This week I am looking forward to the whole school assembly, which will be held in the hall this Thursday at 2.10pm. As part of this we have two special performances. Our Circus Troupe will present a routine following their recent performance at the Macksville Gift, and Rory Partington will present a Public Speaking piece. Rory has just returned from Sydney where he participated in the state finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Although Rory didn’t win, he said that he had lots of fun and enjoyed the experience. I look forward to seeing you at the Assembly if you are able to make it.

Kindergarten Orientation Morning
Last week’s Kindergarten Orientation morning was a huge success. Children and parents were entertained by this year’s Kindergarten and also had the opportunity to meet some of the staff who will be involved in their child’s education next year. The new Kindergarten also met their ‘Buddies’ for next year so they have a familiar, friendly face to greet them in 2016. The Buddy Program is essential, in not only caring for our younger students, but to also build leadership qualities in our Year 6 students.
Swim and Survive Program
The annual Swim and Survive Program continues this week. Year 2, 3 and 4 are participating in the program which aims to increase water safety and stroke development. Mrs Susan Adams from Macksville High School is again coordinating the program, using both qualified Austswim teachers and Year 10 students to assist her in the delivery of the program. A reminder that it is expected that ALL students in Years 2, 3 and 4 will participate and the cost is $28.00 (or $2.80 per day). Children who have a season pass to the pool need to notify their classroom teacher so it may be recorded.

Year 6 – 7 Transition
As part of the transition program, Macksville High School will be holding their Parent Information session Tuesday 24th November at 5:00pm at Macksville High School. All parents who have a child attending MHS in Year 7 in 2016 are welcome to attend. Guided tours leave from the front gate of MHS from 5pm, with an information session in the school hall from 6.00 – 7.00pm.

A Macksville High School Orientation Day will be held for all year 6 students who are fully enrolled to attend MHS in 2016. This full day visit will be held on Wednesday 3rd December. Students are able to travel on school buses for no cost, wearing primary school sports uniform. The students are required to bring a water bottle, hat and recess. A BBQ lunch will be provided.

2015 School Leaders
It has been a very busy time for our Year 5 students. After Kindergarten Orientation Year 5 will overcome some very personal fears and challenges by presenting their Captain and Prefect speeches for 2016 to the rest of the school on Thursday, November 26th. Children in Year 2, 3, and 4 will vote to elect the leaders of Macksville Public School for 2016. Captains and Prefects will be revealed at our formal Presentation Day on December, 4th. Good luck Year 5.

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 2016. Tayla Graham was the lucky recipient for 2015 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 30th. The successful applicant will be announced at the 2015 Presentation Day awards ceremony to be held on the 4th December.

Aboriginal Hearing Screening – Institute of Deaf and Blind
Aboriginal students continue to be have their hearing screened. Students will participate in hearing tests on Monday, 23rd November at 12.30 pm. Students who had reported concerns from the previous screening will need to be available for retesting at this time. Also, any new Aboriginal students who have not undergone hearing checks may do so on Monday. Permission notes are available from the school office or contact 65681800.

~ Brad Griffith, Principal

Library News: Borrowing from the library has finished for the year as stocktake will be occurring shortly. Can you please encourage your child to return any library books they have borrowed. Book Club will be handed out today and is the last one for the year. It is due back on November 24th. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support.

~ Sarah Pade, Teacher/Librarian

MPS STARS of the WEEK

READING RECOVERY STARS
Stage Assembly Awards

**Year 1:** Sarah Matheson, Wyatt Lawler, Jayden Sparks, Claire Dwyer, Connor Black, Kaya Ross

**Year 2:** Kaleah Benson, Savannah Young–Seelenmeyer, Kobi Book–Hicklin, Claire Stranlund, Noah Lockyer, Millie Edwards, Makayla Fortescue, Korby Rennie, Sarah Matheson, Wyatt Lawler, Blaise Stevens

Home Reading Awards

Saxon Radoll (75), Jackson Catchpole (100), Tempest Ison (50), Maleah Tanielu (75), Toby Dwyer, Grace Stuart, Danielle Stilbe (150), Leo Woodward (175), Kyan Gregory (75).

**MPS CIRCUS** The MPS Circus Troupe braved the rain and thunder on Saturday to perform at the annual Macksville Gift. Committed troupe members and parents astonished the local crowd with their acro tricks and the recently added hooping troupe. It was also the first time, the troupe performed with other students from other schools. Two students from Stuart’s Point joined us, as well as four students from Nambucca Heads Public School. This was the beginning of what will hopefully now become the Nambucca Valley Schools Circus Troupe. Our visiting students that performed with us, had recently been mentored by our very talented MPS students. The circus program continues to go from strength to strength and we all look forward to our next performance at the Nambucca River Festival.

Rainee Herron Circus Co-ordinator

Community News:

**Physi** is coming to the Nambucca Valley. Classes Wednesday’s at Nambucca Community and Arts Centre. Physi fuses dance styles such as Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary and Yoga. Classes offered to girls from 3 yrs to grandmothers, start February 2016. Further info phone Jo 0422 647 214.

**Macksville Skate Park:** Our new Skate Park will hold an Open Day Saturday 28th November 9.30am-2pm. There will be learn to skate lessons, competitions and demonstrations. You can register at: australianskateboarding.com/locations/Macksville-skatepark/

**Netball Holiday Clinic Fun:** Friday 22nd January 2016, 9:00am – 12:00pm with registration at 8:30am. Held at Nambucca Netball Association, Willis Street, Macksville. Bring healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat. Registrations $40 per player close Friday 8th January 2016.
PNG Sister Schools
Some schools in our region (including MPS) have established a sister relationship with schools in the remote islands of PNG and recently 20 tonnes of donated goods have been shipped to this region. Thank you so much for what you have done so far to help these wonderful communities.

Another load is now being collected, so if anyone has any items they no longer need and think they may be useful, please either bring them in to the 3-4H classroom or call Mark on 0434 799970 to arrange collection. You can also call Mark if you would like to get more involved in this project. These goods could include clothing, school uniforms, books, school resources (pens, pencils, exercise books, stationary etc) hand & agricultural tools, sporting goods and uniforms, reading glasses, basic medicines and first aid, musical instruments.

You can access their Facebook page (you don't need an account) www.facebook.com/PNGSisterSchools/ if you would like to learn more.

Interest Groups
As a part of our focus on student engagement and building identity, Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been taking part in Interest Groups every Thursday afternoon. The students select their own interest choice from a variety of options. Here are some photos of the tennis group enjoying their afternoon.

Absenteism Leaves Gaps In Your Child's Education!

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. Raffle books must be returned sold or unsold by Monday 30th November and the winners will be drawn on Presentation Day, Friday 4th 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 (max 5 books at a time)
and/or please accept my donation of $_________

Students Name:_________________________
Class:_______

Yesterday I rode my bike twice, I guess that makes me a recycler!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
Positive behaviour for Learning (PBL) Update

Up until now the PBL focus has been in non-classroom-settings in regard to assemblies, movement around the school, bus lines etc, all of which have been extremely successful. The focus now is to move PBL into the classrooms. All teachers are busy discussing with their students what Behave, Be Safe, Be Fair, Be Polite and Be Sensible looks like in the classroom. Student voice in regard to these rules is vital if they are to be understood. Once students have indicated their understanding of what these rules look like in the classroom, lesson plans will be created and implemented in the classroom.

Year 6 Farewell Photos

LAST CHANCE! All baby photos for the Year 6 Farewell slideshow must be in by this Friday 20th November. If you would like to send in photos, they 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

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

There will be no Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program this week (Week 7) due to Swim & Survive. We will be back next week with more delicious recipes!

Each week our students create delectably delicious dishes. You can find these recipes on our website if you would like to try them at home:–

• head to our website at www.macksville-p.school.nsw.edu.au
• then click on the ‘Curriculum and Activities’ tab on the home page
• Follow the red tabs on the left and click on ‘Stephanie Alexander Kitchen’
• You can then choose to view photos or recipes.

Whole School Scripture

This year the scripture teachers would like to have the final scripture lesson in the Uniting Church (across the road from school) on Monday 30th November. For those students who attend scripture, this will be a walking excursion and permission has been covered by our general permission note signed by parents at the beginning of the year. Non scripture students will be supervised at school during this time.

The Nambucca River Festival

The festival is nearly here for 2015! Keep November 28th and 29th free for a brilliant weekend of fun on River St Macksville. Remember our famous MPS Circus Troupe will be performing, so come along and give them all your support.

Entry costs are:
$10 - adults
$2 - school children
$8 - pensioners
$22 - for a family of 4

River Festival Colouring In Competition

Colour in ‘Mangrove Jack’ and be in the running for great prizes from the Commonwealth Bank. This competition is free and entries can be picked up from our front office. Good luck everyone!

Raft Races

Remember that there will also be a raft race with big prize money up for grabs. If you would like to enter the raft race (on a home built, river friendly raft) please go to: www.nambuccariverfestival.com.au for all information.

Live Life Well @ School

Easy ways to add physical activity to your day:
⇒ walk to the store, school or the playground instead of using the car
⇒ allow time for children to play outdoors
⇒ park the car away from the shops
⇒ get off the bus one stop earlier
⇒ don’t use the remote control
⇒ plant a veggie garden
⇒ take the stairs instead of escalators or lifts
⇒ schedule regular time each week for your family to be physically active together
⇒ limit television time to no more than two hours per day or 14 hours a week.
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. _______________

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