COMING UP:
- Wed Oct 29th: Kindergarten 2015 Transition Day 1
- Year 6 Archery MHS
- Thurs Oct 30th: Whole School Assembly @ 2.10pm
- Oct 30th-31st: Year 3 Cascade Excursion
- Nov 3rd-7th: Year 5 Lake Ainsworth Excursion

A Message from Mr Thorncroft

Hi everybody,

I just wanted to let everyone know that I won’t be returning to Macksville Public School next year. I have decided to take long service leave from the beginning of next year up until my retirement in August.

I particularly want to thank everyone for your commitment in making Macksville PS such a fabulous school. Mrs Grenenger has done an outstanding job and will continue to relieve until I relinquish my position, most likely towards the end of Term 1 next year. I feel it is important that the position is filled substantively, and I also felt it was not right for me to come back for only one term next year. I also want to thank and congratulate our incredible executive, teaching and non-teaching staff on their amazing efforts and achievements. I feel incredibly privileged to have worked in such a vibrant, innovative and supportive environment. I will always treasure my time as Principal of the Family School. I have always said that our students are among the best I have ever worked with and I very much appreciate the efforts and support of our parents and community members. Macksville Public School is indeed the Premier School, a leader within the region and across the state.

While I always saw myself retiring from a school, I have had a very interesting year working at state level in such an important capacity. I have missed the children and the people at MPS for sure. I look forward to catching up. I will be calling in at MPS every chance I get.

– Mr Glenn Thorncroft

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful job that Glenn has done in his years at Macksville Public School, making it the ‘Premier School’ in the Valley as he would always say. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him all the best during his leave, leading into retirement. We will always welcome him back to our school any chance that we get.

Mrs Debbie Grenenger, Staff and Students of MPS

Thankyou ~ Nambucca Valley Garden Club:

On behalf of the Nambucca Valley Garden Club, Mrs Jan Reibel, pictured right with Relieving Principal Mrs Debbie Grenenger, presented a cheque for $150.00 to the Macksville Public School Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. We thank the Garden Club for this very generous donation and the money received will go towards installing a much needed sprinkler system in the garden.

Be Ready To March This Saturday - to Dedicate the Macksville War Memorial:

We urge students to join us for the dedication of the newly constructed Macksville War Memorial this 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 will halt adjacent to the Memorial. Macksville Public School was asked to participate, so we welcome students to represent our school on the day. We have aligned the ANZAC research projects that students are completing, around the life and history of a soldier who is named on a local cenotaph, to this service. They will be on display at Macksville Ex-Services Club on 1st November and need to be handed to Mrs Grace before Friday.

Year 6 to 7 Transition:

Year 6 had a great time visiting Macksville High School for a taster lesson for Archery and will again walk up tomorrow, Wednesday, 29th October for another Archery lesson from 9:30am to 10:30am. These lessons provide our students with a little taste of what is on offer at Macksville High School, and also build experiences to enhance their confidence in transitioning to the high school environment in 2015. The students are asked to wear closed-in shoes for these sessions.

Application for Year 7 Selective School Placement in 2016:

Are you thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2016? Please contact me if you would like to find out more information for applying for a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016. 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.

Whole School Assembly:

Our next whole school assembly will be held this 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 and 1/2HT and 1M will be performing, “What A Happy Place”.

A proud member of the Valley 10 community of public schools
Golf Champions: Taybian Welsh, Rory Partington, Tiajuana Rosser, Kayley Hunter, Jacob Skeen, Emily Pearce, Meg Laverty and James Hamer made up two teams and recently represented our school. The team of Taybian, Rory, Kayley and Tiajuana are now the Mid North Coast Schools Champions. Mr Parker was very proud and excited about the teams’ achievements who now go on to compete against Huntington Public School for the Inter-District Shield.

Kindergarten 2015: Welcome to all our new families who will be joining the ‘Family School’ in 2015. Our gorgeous pre-schoolers will visit us tomorrow Wednesday, 29th October. If you have a child who is attending Kindergarten in 2015, please come tomorrow from 10.00am – 11.00am to share in the 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 the school office. Please contact the school on 6568 1800.

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 commences on Monday, 10th November and costs $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 again coordinate the program using both qualified Austswim teachers and Year 10 students to assist her in the delivery of the program.

Relay For Life: The Relay For Life Charity Event held last weekend was again very successful, raising $24,000 towards Cancer Research. There were 14 teams participating on the day and teams made up of parents, family and friends of Macksville Public School raised $6,000 themselves. What a remarkable achievement! The Macksville Public School Circus Troupe and our School Choir entertained on the day. We would like to thank the children who spent their Saturday afternoon supporting this worthwhile cause and also a big THANKYOU to the parents who brought students to the Showground and supported the performances. The next performance for the Circus Troupe will be at Macksville Ex-Services Club for the Melbourne Cup.
Year 1 & 2 Dental Talks: Dental Fresh visited our Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms to provide some very important lessons on dental care and hygiene. The children were very excited to see the Tooth Fairy and learn all about what it is like to visit the dentist. There were also lessons around healthy choices based on food that is good for our teeth and also those foods that we should only eat sometimes. The kids also were given a demonstration on how to brush their teeth properly so let us know if it had any effect on caring for their teeth at home.

Year 3 Excursion – Cascade Environmental Centre: It has finally arrived!! Year 3 students will participate in an overnight excursion to Cascade Environmental Centre in Dorrigo this Thursday 30th October at 9:30 am and returning at 3.00 pm on Friday, 31st October. I am sure they will have a fabulous time!!

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 of November. Please be reminded that we cannot refund deposits and all outstanding balances need to be finalised by Friday, 24th October.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal

From the Library: As stocktake is beginning shortly, please encourage your children to return their library books. There will be no more borrowing this year. Letters will be sent home shortly re the costs of lost or unreturned library books, so please help your children find their books.

~ Sarah Pade, Library Teacher

URGENT PAYMENTS NEEDED for Year 3 and Year 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 this week.

Payments can also be made 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.

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

IAN FLARREY—MUSIC TEACHER

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. ______________________

Spoon or fork or container : 10c each

Order your child’s lunch through Our Online Canteen: PH. 1300 116 637. Log on to info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Payment options.

~ Sarah Pade, Library Teacher

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3V Pottery Update
Our talented potters in 3V are proud to present their finished creations. The pots and animal figures have been glazed and fired in our school kiln and have come out beautifully. They are now on display in our front office area so please feel free to come and have a look (no touching please)

3H Support PNG Sister School Scheme
Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations for our school in Papua New Guinea. 3H had a visit from Mark Shepard last week and he talked to us about the school in the Milne Bay Province where we will be sending our goods. You can see by the photos that the students have very limited resources available to them. Mark said that they will be extremely grateful for all your generous donations. We are now also collecting any adults clothing you may have that is suitable for warm, tropical environments. Please keep your donations coming and leave them with 3H.

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, boots
- Shorts, t-shirts, dresses, skirts, adult summer clothes.
- 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)

School Banking Day Reminder
Don’t forget that THURSDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at MACKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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.

Out And About At Macksville Public School

I couldn’t figure out how to fasten my seatbelt, then it clicked!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
HAVE A GO SHOW IS BACK FOR 2014

This amazing showcase of Macksville Public School talent is now an annual event and is eagerly anticipated by students, staff and families. It's time to get your act ready for the 2014 auditions which will start on Monday 10th November (Wk 6). Auditions are open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Here are some important notes to remember:-

- All acts must audition.
- Each act (whether solo or group) must create, rehearse and polish their act in their own time.
- All acts are amazing but not every act can make it into the final show (parents please make sure your children understand this process).
- The Have a Go Show will be judged and the winning act will perform on Presentation Day.
- Some suggestions of acts include, singing, dancing, acrobatics, musical instruments, poetry and stand up comedy or any other incredible talent you might have.

‘Break a leg’ to all those eager participants, we can’t wait to see your acts this year. Please see Mrs Lynch for more information. Here are some photos from the 2013 Have a Go Show.

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.

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:_____________________________

Some photos from the 2013 Have a Go Show.