Term 4, Week 1  October 8th, 2014

P&C MEETING  Wednesday, October 15th @ 5pm LCC

COMING UP:
Oct 13th-15th  Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion
Thurs Oct 16th  Surfing Scientist Show
Oct 30th-31st  Year 3 Cascade Excursion
Nov 3rd-7th    Year 5 Lake Ainsworth Excursion

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and fun-filled holiday. This will be another very busy term with excursions across the school and also children completing assessments for the end of year student reports. Year 2 – 4 students will also be participating in the yearly ‘Swim and Survive’ Program to be held in November. It is very important for students to be in attendance at school throughout this term so that they may participate in these very important events.

Student Attendance
Staff have just undergone some professional learning around student attendance and legal requirements. If your child will be away for an extended period of time, or needs to be excluded from school, paperwork needs to be completed by parents and a Certificate of Exemption given by the Principal, which may need to be produced upon request while you are on holidays. NSW Department of Education and Communities policy dictates that students are not entitled to more than 15 days leave per year, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Therefore, any time your child needs to have off school for extra family holidays, medical and dental appointments, swimming lessons etc, needs to be organised outside school hours, if possible.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015
This term we will also meet our Kindergarten students for 2015. Parents who have a pre-school child or a sibling who will be entering Kindergarten at Macksville Public School in 2015 need to enrol now so that you don’t miss out on information about our transition days. Enrolment forms are available at the Pre-Schools and also at the school office. Please contact the school on 6568 1800.

Premier’s Debating Challenge
There is no stopping our remarkable debating team of Saule Stasionis, Rylee Godfrey-Martin, Krysta Stennett and Zahra Paddle. The girls continued on to the next level to compete against Hastings Public School at the end of last term and were successful in their arguments. Mr MacDonald was so proud of their skills to win at this level. Congratulations team!

Gold Day
Last term we had another great day of rewards for our very well-behaved students at Macksville Public School. The children enjoyed a fun-filled play day, dressing in anything that started with ‘P’ and rounded off the day with lunch consisting of every form of Pizza that would entice your taste buds. The teachers were also very creative bringing some fabulous ideas into the classrooms. There were students making popcorn, pancakes, patty cakes, pasta necklaces and playing lots of various games. Some were playing guitar, painting and even giving pedicures. Everyone is again on GOLD for this term, and I am sure that everyone will be striving to attend our next exciting Gold Day.
**URGENT PAYMENTS NEEDED for Year 3, 4 and 5 Excursions!!**

If you have not completed making payments for your child’s excursion, please do so urgently. The Year 4 excursion leaves next Monday October 13th. If you still owe money please drop your payment in to the office by this Friday October 10th. Contact the Office on 6568 1800 if you have any problems re payments.

For the Year 3 and Year 5 excursions, please continue to make payments, no matter how small, towards your child’s excursion. These can be made either at the school office or online. To pay online: please email the school at macksville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child’s name, amount deposited and the reference for the payment.

- **Account Name:** MPS Admin Account
- **BSB:** 032001
- **Acct No:** 142920
- **Reference:** Your child’s name.

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**Year 2 Excursion – Timbertown**

To complete a unit on Transport, Year 2 will be visiting Timbertown in Wauchope this Friday, 10th October. This is an authentic heritage township, where the steam train still runs, timber is sawn and the bullock team hauls its heavy load. Children will leave school early at 8:45am and return at 3:00pm. Children will be required to wear full school uniform, hat, sunscreen and bring recess and lunch. The cost for the excursion is $24.00 which covers bus travel and also entry into Timbertown.

**Year 1 Excursion – Dolphin Marine Magic**

Year 1 will be visiting Dolphin Marine Magic in Coffs Harbour on Wednesday, 15th October. The children will leave school at 8:50am, so will **need to be at school by 8:45am**. The cost of the excursion is $25.00 which covers bus travel and entry into Dolphin Marine Magic. Students are required to wear full school uniform sunscreen and hat and provide recess and lunch on the day.

**Year 3 Excursion – Cascade Environmental Centre**

As part of our excursion policy, Year 3 students will participate in an overnight excursion to the Cascade Environmental Centre in Dorrigo on Thursday 30th October and Friday, 31st of October. To book your child’s participation for this excursion, a deposit of $20.00 was required by the 24th March. Payment of the balance to be finalised as soon as possible.

**Year 4 Excursion – Great Aussie Bush Camp**

Year 4 students will attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp again this year from Monday 13th to Wednesday, 15th October. This camp is a favourite of both teachers and students. Students will need to be up early and ready to leave at 7:30am on Monday 13th October and return to school at 4:30pm on Wednesday, 15th October.

**Year 5 Excursion – Lake Ainsworth**

34 students from Year 5 will be participating in this year’s excursion to Lake Ainsworth. The children will be at Lake Ainsworth from Monday, 3rd November to Friday 7th November. The lessons at this camp include: nature awareness, marine studies, snorkelling, surf skiing, rock climbing, archery, canoeing, orienteering, bike riding, sailing, tennis, high ropes and beach games. Regular payments through instalments need to be ongoing to reduce the burden of the cost of this excursion. Please be reminded that we cannot refund deposits and all outstanding balances need to be finalised by Friday, 24th October.

**School Performance – ‘The Surfing Scientist’**

We have a very exciting performance coming up on Thursday, 16th October. Ruben Merrman, ‘The Surfing Scientist’ with a passion for Science and Education, will entertain us so you need to get your money in as soon as possible so as not to miss out. His energetic style has been seen on different TV shows and he was the resident scientist on the hit TV show ‘Rollercoaster’. Students will be mesmerised by bubbling beakers, fizzing fluids and spooky fog. The cost of the show is $5.00 which needs to be finalised by Tuesday, 14th October.

**Aboriginal Numeracy Day**

50 Aboriginal students from schools across the Nambucca Valley will be attending a Numeracy Day at Macksville PS today. The students will participate in innovative, practical and hands-on numeracy activities to build mathematical skills in our Stage 3 Aboriginal students. This program has been developed by Mr MacDonald, in cooperation with other stage 3 teachers, and Cathy Yates, who is currently working as the Aboriginal Education Consultant. It is hoped that this program will continue next year and be shared across our Community of Schools.

**Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN**

Please be advised that all Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN results were handed out at the end of last term. If you have not received your child’s report, or need assistance in interpreting the student report, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal
Macksville Public School P&C Xmas Raffle
This annual fundraiser is traditionally supported through donations of hamper items and/or gold coin donations. If you could donate a gift or non perishable food item for this year’s Xmas hamper, it would be greatly appreciated. The more donations……the bigger the prizes!
Please return the ‘Raffle Book Order Form’ (below) if you would like to buy and/or sell raffle tickets. The books will be sent home with your children (from Mon 13th Oct). Raffle books must be returned sold or unsold by Monday 8th December and the winners will be drawn on Presentation Day, Thursday 11th December. Please ensure when sending money that it is placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class and whether it is for raffle tickets or a donation. Raffle tickets will be priced at $1 each or 3 for $2. Buy/sell as many as you can… you have to be in it to win it! Good luck to all.

2013 Xmas Raffle (not the children :-)

Macksville Public School P&C Xmas Raffle Book Order Form

Please send me__________books of ten tickets and/or

Please accept my donation of $_______

Students Name:_________________________
Class:_______

Year 6 Farewell Photos
Our Year 6 Farewell for 2014 is fast approaching. Traditionally we run a slide show with 4 photos of each child from birth till now at the farewell. This slide show takes quite a bit of work to put together so we are asking for the photos of your child to be brought in to school as soon as possible.
Photos can either be brought in as a hard copy (and returned with your child the same day) or emailed to: kirstin.knight2@det.nsw.edu.au
Please help us make this occasion as memorable as possible for your child. We look forward to seeing your beautiful baby photos.

Nambucca Relay For Life 2014
This year the Nambucca Relay For Life will be:
⇒ Where?
  Macksville Showground
⇒ When?
  2pm Saturday 25th Oct-9am Sun 26th Oct
So come along and show your support for our local Relay For Life teams at the Macksville Showground. This will be a great weekend with performances by our very own MPS Circus Troupe and Choir! There will also be Troppo Bob, jumping castle, photo booth, music, stalls and food so it’s going to be a great weekend.
You can stay the night or just come for a fun day out and help raise money for cancer research.
COMMUNITY NEWS:
Oral Health Care: All children aged 0-18 are eligible to receive FREE general dental treatment through Mid-North Coast Local Health District. Parents do not need to hold a Health Care Card or pension to be eligible. Call 1300 651 625.
Go-Swim: Macksville Marlins Swimming Club are having a Go-Swim Day including registration, time trials, fun relays, BBQ and parent info session. Wed Oct 8th, register from 4.30, time trials from 6pm. At Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre. Contact Lyndal Sutton 0409 681 207. Email: macksvillemarlins@gmail.com, or visit goswim.org.au for details.