen had been unwell recently, they asked if they could write her a letter to wish her a speedy recovery. This has worked in beautifully with the Literacy program. The letters have now been posted and the children are eagerly waiting for a response.

Multi-Sensory Approach to Writing
Mrs Duguid is also involved in the Literacy Program that is run through the LCC. She had a group of students use a different medium to write with.....shaving cream! They practised their spelling words and sounded out words. Not only was this loads of fun, the kids learnt through play and the LCC smelt amazing afterwards!

Women On The Move
This Thurs 4th April, Women On The Move will be heading of to Mosaics at Yarrahapinni. The entry will be $10. We will meet at McDonalds in Nambucca at 9.30am then opposite Café Au Lait River Street Macksville at 10.15am for car pooling. 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 phone 6568 2305.

GOO GOLD DAY!
Well this is going to be a messy one! But oh....so much fun!!

Next Tuesday, 9th April, is our Term One Gold Day. All those kids who have remained on Gold through Term One are in for a sticky gooey awesome day of fun! Those taking part will be sent a note home. It's your children's special treat for being such well behaved kids. Our very own SRC students have had a blast just organising it for you! Things for you to remember to send with the kids on the day are:
• Bring/wear your swimmers under mufti clothes
• A change of clothes (in case of goo overload!)
• Fruit break, recess and lunch
• A towel

Here is just a taste of some of the activities on offer:
⇒ Goo Pool
⇒ Goo piñata
⇒ Slippery boot throwing
⇒ Watermelon eating competition
⇒ Class egg throwing races
⇒ Goo tubs
⇒ Pin the eyes on the Goo monster
⇒ Balloon popping
⇒ Painting with your feet
⇒ And for a grand finale, some kids will have the chance to throw some goo at Mr Thorncroft!!

100% Attendance = a brighter future

Bicycles can’t stand on their own because they are two-tired.

Proud to be a part of the Family School
It’s SHOWTIME!

It’s so huge, it’s only held once every 2 years! Showtime is an extravaganza, a celebration of talent and a spectacle not to be missed. For the first time, Showtime will be held at an outdoor venue at Nambucca Heads High School which will only add to the amazing atmosphere!

Macksville Public School is very proud and just a little excited to be involved! We have 25 performers who auditioned and are now rehearsing 3 times a week.

Showtime has a theme of ‘Fantasy’ this year and our performance should fit into this very well. With a combination of dance, circus, recorder and singing, Macksville Public’s section of the show will blow everyone away! Our actors, dancers and musicians will be painted in glow in the dark body paint and their performance will take place under black lights. With a remixed version of ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’ it is an all round, all senses spectacle!

Please come along and not only support our wonderfully talented kids but also all of the talent in the 10 Public Schools in the Nambucca Valley.

3H Excursion to NASA!

Can you believe that 3H were lucky enough to have an excursion to NASA in the United States? Well through a program called DART (Distance and Rural Technologies) 3H were able to visit NASA on a virtual excursion via Video Conference in the LCC and speak to Steve from NASA.

The NASA Space Centre in Houston Texas has a program called ‘Orbital Outreach’. This interactive session was live in front of the Skylab Telescope in the Starship Gallery, where the students participated in hands-on activities to answer questions such as ‘Why do stars twinkle?’ And ‘Why is space black?’ The students also had the opportunity to ask Steve their own questions which he happily answered for them. Thank you to Mr Thorncroft who fully subsidised the excursion.

Today we learnt about space. First Steve showed us space things, it’s awesome. Also I learnt that Mars is red. Steve is in the TV thing, he told us some questions and we asked him some questions.

Jade, 3H

Steve from NASA in Houston, Texas