COMING UP:

- Wed Oct 22nd: Year 6 Archery MHS
- Fri Oct 24th: Dental Talks 12-3pm Years 1 & 2
- Wed Oct 29th: Kindergarten 2015 Transition Day 1
- Thurs Oct 30th: Whole School Assembly @ 2.10pm
- Oct 30th-31st: Year 3 Cascade Excursion
- Nov 3rd-7th: Year 5 Lake Ainsworth Excursion

Year 1 and Year 4 have completed their excursions and both groups had a wonderful time. These experiences are what memories are made of and will be remembered for many years to come. Thank you to the staff who make these experiences possible. Year 3 will be off to Cascade shortly and Year 5 to Lake Ainsworth where they will participate in many outdoor activities.

**Year 1 Excursion to 'Dolphin Marine Magic':**
Year 1 visited Dolphin Marine Magic at Coffs Harbour and enjoyed every minute frolicking with the dolphins and being kissed by the seals. The children were just bubbling with excitement after their day out and couldn’t wait to share their experiences. I have already had many visits from Year 1 children sharing their stories with me. I was told that Mrs Hazelwood was a little scared of the seal and needed to be protected by Mrs Ronan. The ‘Seal Kiss’ photos were really lovely and a great keepsake of their day.

**Year 4 Excursion – The Great Aussie Bush Camp:**
Year 4 also had a fabulous time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. This is a great camp and an opportunity to participate in some fabulous outdoor activities. It is also an opportunity for year 4 students to build their independence by camping out for two nights. The students in year 4 were very tired on their return, but very keen to tell us what a great time they had at the camp. Most of their stories were about how they overcame their fears to conquer some amazing challenges. Please see our insert, where Lili and Abi from 4C share their experiences.

**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. Please pay the balance of this excursion as soon as possible.

**Year 5 Excursion – Lake Ainsworth:** 34 students from Year 5 will travel to Lake Ainsworth on Monday, 3rd November, and return Friday 7th November. The lessons at this camp include: nature awareness, marine studies, snorkelling, surfing, rock climbing, archery, canoeing, orienteering, bike riding, sailing, tennis, high ropes and beach games. Please be reminded that we cannot refund deposits and all outstanding balances need to be finalised by this Friday, 24th October.

**Year 6 Excursion – Coffs Harbour:** A minimum of 30 students is needed to go ahead with this excursion with deposits of $50 to be paid by tomorrow, Wednesday October 22nd. Notes were sent home last week, or you can find one on our website under the ‘permission notes’ tab, then go to excursions. Currently there are not enough numbers for this excursion to proceed.

**URGENT PAYMENTS NEEDED for Excursions:** If you have not completed payment for your child’s excursion, please do so urgently. Contact the Office on 6568 1800 if you have any questions.
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 Performance ~ 'The Surfing Scientist': On Thursday 16th October, our students were wowed during a visit from ABC’s own ‘Surfing Scientist!’ Mr Ruben Meeraman had every student hooked with amazing demonstrations using liquid nitrogen, balloons and the laws of physics. Teachers and students alike enjoyed Ruben’s balloon popping, water freezing, and flashing laser experiments. Everyone agreed the show was a smashing success and many students left the hall raving about what experiments they would be able to conduct in their own classrooms. A big thank you to Ruben! We look forward to more exciting science at Macksville Public School!

~ Adam Rumsey, Teacher 2R

Year 6 to 7 Transition: Year 6 will walk to Macksville High School on Wednesday, 22nd October and Wednesday, 29th October for taster lessons in Archery from 9:30am to 10:30am on both days. These lessons provide our Year 6 students with a little taste of what is on offer at Macksville High School, and also build experiences that will enhance their confidence in transitioning to the high school environment in 2015. Students are asked to wear closed-in shoes for these sessions.

Application for Year 7 Selective School Placement in 2016: If you are wanting to apply for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2016, please contact the Principal Debbie Grenenger on 6568 1800. Applications are only online between 14th October 2014 and 17th November, 2014. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday, 12th March 2015.

Debating: Our amazing Debating team were defeated at Coffs Harbour Public School last Tuesday. What a remarkable achievement to make it this far in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. We are so proud of their efforts and the skills they showed throughout the competition. Thank you Saule, Rylee, Krysta and Zahra for representing Macksville Public School in this difficult and challenging field. You have done us proud!

Whole School Assembly: This will be held next Thursday, 30th October at 2:10pm. Please come along and join us for an afternoon of enjoyment and celebration. Selected students will receive their Beez Neez awards for achievements in the classroom, citizenship and also Computers and Library. 1/2TH and 1M will be performing and students will be receiving awards from the Aboriginal Maths Day and also the English and Maths University competitions. It is always a great time to support your child in their education.

Swim and Survive Program: Year 2, 3 and 4 will participate in the annual ‘Swim and Survive’ Program again this year. A note has been sent home outlining dates and times for the program. The 10 day ‘Swim and Survive’ Program will commence on Monday, 10th November and will cost $28.00. Children who have a season pass to the pool need to notify their classroom teacher so it may be recorded. It is expected that ALL students in Years 2 – 4 will participate and children will be grouped according to their swimming ability. Mrs Sue Adams from Macksville High School will coordinate the program using both qualified Austswim teachers and Year 10 students to assist her.

Golf Championships: 5C has been participating in a Golf program this year. The District Championships were held today, Tuesday October 21st at Urunga Golf Club. Taybian Welsh, Patrick Go-Sam, Tiajuana Rosser, Kayley Hunter, Jacob Sken, Emily Pearce, Meg Laverty and James Hamer were selected to participate in the championship. A BBQ lunch was provided after golf where trophies and encouragement awards were presented. The District winners will play against the winning team from Lower North Coast. We will update you on their progress next week.

Kindergarten 2015: Welcome to all our new families who will be joining the ‘Family School’ in 2015. Our new pre-schoolers will be visiting Macksville Public School next Wednesday, 29th October. If you have a child who is attending Kindergarten in 2015, please come along next Wednesday from 10.00am – 11.00am to share in a first day of getting to know you. Just meet us downstairs in the Stage 1 area and we will spend our first visit in the Kindergarten classrooms. Mums and dads are invited to stay with their children for this first session to meet some of our very talented teachers and share in their children’s first taste of Kindergarten. Enrolment forms are available at the Pre-Schools and also at our school office. Please contact the school on 6568 1800.

Live Life Well Workshop: Macksville Public School is involved in a variety of programs under the ‘Live Life Well’ banner. We pride ourselves in offering some brilliant opportunities for students to build an understanding of health, fitness and making healthy lifestyle choices. The breakfast program that caters to nearly 100 students each day, the Crunch and SIP program, Stephanie Alexander’s Kitchen, Gross Motor, the school’s garden are just a few of the programs at our school. Thank you to Mrs Lyndall Lynch and Mrs Miles for co-ordinating these programs across the school. Today, 30 teachers across our area participated in a workshop that was a valuable professional learning opportunity for staff to build a bank of games for both Literacy and Numeracy. This was a great way to learn some practical ideas that will engage students in a fun and interesting way.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal
Anyone wishing to have Music Lessons please fill in the note below and send into the school office.

**PERMISSION NOTE FOR MUSIC LESSONS**

**Name:** ___________________________________________________________  **Class:** _______________

**I would like to learn** ______________________________________________________________________

**Signed:** _________________________________________ (Parent) **Phone No.** ______________________

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**Always Needed: Canteen Helpers**

- **Spoon or fork or container:** 10c each
- **No pies or sausage rolls for summer**

**School Canteen Roster**

- **Wednesday, Oct 22nd:** Cheryl Fortescue
- **Thursday, Oct 23rd:** Cherie Dwyer
- **Friday, Oct 24th:** Lyn Dundas and Therese Laverty
- **Monday, Oct 27th:** Therese Laverty, Tina McNally, Kristy French
- **Tuesday, Oct 28th:** Therese Laverty, Tina McNally, Kristy French

**Menu on School Website**

- **Home-made Spag Bol $4**
- **Jelly & Fruit Cup 70c**
- **Dried:**
  - Apricots 10c
  - Pawpaw 20c
  - Mango 20c
  - Apple 10c

**Order your child’s lunch through Our Online Canteen:**

PH. 1300 116 637.

Log on to

info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Payment options.

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**Library Book Club:** Book Club catalogues were handed out last week and are due back this Friday Oct 24th. Please remember to put your child’s name and class on the order form.

**Library Stocktake:** Due to stocktake starting shortly, this is the last week of borrowing. Please ensure your child returns all their borrowed Library books by next week. Thankyou ~ Sarah Pade

Library Teacher

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Please make sure your child’s belongings are clearly marked with their name.

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**Ian Flarretty—Music Teacher**  **Phone 6568 3921**

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**Permission Note for Music Lessons**

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**I would like to learn** ______________________________________________________________________

**Signed:** ________________________________________________________________ (Parent) **Phone No.** ______________________
Out And About At Macksville Public School

SRC Guessing Competition!
The SRC are running an M&M/jelly bean guessing competition as a fund raiser. We are hoping to put the money towards improving our already amazing school. Guesses are only 50c each! There are two separate guessing jars, one for Stage 1 and one for Stage 2 and 3. Guesses can be bought at both recess and lunch and the major winners will get the whole jar to themselves! YUM! Remember, as Jessie and Zahra say, “funny, funny in my tummy, M&Ms and jelly beans are so yummy!!”

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.

3H Support PNG Sister School Scheme
As a part of their ‘Kindness and Gratitude Program’, 3H have decided to help Papua New Guinea schools in the Milne Bay Province that have recently been very badly affected by cyclones. This is a poor area and despite PNG being our closest neighbour, they suffer many more hardships than we do. We are asking that if you have any of the following goods that you no longer need or were going to send to an Op Shop, could you please consider donating them to us instead. These items will be collected and sorted prior to being sent way.

Some donation ideas....
- Blue or white (no logo) MPS shirts
- School shorts, skirts and dresses
- Sneakers, thongs, footy boots
- Shorts, t-shirts, dresses, skirts
- Books (4-14 years)
- School resources (books, paper, pencils, math tools)
- Balls and bats
- Diving and fishing gear
- First aid items
- Basic toys (no electronics)

Please send all donations directly to the 3H classroom. A huge thank you to all those who have sent in donations already.

Great News From The Recorder Group
We are very excited to announce that we have applied for the 2015 Festival of Instrumental Music. We made the application after this year’s students and parents raved over the fabulous experience that they had at the Opera House. Next year’s music will be different. Usually the most difficult piece is released prior to the Christmas holidays to allow students extra time to learn! Yesterday 25 enthusiastic musicians met to start the journey for 2015. We are looking forward to keeping you up to date with their progress! Any new recorder students wishing to purchase a recorder can do so from Coffs Plaza Music at a cost of $9.95.

PBL Buzz
Great news on the PBL front, you could now win a $2 voucher to Dougies Takeaway if your name is drawn out of the honey pot. If you’re lucky enough to win a voucher at one of our weekly assemblies, you now have the choice of a voucher for the canteen (MPS), lucky dip (ex-Toyworld), milkshake, ice cream (both at Rosie’s Ice Cream Parlour) or hot chips (Dougies). We are so proud to have this wonderful community involvement.

A bicycle can’t stand on its own because it’s two-tired!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
**Year 4 Excursion - The Great Aussie Bush Camp**

Last week from Monday to Wednesday Year 4 went on their excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. When we arrived we met one of our instructors named Nicole. She showed us where everything was (bathroom, cabins, campfire etc.) then lined us up to go to lunch. We walked to the giant rock and sat down to eat delicious hamburgers for lunch.

Then we went to Dual Flying Fox. Everyone went to their rooms to get changed. When we walked out we saw that a storm was coming. We all huddled together under the shelter until the storm passed. Once it had passed, everyone went to their activities. When we got to canoeing Brent told us all about canoes, T handled paddles and PDFs. Soon everyone was in the water. We played games on the water such as Zombies vs Aliens. It was a bit like tips, except out on water. Once our canoes were safely back on shore, we had a five minute swim. It was very extremely fun!

Then we went to Dual Flying fox. It took us over the lake that we canoed in just moments before! It was so much fun! After that we had dinner in the rock. It was spaghetti bolognaisa. Dessert was ice cream in a cone. It was yummy!

That night we had a games night, playing different types of games. After that we had supper which was chocolate milk and cookies. Then we went to bed as we were very tired.

The next day we went to the sand dunes, they were very big and we learnt about the history of the area. Then we went to the beach, it was freezing, but some brave people went swimming. Next we went on the Giant Swing. It was 16m high! Then we did rock climbing and some people almost made it all the way to the top.

On the last day we did archery and high ropes. It was windy and very cold but we still had lots of fun. The high ropes proved challenging as there were lots of obstacles. It was scary at times but it was still very enjoyable. Before leaving the camp we even got to buy some souvenirs. We then hopped on the bus and waved goodbye to the camp. We were all very tired and had a fantastic time.

*By Lili and Abi (4C)*

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**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.

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**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:________

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*Please keep them coming in.....*