Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break. We welcome Ms Michele Vicario back on to 3F. Michele had a wonderful time exchange teaching in Switzerland. 3F have decided to move classrooms and take up the larger 4/5I classroom. So it will be a whole new change of teachers and classrooms for the students in 3F.

We also welcome Mr Peter Johnson who has taken over 5/6Y and Mrs Sarah Pade who is replacing Mr Gillis in the Library for the remainder of this year. Mr Gillis and Mrs Geerlings have now retired and will be sadly missed. Mrs Maria Miles has commenced teaching KG for the remainder of this year, and Ms Raelene Dal Santo will be providing support for students through the Learning Support Program.

The end of last term was a very busy time for our students so we would like to share some of the activities in which the students participated.

**Gold Day**
Students had a very relaxing Gold Day last term watching the movie ‘Frozen’ and chilling out in their pyjamas and warm woollies. The students were very well behaved and enjoyed sharing the day with friends and teachers. There were lots of smiles and snuggling up to blankets and cozy cushions.

**Crazy Hair Day & Mini Olympics Day**
On the last day of Term 2 the Student Representative Council put on a fundraiser to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis NSW. The children participated in a Crazy Hair Day where they came to school with some weird, wonderful and crazy hair styles or could have their hair coloured by the SRC.
The day finished with a mini-Olympics where students built on their leadership skills by leading the whole school through a series of tabloid activities. The students had a fabulous time and learnt lots of new games that have been passed down over many years. Do you remember ‘sticks’ or ‘fly’?

Stage 1 Sport
A reminder to Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students that Sport day has now changed back to Fridays. Children will now wear their sports uniform of white shirt and blue shorts/skirts on a Friday, the same as the Primary students. The Athletics Carnival is scheduled for next Friday, July 25th. An itinerary of events will be published in next week’s newsletter. Please come along and support your child, it is always guaranteed to be a great day.

Recorder Group at the Opera House
Congratulations to the recorder group that represented Macksville Public School at the Sydney Opera House at the end of last term. Mrs Geerlings, Mrs Miles and Mrs Hazelwood accompanied the students to Sydney and reported that there was not a dry eye in the house. They were just magnificent and an experience that they would never forget. There are plans to make this opportunity bigger and even better next year, stay tuned.

Parent Interviews
Thank you to all the parents who took the time to meet with their child/children’s classroom teachers last term. These are very informative sessions and are an opportune time to share in the achievements of your students. Mrs Maloney, and Mrs Hazelwood and Mrs Townend will be holding their parent interviews this week.

Mrs Hazelwood/Mrs Townend (1/2HT) - Wednesday, 16th July in 3F classroom.
Mrs Maloney (1M) – Friday, 18th July in 1M classroom and then Mrs Witchard’s office (downstairs).

NAIDOC WEEK next Week
RJ Donovan, Dakota Hillery and Steph Blair are busy preparing for our NAIDOC celebrations to be held throughout next week. Celebrations will commence with a whole school assembly next Monday at 2.00pm followed by a Bush Tucker Day, Storytime Day and a Red, Black and Yellow Day. This year’s theme, ‘Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond’ is based on the important role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander military service personnel played in the history of Australia. Students will meet some of our local community members who served in the military forces throughout this time.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal
Year 3, 4 and 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 (see below).

Excursions, School Contributions, Textbooks
Please be reminded that payments for school excursions, textbooks and school contributions may be paid at the office or online. Payment may be made by cash, cheque (made out to Macksville Public School) or direct deposit (electronic funds transfer). Remember to email the school at macksville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child’s name, amount deposited and the reference to what the money is for when making online payments. At this stage, excursions for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 have been organised and will be going ahead.

Account Name: MPS Admin Account
BSB: 032001
A/c No: 142920
Reference: Your child’s name.

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. ______________________

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER
NEW HELPERS ALWAYS NEEDED ~ phone Wendy 65681800

Wednesday, July 16th Dave Flack
Thursday, July 17th Dave Flack
Friday, July 18th Kristy French, Therese Small
Monday, July 21st Therese Small, Kristy French, Tina McNally
Tuesday, July 22nd Dave Flack
Wednesday, July 23rd Cheryl Fortescue & Dave Flack

If you bring your own food eg: noodles to be heated, please provide your own spoon or fork and container or pay 10c to purchase a spoon, fork or a container.

HOT food!!
Meat Pies and Sausage Rolls

HELPERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR COOKING THE BBQ & SERVING IN THE CANTEEN STALL AT OUR SCHOOL CARNIVAL ~ BOTTOM OVAL ~ FRIDAY JULY 25TH ~ PLEASE RING WENDY!!

OUR MENU IS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Community News:

Stuarts Pt and District Little Athletics: Registration Days at Buz Brazel Oval, Scotts Head, Friday July 18th and 25th 4-5pm. First time registration please bring proof of age. Cost $65 per athlete. Also online registration available and bring receipt to 1st night of competition on Fri August 1st, 4pm, Buz Brazel Oval. Phone Annelise 0448 699 377.

STAR OF THE WEEK

IAN FLARRETY—MUSIC TEACHER PHONE 6568 3921
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Out And About At Macksville Public School

Oral Health Matters

Did you know: On average, over 50% of Australian children aged 5-12 years have teeth affected by dental caries.1

Oral health is a vital part of overall health and wellbeing. It is important to start dental visits early and attend these regularly as directed by your dentist, rather than waiting for painful and often costly problems to occur.2 Children who have regular check-ups and are comfortable with visiting the dentist tend to have fewer dental problems, and are less likely to be afraid of dental treatments.2

All children aged between 0-18 are eligible to receive FREE general dental treatment through the Mid North Coast Local Health District. Parents do not need to hold a pension card or health care card for their child to be eligible.

Please call the Oral Health Contact Centre on 1300 651 625 if you would like your child to have a check-up. If they are having problems or pain they will be prioritised - just ring 1300 651 625 to be triaged.

If you have received a letter indicating you are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme you can use this at any of our clinics.

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Grammar - Conjunctions

Conjunctions are the scotch tape of the grammatical world. They join together words and phrases. There are three kinds of conjunctions:

1. Coordinating conjunctions
   eg For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet and So

2. Correlative conjunctions
   eg Both...and
   neither...nor
   whether...or
either...or
not only...but also
Example: Not only am I happy about the grades, but I am also excited that you are learning!

3. Subordinating conjunctions
   they join a clause that can stand alone with a clause that cannot stand alone. Some frequently used subordinating conjunctions are:
   after, although, as, as if, because, before,
even if, even though, if, since, so that,
though, unless, until, when, whenever,
where, wherever, whether, while.

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Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Our wonderful Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program is up and running once again for Term 3. The delicious aromas floating out of the Old Hall today made us all water at the mouth. The menu below was none too easy either. Every thing you see was made from scratch, including the pizza dough and the linguine! We are always looking for volunteers to help the kids work their way through this innovative program. So if you have a little time to spare from 11.30am on Tuesdays, please call the school on 6568 1800.

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I’m reading a book about mazes, I got lost in it!

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Proud to be a part of the Family School
Macksville Public School NAIDOC Week
Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond

NAIDOC Assembly and Flag Raising
Monday 21 July
2pm (Light Lunch at 1:30pm)
MPS Hall

Guest Speaker Robin Bryant.
Flag Raising and Wreath Laying.
Celebration of our ongoing Reading Program.

Red Black Yellow Day
Dreamtime Stories
Tuesday 22 July

Please wear Red, Black & Yellow multi clothes.
Using books from our library students will learn about the dreaming from all over Australia.

Bush Tucker Day
Wednesday 23 July

Whole school BBQ, including damper, soups, kangaroo, fish and crocodile are on the menu.

Art Exhibition
Thursday 24 July

The exhibition will feature local artists from our region and include artworks from our own students.

Come join us celebrate NAIDOC Week
This year's NAIDOC theme is Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond. The theme recognises the important role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Military Service Personnel played in the history of Australia.
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