Welcome to week 2 at Macksville Public School. This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week with a variety of activities. NAIDOC Week provides the opportunity for our Aboriginal community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to share their culture and heritage with the wider community.

The week commenced with a most moving and informative whole school assembly organised by our Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) RJ Donovan, Steph Blair (ASLSO) and Dakota Hillery (ASLSO).

NAIDOC Whole School Assembly

The whole school assembly was a fabulous opening for a week of celebrations for NAIDOC week and the theme 'Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond'. Students and staff were moved by the speakers and videos that acknowledged the commitment, valour and courage of the Aboriginal Community in its service to the many conflicts throughout history. We also welcomed the President and Secretary of the Macksville RSL, who commented that this service, acknowledging the commitment of Aboriginal servicemen, was well overdue, and congratulated the school on celebrating an important part of our history. Special guest, Robin 'Joe' Bryant, addressed the assembly and shared his experiences as a war veteran. We also acknowledged and celebrated our Aboriginal Reading Program that caters for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. The aim of the program is to build success in reading, writing and sight words of our younger students to enable them to be confident and successful in their learning. The program was enhanced by the contribution of Mr Graham Donovan who entertained the audience with his presentation of traditional Aboriginal dance by his daughters Ontayah and Sharmylli-Arnah. The assembly not only highlighted the history of Aboriginal culture and perseverance, but the commitment towards building our role models for the future.
NAIDOC Week Celebrations – Monday, July 21st – Thursday, July 24th

On Tuesday, July 22nd students were invited to wear mufti, in traditional Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow. Students will participate in a ‘Storytelling’ session based on traditional dreamtime stories. At 11.35 am the students will be divided into mixed-aged groups to share stories that depict Aboriginal culture, traditions and beliefs from many years ago.

On Wednesday, July 23rd, students will experience a tasting of traditional, Aboriginal bush tucker. There will be crocodile, pipi soup, kangaroo and damper on the menu. Please be reminded that bush tucker day is just a sampling of traditional Aboriginal foods and students need to bring their recess and lunch as usual.

Thursday, July 24th is our Aboriginal Art Exhibition in the new hall. Renowned local Aboriginal artists will be displaying some of their artworks. This is a highlight of the week’s events and schools across the valley have been invited to attend. Students will also be displaying their own creative artworks based on traditional and contemporary inspirations of traditional Aboriginal designs. Please come along and share in any of these events throughout the week.

Athletics Carnival this Friday

On Friday, July 25th our annual MPS athletics carnival will take place in the lower playground of the school on West Street. Children K-6 have been practising their running, throwing and jumping skills in preparation for the day. Students are invited to add to the spirit and atmosphere of the school’s athletics carnival by wearing house colours on Friday. They are: Maher – blue, Reid – red, Smith – yellow, Pope – green. Please come along and support your child on Friday. The canteen will have lunch, snacks and treats available on the day. Parents are also invited to help out at the Canteen stall. Mrs Helen Black and her Macksville High School students will also be providing a variety of activities to entertain students between events. Thank you to Mr Andrew Parker for organising the carnival and all elimination events leading up to this spectacular day.

Education Week Open Day – Wednesday, July 30th

Next week is Education Week and the opportunity to celebrate your child’s achievements. On Wednesday, July 30th at 9:15am parents, carers and friends are invited to an Education Week Open Day where parents may visit their child/childrens’ classrooms to see first hand, how their children are progressing in their daily bookwork and also acknowledge the hard work they are putting in every day.

There will be a ‘Book Fair’ by our school Library where you have the opportunity to buy a book and donate that book towards our school Library. Student donations will be acknowledged in the cover of the book and available for all students to borrow during their school Library experience.

At 10:15 am everyone will be entertained by performances across the school. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be dancing some traditional folk dances, while 5C will be singing, and Mrs Herron’s Dance Troupe will be performing their dance from the ‘Festival of Dance’ held in Coffs Harbour last term. This is a fabulous event and every child looks forward to a visit from family and friends to share in their progress and achievements in the classroom.

Macksville High School Performance – ‘Wonderland’

Stage 3 have been invited to view a Macksville High School performance of ‘Wonderland’ this Thursday at 10.00am. Years 5 & 6 will be walking to the high school and returning in time for Bush Tucker Day events. The performance is at NO COST to students. The performances by MHS drama group are always highly entertaining and provide an opportunity for our older students to get an insight into Drama as a subject on offer at Macksville High School when they venture into high school in Year 7.

Debating – MPS vs Aldavilla

Macksville PS hosted its 2nd debate with Aldaville PS this week. Unfortunately, Aldavilla was more convincing in its arguments this time around and therefore winners in this section. The debating team of Saule Stasionis, Krista Stennett, Ryleigh Godfrey-Martin and Zahra Paddle tried hard and should be commended for their efforts. The debating team will meet Frederickton PS next Monday for another round of arguments.

~ 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. To pay online: 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.
**Community News:**

**Basketball Comp:** Phone Carlee at Sportz Central 6651 1452. Primary school games start Sat July 26th.

**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.

**Positive Parenting Program:** Course running Tuesday Aug. 5th, 12th, 19th in the new hall at MPS 10am-12noon. Contact Kirstin Knight on 6568 1800.

**HOT food!!**

Meat Pies and Sausage Rolls

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.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER**

**NEW HELPERS ALWAYS NEEDED ~ phone Wendy 65681800**

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**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**

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**THE CIRCUS RODEO SHOW IS COMING TO MACKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY JULY 28TH ~ The whole school is invited!!**

Payment of $4.50 per child must be made by this Friday July 25th to class teachers. The performance is part of our English, PDHPE and Creative Arts curriculum.

**Stage 1 Assembly Awards**

**Kindergarten:** Rhonda Thurston, Aisha Bouzerouata, Ellana Summers, Rhylan Meta, Cruz Miles, Orin Richards, Koby Toomey, Lily Frank.

**Year 1:** Matilda Campbell, Kaelah Benson, Nakein Adams, Noah Lockyer, Makayla Fortescue, Travis Banks, Layla Brennan, Logan Ferguson.

**Year 2:** Montana Ward, Reegan Welsh, Bridie Heather, Lachlan Skeen, Zack Smart, Hope Willer, Imogen O’Connor.

**Home Reading Awards: 25:** Lottie Beadle, Ella Hazelwood, Ruby Barnes, Layla Graham, Charlie Martin.

**50:** Cruz Miles, Kaelah Benson, Grace Stuart, Ryan Guy, Bradley Cant.

**75:** Danielle Stilbe, Tyler Field.

**125 and 150:** Alice Burns

**Honey Pot Awards:** Topaz Deeth, Jake Cropp, C-Jay Marsh, Sharmylli-Arnah Canendo-Donovan, Leo Woodward, Noah Lockyer.

**Class of the Week: 1U**

**Sporting Challenge:** Our school has registered to participate in the 2014 NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge, to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students, more active, more often! Over 10 weeks from July 15 - September 19 (Term 3) our school will be monitoring the physical activity we do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport. What we do outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award for our school. As this year marks the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations International Year of the Family, we’d especially like to encourage all our families to support us in encouraging students’ healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together. Each student will be issued with a Challenge log book to record their physical activity. Students completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate from the Premier of New South Wales. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Challenge or make suggestions, please contact Mrs Lyndall Lynch on 6568 1800. For more information on the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge please visit www.online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc

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**FROM 1U: ‘WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE’ PERFORMANCE**

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An open invitation to all members of our school and community to join us in celebrating our achievements.

**OPEN DAY—Wednesday 30th July**

**Wednesday 30th July Program:**
- From 8.30 am Library Book Fair
- 9.00 am Open Classrooms
- 9.30 am Playground performances
- 11.10 am Families join their children for Morning Tea

Get ready to catch the reading bug at this year’s annual Book Fair. Explore the coolest array of books that are just waiting for you to dig into. The Book Fair is a fantastic way for you and your child to help choose a book together to donate to the school library. Once you have purchased a book to donate to the school library your child will be the first of many to be able to borrow the book. Come and be a part of it all on Open Day, 30th July in the Library from 8:30 to 2pm.

If I get a job at a trampoline company, I’ll have something to fall back on!
Macksville Public School

Athletics Carnival Program 2014

9.05 am First Bell—Toilet etc.
9.10 am Assembly then move to bottom playground

9.30 am **FINALS** 200m Girls 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12  Boys 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

10.00 am **Girls Age Races ~ 5-12 years**

FINALS:
- Boys 8 yrs Long Jump
- Boys 11 yrs Long Jump
- Boys 9 yrs Long Jump
- Boys 12 yrs Long Jump
- Minor Boys Long Jump
- Boys 10 yrs Long Jump

Heats Semi-Finals FINALS
- Boys 9 yrs Shot Put
- Boys 12 yrs Shot Put
- Boys 10 yrs Shot Put
- Boys 8 yrs Shot Put
- Boys 11 yrs Shot Put
- Boys NOVELTY Events/Ball Games

11.30 am **Boys Age Races ~ 5-12 years**

FINALS:
- Girls 8 yrs Long Jump
- Girls 11 yrs Long Jump
- Girls 9 yrs Long Jump
- Girls 12 yrs Long Jump
- Minor Girls Long Jump
- Girls 10 yrs Long Jump

Heats Semi-Finals FINALS
- Girls 9 yrs Shot Put
- Girls 12 yrs Shot Put
- Girls 10 yrs Shot Put
- Girls 8 yrs Shot Put
- Girls 11 yrs Shot Put
- Girls NOVELTY Events/Ball games

12.45 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1.30 pm **FINALS Age Relays Girls/Boys 5-12 yrs** (4 runners per team)

2.30 pm Return to House Areas—clean up  **Tug-of-War**

2.55 pm Announcement of:
- **Champion House**
- **Individual Champions**

Some photos from the 2013 Sports Carnival