This week is NAPLAN week for Year 3 and Year 5. We wish the students every success in completing these assessments. Year 3 & 5 completed the Language Conventions and Writing assessments today, and will complete Reading tomorrow and Numeracy on Wednesday. We advise that students do not become anxious about completing these activities. We advise that children get an early night, have a good breakfast and approach them as part of their daily routine.

**Whole School Assembly**

Please join us for our next Whole School Assembly to be held this Thursday, 14th May at 2:10pm. This is always a fabulous, exciting event with performances and Beez Neez Awards. Come along and join us! The recorder group will showcase their musical skills preparing for the Festival of Instrumental Music to be held in Sydney later in the year.

**Breakfast Club**

Our very successful morning breakfast program is up and running with a very busy morning this morning, serving toast and juice to students. Mrs Lynch, John Ray and other helpers are serving breakfast three days each week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We thank the support of our local Family and Community Information Centre for their ongoing funding to assist us in providing this worthwhile program. Children function better when they have had a good start to the day. If you are able to volunteer some time to assist with the breakfast program on these mornings, please contact us on 6568 1800.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program**

What an amazing program, through our Live Life Well @ School initiative. The students cook up a storm, producing some really tasty menus which we all get to try. The aprons donated by the Evening View Club are very effective, and we really appreciate the time they give in volunteering to help in the kitchen. We would also like to thank Woolworths for donating produce on a weekly basis to support our Kitchen Garden Program. This supplements the many vegetables that we grow in our own garden.
7-a-side Rugby League and Touch Football
This event was postponed again, due to the weather. Hopefully everything will be fine for Friday, 15th May. The non-competitive Rugby League boys 7-a-side (tackle) and girl’s Touch Football Gala Day will be held at Coronation Park, Nambucca Heads. Students are asked to bring their own lunch, sun protection and water bottle. The students travel by bus at a cost of $5.00. Children need to be ready for a 9.30am start and return to school at 2.15pm for buses. All enquiries to Mr Parker and Mrs Black.

Soccer Gala Day
The Michael Moran and Louis Ballangarry Memorial Soccer Gala Day was also postponed, and will now be held Friday, 22nd May at the Macksville Soccer Grounds. Students are asked to bring their own lunch and drink, plus a canteen will be open on the day. Students also need to provide sun-protection as they will be walking to and from the soccer fields. Consent forms have been distributed to those students attending.

Walk Safely To School Day
The National Walk Safely to School Day is next Friday, 22nd May so it is a great opportunity to remind students of the rules of travelling safely to school. There have been a couple of near misses lately so whether it is walking, riding or travelling to school by car or bus, students need to be continually reminded of how to keep themselves safe. Children cover these safety strategies in the classroom, however parents need to reinforce the use of these very important lessons when walking or riding to school. Students also need to be reminded about crossing the road carefully, particularly from the school oval across West Street.

Drop-Off Zone
Parents are again reminded that the Drop off Zone at the front of the school is not a parking space. You are only allowed to drop students off quickly. Parents cannot park and leave their vehicle to enter the school.

Reports and Parent Interviews
Term 2 is a very busy term with assessments and student reports. It is also a time for children to suffer all manner of illnesses such as colds and flu. Of course, please keep children at home if they are unwell, however please ensure children are at school to participate in ongoing assessments. Student reports will be sent home Friday, 19th June. Parent Interviews will be scheduled from Monday, 22nd June until 26th June unless organised at another time by classroom teachers.

School Fees
Students will bring home a statement outlining outstanding fees. This will include voluntary school contributions, money owing for text books and also balances for excursions. If your child is not attending an excursion, just deduct the cost from the fees owing. Please pay the balance to the school office either personally, or through our online banking process.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal

Year 3 Excursion to the Coffs Harbour Beach School
Last Wednesday, Year 3 travelled to Coffs Coast Beach School, for their first overnight school camp. Very excited, we headed off to Bonville with Mrs Herron and Mrs Vicario. On arrival we set up our dorm rooms and met our instructors for the next two days, they were really friendly. Everyone had a fun and enjoyable time; challenging themselves on the Commando Course, aiming brilliantly in Archery, testing their fear of heights on the Giant Swing, and learning how to steer and paddle on the Canoes. We all challenged ourselves and worked together in teams to help each other through the activities. We all had such a fantastic time, we wanted to stay another night but we were happy to be home and be able to sleep in our own beds. We cannot wait until Year 4 camp next year! ~ Mrs Herron, Mrs Vicario and Miss McMahon
Assembly Awards presented to:
Kinder: Riley Smart, Kayla Brennan, Taj Beckington, Chloe Summerville, Rihanna Hambly, Kayli Rouse, Chayse Johnson
Year 1: Layla O’Connor, Taylor Bishop, Connor Black, Kyah Stanford-Joycey, Lily Frank, Tempest Ison, Bailee McAlpine, Aston Ramunno, Wyatt Lawler
Year 2: Matilda Campbell, Charlie Wilkes, Savannah Young, Kobi Book-Hicklin, Eli Blitner, Makayla Fortescue, C-Jay Marsh, Baylee Freeman, Chloe Metz,
Jacob Loveday, Toby Dwyer, Grace Stuart
Year 4: Joshua Willer, Samantha Hamer
Year 5: Lachlan Petith, Cooper Nunn, Phoebe Adams
Year 6: Amber French, Tiajuana Rosser, Meg Laverty, Jasmine Banks, Taybian Welsh, Connor Johnson, Bonnie Loveday, Chloe Adams

Home Reading Awards — Infants:
100: Leo Woodward
50: Koby Toomey

District Cross Country — Bowraville
Macksville Public School continued its proud tradition of sending students through to the next level in Cross Country. Nine students have made it to compete at Sawtell this Friday. I would like to congratulate all students who attended District at Bowraville last Friday. They all made a fantastic effort to complete the very muddy track and their behaviour was exemplary both on and off the course. It was very pleasing to note how proud the students were to be representing Macksville Public School.
The nine students who have made it through are: Lily Woodward, Trent Clews, Noah Thompson, Connor Lockyer, Pypah Smith, Brandon Willer, Jacob Skeen, Darcy Crossingham and Ruby O’Connor. Well done!!
~ Andrew Parker, Sports Master

Honey Pot Awards:
Ellah Jarrett KR
Amethyst Mahboub 1S
Kyah Stanford-Joycey 1S
Jemilah Booth KR
Claire Dwyer 1S

Payments for Excursions: Please make sure your payments for excursions keep coming in. Small regular payments make paying off excursions much easier. Payments can be made to the office (cash or cheque) or online. If paying online, please remember to email us to let us know you have done so. We need your child’s name as a reference and the amount deposited.

Email the school at macksville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Account Name: MPS Admin Account
Account No: 142920
BSB: 032001
Reference: Your child’s name.

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

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PHONE WENDY 65681800

PIES and SAUSAGE ROLLS ARE BACK!!!

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

Pies $3.50
Sausage Rolls $3.00
Noodle Cup ~ Beef or Chicken $2.50

Sorry… slushies currently unavailable!!

News from the Canteen: Use our Online Canteen to go into the Draw for Weekly Prizes. See above for details. If your children are bringing food from home that you need us to heat, you need to supply your own spoon or fork, or they can be purchased for $0.10 each. Also, if ordering Noodles or bringing noodle cups from home, please be aware we will not send them in lunch boxes. Children will need to come and collect them from the Canteen. Slushies and hot Milos must also be collected from the Canteen. Any children who have ordered food which needs to be picked up from the Canteen will also need to bring their Lunch Bag order up with them.
Out And About At Macksville Public School

What’s the tallest building in our school?
The Library, because it’s sooo many stories high!

Beautifying our school, creating community connections
Boral Conservation Volunteer Group from Newcastle commenced work on the beautification of the West St entrance to our school. The labour was provided by a team of 6-8 whilst the materials of plants, mulch, soil and sleepers were provided by the school. Thank you to the volunteers under the supervision of Barry Simmons, our General Assistant, and it’s now a work in progress.

News from the SRC......
The sports-shed shop is going VERY well and we’ve found names for some of that new, very mysterious looking equipment!

The SRC have come up with the idea of having a cubby house on the bottom oval. To make this cubby house, we’ll need help from the community so any and all ideas are very welcome.

Due to a clash with practice for the upcoming Athletics Carnival, the SRC will only be able to meet occasionally for the rest of Term 2. We’ll keep you up to date as often as we can.

Also a massive thank you to one of our wonderful mum’s, Eunice, for making beautiful bags to hold our new croquet balls.

Yours sincerely,
Arrin and Chantel, SRC Publicity Officers

Mothers’ Day Stall
What another fabulous fundraiser from our P & C committee. A BIG thank you to Therese Small, our fundraising co-ordinator, and also to the many parents that helped out on the day. There were lots of smiles and very excited children, knowing they had chosen a gift for mum all by themselves. I hope everyone had a wonderful Mothers’ Day on Sunday.

Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal

Stage 1 Assembly Superstars
Every Thursday Stage 1 hold their assembly in our New Hall at 12.30pm. Each assembly is run by Year 2 students and is a very proud moment for them. Stage 1 would like to invite parents and friends to come along and join them.

Proud to be a part of the Family School
Stage 1 Safety Day

This exciting day began with Mrs Katte setting up a bike and scooter course in the Stage 1 area for our students to practise safe cycling. Students made their way around the course, taking note of the Pedestrian and road safety signs and messages. This activity was paired with the students visiting Mr Osborn in the library to learn all about being Cyber-safe whilst using the internet. Whilst the year 1 and 2 students were safely cycling away the morning, Kindergarten students had a visit from the friendly Busways staff to teach them all about staying safe during bus travel to and from school. The students were given a bag of goodies and boarded a bus to have a tour of the town and to practise safe bus travel. For some of our Kinders who had not ever been on a bus, it was a great thrill.

The next activity on this sensational day was to include a surprise for our students on the bottom oval. “Wow, wow” and an extra “wow!”, were the exclamations to be heard from our kinder students when they first saw the spectacle of emergency vehicles parked on our bottom oval for the School Safety Day.

Officers from the SES (State Emergency Service), VRA (Volunteer Rescue Association), Ambulance, Surf Life Saving, Rural Fire Service, Police and NSW Fire and Rescue visited our school and presented informative and interactive lessons to our K-2 students about staying safe and what they can do no matter what their age, in case of an emergency.

Our students were invited to climb ladders to explore the SES rescue boat, meet Platy the SES mascot and to wear the uniforms of our Surf Life Savers and Policemen. Some were bandaged and put onto an Ambulance stretcher. All were invited to investigate the equipment on board fire fighting vehicles and the Jaws of Life with the VRA officer. The sirens were sounded to the delight of the students, teachers and parents who attended. Students were encouraged to ask questions and, importantly, to discuss what they would do in an emergency situation. The clear message to our students from all the Emergency services was to call ‘000’ and to state their name and address clearly and to stay on the telephone whilst the officers make their way to help them.

We extend a huge thanks to all the officers who volunteered their time and expertise for our Safety Day and to the Stage 1 teachers for providing the wonderful learning opportunities. It was a fun and tremendously informative day.

Maria Miles, KM Teacher and Safety Day Organiser
IAN FLARRITY—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. ________________________