Term 4, Week 6  
November 11th, 2014

COMING UP:

- November 10th-14th: Have-A-Go Show auditions
- November 10th-Nov 21st: Swim and Survive Years 2, 3, 4
- Wednesday November 12th: Kinder Transition Day 3 — Kinder Orientation
- Thursday November 20th: Whole School Assembly 2.10pm
- November 27th-28th: Year 3 Cascade Excursion

Out of Hours Supervision

Please be reminded that students should not be within school grounds after hours in the afternoons and also during the weekend. Parents are also reminded that students should not arrive at school until 8:40 am. We have had children arrive at school before 8am. Students assemble in the top playground until a supervising teacher arrives at 8:40 am so that they are supervised at all times. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students must assemble in the top playground as soon as they arrive. Stage 1 students do not go to classrooms before school until such time as the supervising teacher dismisses students when they are escorted to the Stage 1 assembly area.

School Evaluation

Your opinion is important to us and we would like to take the opportunity for our school community to participate in a Survey that will assist us in our Annual School Evaluation. The survey is distributed each year and the data is then collated and analysed to provide, not only feedback to the school but help us to plan future directions. The survey will be distributed in a variety of ways. The survey can be accessed on the Macksville PS website or a hard copy will be distributed this week from the school. Parents who receive a newsletter via email will have access to a link to complete the survey. There will also be a Parent Forum where you can have a chat with Kirstin Knight, Our Community Engagement Officer over some morning/afternoon tea. Please watch out for more information.

Swim and Survive

There has been a lot of discussion in the media around making the inclusion of swimming lessons compulsory in NSW schools. Macksville PS has been providing this opportunity for many years. We have always recognised the importance of children learning how to swim and gain confidence in, and around the water. ‘Swim and Survive’ is an annual program for students from Years 2, 3 and 4 to participate in building skills, not only in learning how to swim, but further develop their confidence, knowledge of water safety and develop stroke correction over a two-week period. The kids love working with the trained instructors and also the Macksville High School students who help out, so that they are able to provide small group instruction. Please remember that the children involved will need to wear their school uniform to school and bring their swimmers and a towel each day this week and next week.

Kindergarten Orientation Morning

Our Kinders for 2015 have enjoyed two transition days getting to know the Kinder teachers and some of the children who will be attending next year. This Wednesday, 12th November will be the Kindergarten Orientation. Parents will meet in the hall from 9:30am-11:00am to be entertained by this year’s Kindergarten, and also meet some of the staff who will be involved in their child’s education next year. The new Kindergarten will also get to meet their ‘Buddies’ for next year so they have a familiar, friendly face to greet them in 2015. Parents are invited to stay for morning tea and also be introduced to their child’s buddy.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic

As part of our Kindergarten Transition Program, Kindergarten teachers organised a delightful experience for our new Kinders for next year. The children brought along their favourite teddy and participated in a variety of Gross Motor activities as a little taster of a program they will enjoy next year. Everyone had a great time balancing, skipping and playing with the parachute. They finished off the morning with a bag of tiny teddies for good measure.
Circus Troupe
The Macksville Public School added another dimension to the celebration of the Melbourne Cup luncheon held at the Macksville Ex-Services Club last Tuesday. The audience were wowed by the gymnasts, jugglers, unicyclists, poi and flag twirlers and plate spinners. The troupe was not deterred by technical and sound difficulties and soldiered on to the delight of the audience.

Year 5 Excursion to Lake Ainsworth
Year 5 had a most wonderful experience at Lake Ainsworth last week. Mr Johnson and Ms Clogan reported that it was the best excursion yet, with Year 5 students enjoying themselves and participating in an amazing selection of outdoor activities that challenged them in a variety of ways. The students were extremely well behaved and from all reports had a memorable time. Thank you to the teachers for providing this great experience.

Whole School Assembly
Our next whole school assembly will be held next Thursday, 20th November at 2:10pm. Please come along and join us in celebrating student achievements.

Year 5 Sarzotti Scholarship
Each year, Year 5 students have the opportunity to apply for a $500.00 scholarship to support a talent that they have demonstrated a commitment to over time. The scholarship was a donation made by Mrs Sarzotti to support students financially in the pursuit of an interest or talent in any area. This money is to support a sporting talent, a musical pursuit or even inclusion in an academic field throughout 2015. Saule Stasionis was the lucky recipient for 2014 and has used the funds to continue her journey in the performing arts. Nomination forms are available from the office and must be in by November 28th. The successful applicant will be announced at the 2014 Presentation Day awards ceremony to be held on 11th December.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal

Stage 1 ‘Science Day’
Last Thursday, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 donned long white coats and practised their Science Skills for our Science morning. Classes of students rotated around a range of experiments from bottle rockets, balloon rockets, paper planes, electric balloons, floating plasticine, frozen eruptions and craft goo to piercing a potato with a straw. A big thank you, to all the amazing teachers for their top notch experiments.

Mr Rumsey – Year 2
From the Library: Library stocktake has started!!! All borrowed books need to be returned. 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

STARS OF THE WEEK

Stage 1 Assembly Awards — Week 5
Kindergarten: Aston Ramunno, Amethyst Mahboub
Year 1: Jade Mullershausen, Deakan McManus, Lottie Beadle, Matilda Campbell, Jake Cropp, Nakein Adams, Danielle Stilbe, Lenci Shannon, Lilla Walburn, Eli Blitner, Joel Pollard
Year 2: Reegan Welsh, Seth O’Gower, Matilda O’Connor, Cheyanne Bara, Mercedes Ramunno, Tayah Smith-Comber, Imogen O’Connor, Hope Willer, Sophie Welsh
Home Reading Awards: Ella Ussher (25); Rhylan Meta (100); Amethyst Mahboub (100); Danielle Stilbe (125)

Honey Pot Awards:

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION TO THE DUCK PONDS

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.

PERMISSION NOTE FOR MUSIC LESSONS

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: ___________
I would like to learn _______________________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________________________ (Parent) Phone No. ______________
Out And About At Macksville Public School

A gifted writer in our midst

Last term Year 5 student Brody entered an online writing competition. He had to write a narrative (creative story) of 500 words or less. There were over 12,000 entries only 464 received an ‘Excellence in Writing’ awards and Brody is one of them! Brody said that “he’s really proud of himself and he enjoyed writing his story”. He would like to share ‘The Arch Mage’ with you. Congratulations Brody.

The Arch Mage - By Brody Schmidt 5C

Deep within the enchanted forest of Nivela, lived a beast that everyone thought to be a myth, a beast so ferocious, knights would run in terror, villagers would scream in fright and the King, the mighty ruler of Wynn, would hide deep within Fort Ragni. The beasts shining scales would reflect the sun leaving deep shadows in his wake. His purple scales and bright red claws would strike fear in all who opposed him. His great wing so powerful they could summon a blizzard at the top of Nemracct Mountain, his name was Maltok, Destroyer of civilisations. He was the godfather of all dragons.

“I will save the kingdoms from Maltok the godfather dragon” said the Protector of Wynn, the Arch Mage; he could sense Maltok’s awakening and his plans.

Meanwhile at Fort Ragni, in the Arch Mages tower, lurking in the darkness was the ghost of Time Canyon. Its fangs would glisten in the dim light, its blood red robes swaying as it moved across the room, the ghost was the only thing more feared than Maltok, it was said that just by gazing into the ghosts eyes you would crumble into dust, your soul forever being lost inside the ghost making it more powerful and more indestructible. But, the ghost had a weakness. The weakness was the Mages book of spells, the source of all the Mages power, with the book that he could make meteors rain from the sky, create a great serpent made of ice, teleport moving from place to place and even heal himself and others whenever in need. But without the book the Arch Mage was powerless. This is also why the ghost wanted it; with the book the ghost would be able to do all these things... and more.

Back in the forest Maltok was waking from his 1000 year slumber. Ready to wreak havoc all through the Kingdom of Wynn then through to the Province of Gavel then after all of this Maltok would destroy the gods. And he would start all of this by destroying Ragni.

Back in the Arch Mages tower the ghost of Time Canyon was about to reach out and steal the book, but as the ghost touched it a magical seal threw him back into the wall leaving cracks, suddenly the Mage teleported in leaving a blazing trail behind him. “You!” he shouted as his robes suddenly ignited and he darted at the ghost. The ghost was expecting such an attack and cast a magical wand extinguishing the Mages robes revealing blue fabrics with a golden hem. The Mage made a giant ice serpent that sped towards the ghost freezing it solid. The ghost was defenceless for a few seconds, Mage Hurled blazing smoke at the ghost hoping to melt the ice before... The ghost’s icy enclosure exploded hurling shards of magical ice in all directions! The Mage cast a fiery wall in front of him bouncing the ice back at the ghost. "Now to deal with Maltok”...

2014 Nambucca River Festival

Join the celebration! The Nambucca River Festival is almost here and this year there is more of everything! more bands, more boats, more food, more lanterns and fireworks. If you think you can conquer the river then get some friends together and build a raft. Info on the raft races are on our website http:nambuccariverfestival.com.au and for inspiration, check out the youtube footage https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-XOnNqsClw&feature=youtu.be.

If you've got a canoe or kayak why not join us for the first activity of the festival? This is a group paddle that will take you up the Taylors Arm branch of the Nambucca River. Info about the paddle is also on our website.

I was going to tell you a joke about infinity but it didn’t have an ending!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
Garden Group Winners!
Recently we entered the Coffs Harbour Growers Market - ‘Warped Vege Competition’ by submitting a photo of our students with a warped carrot. We dressed the carrot up by adding sunglasses and plaiting the ‘green hair.’ Also we gave it the name ‘Chrissy Carrot’. Luckily we were winners of the $500 prize money! The money will be used in the garden to purchase an irrigation system and to buy materials to construct a chicken coop.

P & C Xmas Raffle
Please remember that we need some volunteers to help us sell raffle tickets.
When? Thursday 27th November
Where? Outside FoodWorks Macksville
When? 9am till 12 noon.

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:__________