Term 4, Week 2  October 14th, 2014

COMING UP:

- Oct 13th-15th  Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion
- Wed Oct 15th  Year 1 Excursion Dolphin Marine Magic
- Thurs Oct 16th  Surfing Scientist Show
- Oct 30th-31st  Year 3 Cascade Excursion
- Nov 3rd-7th  Year 5 Lake Ainsworth Excursion

The term is underway and excursions are commencing. If your child is participating in an excursion this term, please be aware of dates and times so that they do not miss out on these opportunities and you are fully aware of payment details.

Year 2 Excursion – Timbertown

To complete a unit on Transport, Year 2 visited Timbertown last Friday. Children use these wonderful experiences to build knowledge around units of work covered in class and also use this new range of vocabulary to enhance their writing. I am looking forward to reading the clever stories that are a result of these organised outings. The students had a fabulous time and it has been reported that staff, personnel at Timbertown, and even other visitors to the venue were truly impressed with the outstanding level of manners and behaviour of our Year 2 students. Lovely to hear, congratulations Year 2!

Year 1 Excursion – Dolphin Marine Magic

Year 1 will be visiting Dolphin Marine Magic in Coffs Harbour tomorrow, 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 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 Cascade Environmental Centre in Dorrigo on Thursday 30th October and Friday, 31st October. To book your child’s participation for this excursion, a deposit of $20.00 was required last March. Payment of the balance to be finalised as soon as possible.

Year 4 Excursion – Great Aussie Bush Camp

Year 4 students departed for the Great Aussie Bush Camp yesterday. Everyone was very excited and looking forward to the bus trip and their first day at the camp. Year 4 were packed and ready to go on time, so thank you to parents for getting children to school so early. This camp is a favourite of both teachers and students. Students will 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’ has a passion for Science and Education. Students will be mesmerised by bubbling beakers, fizzing fluids and spooky fog. The cost of the show is $5.00 which needed to be finalised by today, Tuesday, 14th October.

Aboriginal Numeracy Day

Fifty Stage 3 students from Macksville, Bowraville, Stuart’s Point, Scott’s Head, Frank Partridge and Medlow Public Schools attended a Numeracy Day at Macksville PS last week. The students participated in a round robin of innovative, practical and hands-on numeracy activities. It was wonderful to see relationships grow throughout the day and the opportunity for students to get to know other students from other schools. It was an eye opener for students of small schools to be part of a day in the life of a large primary school. They loved it!

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

This term we will 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.

Dedication of the Macksville War Memorial

The dedication of the newly constructed Macksville War Memorial will be conducted on Saturday, 1st November at 11:15am. There will be a military parade, similar to ANZAC Day, commencing in Princess Street, through the CBD of Wallace Street, via the Pacific Highway into River Street and halt adjacent to the Memorial. Macksville Public School has been asked to participate in this march, so we welcome students to represent our school on the day. We have aligned the ANZAC projects to this service. The research projects that students are completing around the life and history of a soldier who is named on a local cenotaph, will be on display at the Macksville Ex-Services Club on 1st November.

School Calendar

This terms events and programs have been included in this week’s newsletter insert. Please display in a prominent position so you are aware of up and coming events. There are times however, that there is a need to make some changes to the calendar, so we apologise if there is any confusion. We endeavour to communicate these changes as soon as we possibly can.

Golf Championships

5C has been participating in a Golf program this year. The District Championships will be held at Urunga Golf Club on Tuesday October 21st starting at 11.00am. The following students have been selected to compete at the championships: Taybian Welsh, Patrick Go-Sam, Tiajuana Rosser, Kayley Hunter, Jacob Skee, Emily Pearce, Meg Laverty and James Hamer. Both teams have qualified for the District final at Urunga. Hit off will be approx. 11.00am, a BBQ lunch provided after golf where trophies and encouragement awards will be presented. The District winners will play against the winning team from Lower North Coast. The teams have to be two boys and two girls and it will be played under the same format as the day at Macksville.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal

Busways Information

Students going from Year 2 into Year 3 in 2015, are required to fill out a new bus pass application form for free bus travel. Parents of students deemed ineligible may apply direct to Transport for NSW stating their reasons. The same applies for students going from Year 6 into Year 7. Please note the completed application forms need to be sent to the high school the student will be attending in 2015. To reduce the risk of students not having a pass at the beginning of the new school year, please attend to this matter promptly.

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. If you still owe money please drop your payment in to the office by this Friday October 17th. 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
Acct No: 142920
BSB: 032001
Reference: Your child’s name.

See the calendar on the front of this newsletter re dates of excursions.
URGENTLY NEEDED: NEW CANTEEN HELPERS  PHONE 65681800

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

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Spoon or fork or container: 10c each

NO PIES OR SAUSAGE ROLLS FOR SUMMER

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I would like to learn ____________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________ (Parent) Phone No. ____________

PERMISSION NOTE FOR MUSIC LESSONS

IAN FLARRETY—MUSIC TEACHER  PHONE 6568 3921

Anyone wishing to have Music Lessons please fill in the note below and send into the school office.

PLUS, you can order your children’s lunch through Our Online Canteen: Helpline 1300 116 637.

Log on to info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au and select school, teacher.

Payment options available.

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**Out And About At Macksville Public School**

**They’re gone a bit potty in 3V**

In 3V, we have been busy making pottery during Term 3. We made little bowls on the pottery wheel. It was a real challenge to learn how to centre, bring up and shape the bowl on the wheel! We also learnt how to model, coil, carve and roll slabs of clay to make animals and houses. We all had a great time. The next step will be to glaze our creations and put them in the kiln to be fired. We can’t wait to see what the finished items look like.

**Year 6 Farewell Photos**

Traditionally we run a slide show with 4 photos of each child from birth till now at the Year 6 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. Thank you to those parents who have already sent in their photos.

**SRC Guessing Competition!**

‘The SRC are running an M&M/jelly bean guessing competition as a fund raiser for the best school in the valley. How exciting! At only 50c a guess, we need as many guesses as possible. There are two separate guessing jars, one for Stage 1 and one for Stage 2-3. Guesses can be bought at both recess and lunch and the major winners will get the whole jar to themselves! Remember: funny, funny in my tummy, M&Ms and jelly beans are so yummy!!’

*By Zahra and Jessie-SRC Representatives.*

**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 years 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.

**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:_______

**Never trust atoms, They make up everything!**

**Proud to be a part of the Family School**
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*School resumes for students Yr 1-6 (Wed 28th Jan 2015) and starts for Kindergarten (Mon 2nd Feb 2015)*