COMING UP:

- **Wednesday June 3rd**: MPS Public Speaking Competition 9.30-11.10am
- **Thursday June 4th**: Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival
- **Thursday June 11th**: Whole School Assembly 2.10pm in New Hall
- **Friday June 12th**: Year 4 Excursion to Way Way
- **Monday June 15th**: 5B Visit to Autumn Lodge
- **Wednesday June 17th**: Public Speaking at FPVCPS
- **Thursday June 18th**: Dance Festival Coffs Harbour

It is now time for parents to be organising their child’s enrolment into **Kindergarten for 2016**. We have been showing many parents our beautiful Kindergarten rooms and sharing some of the wonderful work that Kindergarten are achieving at this early stage of their learning. We are continually amazed at the self-regulated learning that has been established already in Kindergarten. Parents who have a pre-school child or a sibling who will be entering Kindergarten at Macksville Public School in 2016 need to enrol now, so that you don’t miss out on information about our transition days. Enrolment forms are available at the Pre-Schools and also at our school office. Please contact the school on 6568 1800.

**Student Reports**

Semester 1 student reports will be distributed **Friday, 19th June**. Please keep a look out for them. They will be given to students to take home and will be protected in an individualised envelope with your child’s name, class and photo on the front. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 10. Please keep a look out for an interview note so you may take this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and set goals for their future learning.

**Public Speaking**

Macksville Public School will be holding the annual public speaking competition, this **Wednesday, 3rd June at 9.30am in the new hall**. The in-school competition will be showcasing our best public speakers from Stage 2 and Stage 3, and even Stage 1 students will be participating. All students have been asked to write a speech, around ‘multiculturalism’. The students delivering their speech on Wednesday have been selected from their in-class speech. Two students from Stage 2 and Stage 3, from our MPS competition, will represent our school at Frank Partridge VCPS, for the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition on **17th June**.

**Simultaneous Reading Time**

All our MPS Kindergarten students, pre-schoolers from Macksville Preschool and Alphabet Day Care College and toddlers were mesmerised by the telling of the story, ‘The Brothers Quibble’ by Mrs Jan Reibel at the Town Library last Wednesday. There were lots of questions and discussion about how their brothers or sisters treat them sometimes. This is always a lovely opportunity to share in quality Literature with students across Australia.
PSSA Soccer
The PSSA Soccer round that was postponed due to the rain was held today at the Urunga Sports Ground. Thank you to parents who transported students to the venue and to Mr Parker for organising and supervising the team.

Athletics Carnival
Students are completing athletics training and participating in eliminations for our School Athletics Carnival, to be held on the last day of term, June 26th. We do not feel the bottom oval will be available for the carnival, so it will be held at Buz Brazel Park, Vernon Street, Scott’s Head. It will be a huge logistical feat to transport 400 students by bus, so we would greatly appreciate if parents can let us know by phoning the office on 6568 1800 if you are transporting your own children to and from Scotts Head. This will give us an indication of how many buses will be required. Further information coming home soon.

School Fees
Students have been given a statement outlining outstanding fees, including voluntary school contributions, money owing for text books and balances for Excursions. If your child is not attending an Excursion, just deduct that cost from the fees owing. Please pay the balance to the school office, or through our online banking process. 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. Thank you to those who have already paid.
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.

Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival
The Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival will hold an Author workshop at Frank Partridge VC Public School on Thursday, 4th June. Eleven of our most talented writers will attend this workshop conducted by Tristan Bancks. This is a great opportunity to listen to some of the successful writing strategies used by a published author. Tristan Bancks is an actor and author, most known for his role as Tug O’Neale on Home and Away between 1992-1994. For the past few years, he has been writing full-time. His books include a 2009 release of ‘Mac Slater Coolhunter 2: I Heart NY’, which is the follow-up to ‘The Rules of Cool’. His other ‘09 releases are the Nitboy books - ‘Bug Out’ and ‘Lift Off’. His first Young Adult novel, ‘It’s Yr Life’ was released in June 2009. Tristan has also written eight short novels in Macmillan's Kids Inc. series, about kids setting up their own businesses and ventures.

Dance Festival
Macksville Public School has been successful in gaining a place in the Central Network Dance Festival to be held at C.ex Club, Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour, on Thursday, 18th June at 7pm. Mrs Herron and her dance group are putting the final touches to their choreography, a blend of dance and circus skills. Mrs Hazelwood and Mrs Miles are also preparing a Stage 1 group for their first ever entry into this prestigious event. Many hours have been put in to be ready for the Festival, so please come along and support our students. It is an amazing showcase of dance talent across both primary and secondary schools. Tickets cost $16 adults, $10 students/concession, and can be purchased from the club online www.cex.com.au or phone 6652 3888.

Positive Behaviour For Learning
Throughout life there is a need for rules and boundaries and this is also pertinent to any school environment. Our ongoing consistent approach towards movement around the school and assembly manners has been extremely successful. Macksville Public School is now moving the PBL focus to the classroom setting and building a consistent approach towards creating a happy working environment, where all students can work and learn together. Our first focus is on 'I can follow instructions.’ Please support our school in discussing this expectation with your child.

Year 4 Day Excursion
During this term, Year 4 students have been learning about rainforests and sustainability. To aid their understanding and allow them to experience a Temperate Rainforest first hand the students have the opportunity to visit Way Way State Forest. They will be identifying flora and fauna and rainforest characteristics that they have been learning about in class. The excursion will take place on Friday 12th June. The cost of the excursion is $8.00. This will include bus travel between school and Way Way State Forest, plus a sausage sizzle, fresh fruit and popper. Students will need to bring along a water bottle, their recess and usual sun protection. Students are also encouraged to bring along a plate of food to share at lunch time.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal

From the Library: A reminder to parents, carers and children that Book Club orders are due back to the Library by this Thursday June 4th. Please ensure name and class, and correct money are with your order.
Assembly Awards presented to:
**Kinder:** Rorie Cameron, Layla Ward, Jakei Ritchie, Lachlan Crossingham, Ryan Cropp, Charles Beckington, Evie Boxsell, Larvenus Dixon
**Year 1:** Jayden Sparks, Ruby Barnes, Sarah Matheson, Claire Dwyer, Rhys Williams, Blade Metz-Gainge, Ellana Summers
**Year 2:** Ella Hazelwood, Nakein Adams, Luke Laverty, Yvon Grace, Maddison Gouttman, Ella Beckington, Isaac Maloney, Lenci Walker, Kiara Heaton, Makenzie Sparks
**Year 3:** Brayden Luffman, Ella Bradford, Brayth Ledger, Seth O’Gower
**Year 4:** Abbey Pade, Ayden Sigrist, Oscar Liu, Connor Watson, Elijah Laird, Raeanne Rennie
**Year 5:** Robert Ellis, Phoebe Adams, Markeli Dunstan, Joshua Callaway
**Year 6:** Jude Welsh, Joel Wilkinson, Riley Passmore, Che Sutton

**Home Reading Awards — Infants:**
Ella Hazelwood 50; Maleah Tanielu 25; Chloe Summerville 50; Danielle Stilbe 75; Riley Ferguson 50; Oscar Nimmo 50; Lachlan Crossingham 50; Korby Rennie 25; Harper Payne 50; Lijah Blair 25; Charlotte Ward 50; Ella Pade 25; Carli Wilson 50; Lily Frank 25; Tempest Ison 25

**Michael Moran and Louis Ballangarry Memorial Soccer Gala Day**
On Friday, three MPS soccer teams walked down to North Macksville playing fields to take part in the Michael Moran and Louis Ballangarry Memorial Soccer Gala Day. We played in mixed teams of boys and girls, with everyone playing three games each. All the players (and the teachers!) had a fun day, practising our soccer skills and displaying great sportsmanship toward our opposition, as well as our own team mates. Well done Macksville Magic, Muscle and Marauders!

**CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED NOW**

**SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**This week’s online winner:**
Phoebe Adams 5B

**Honey Pot Awards:**
Amaya Gardiner, Oscar Nimmo, Charles Beckington, Elijah Blair, Alice Burns, Asha Searle, Ella Ussher, Riley Rouse, Sienna Adams

**Gluten Free Nuggets 50c each**

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News from the Canteen: Use our Online Canteen to go into the Draw for Weekly Prizes. If children bring food from home that you need us to heat, please supply your own spoon or fork, or they are 10c each. If ordering Noodles or bringing noodle cups from home, children need to collect them from the Canteen. Slushies and hot Milos must also be collected from the Canteen. Any children who order food which needs to be picked up from the Canteen need to bring their Lunch Bag order up with them.
Out And About At Macksville Public School

Kindergarten Mathematicians
Last week KM and KR had a mammoth morning at their 'Measurement Marathon'! Our Kinder teachers, our prac teacher Mr Weaver and our helpers Brooke, Katie, Belinda and Kristie were kept very busy as groups came to their measuring stations. Kinder students practised measuring height by building some very tall shoebox towers, measured ingredients as they made some yummy pikelets, measured how much rice and water would fit into different shaped containers and tested which classroom items weighed the most using the balance scales. They also measured the length of their play dough snakes using blocks and the area of a table using paper squares. They even measured temperature and time! Thanks so much to our helpers, we couldn’t have done it without you!

MISSING: Peter Parker update……..
4P are hot on the case of finding out what has happened to Mr Parker’s missing twin brother Peter. Last heard of, heading into the North Arm Rainforest. Here are some theories from the 4P detectives:-

Angus: A Yowie got him but Peter Parker tackled the Yowie, took all the fur off and has disguised himself as a Yowie in the rain forest.

Abbey: He wanted to run away from home so he just left…….either that or aliens have taken him!

Jake: A snake got him.

Struan: A massive scary mud monster has knocked him unconscious, taken him to a cave and is keeping him there!

Feja: A Drop Bear got him and the police are now investigating in the Rainforest.

Bill: He’s lost.

Shakira: Case to date: - As far as we know, he went to make a video in the rain forest. Mr Parker has found his iPad under a tree but no sign of Peter. If you’ve seen Peter Parker, please contact 4P immediately!

I had a problem with my boiled egg this morning, I’ve cracked it now!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
**Gymnastics Star**

Recently our very own Lottie entered into a Gymnastics competition at Woolgoolga. Lottie tells us “there were heaps of people there. Not just my Gymnastics club but others too”.

She competed in her age group, performing routines for the vault, beam, floor and bar. Her favourite was the bar routine (coming away with 1st place) where you can “spin around on the high bar”.

Lottie tells us that the best part was “Getting the medal, because I came second in the whole competition. I was a little bit nervous to start with and I fell off the beam and hit my head. But I got back on and finished my routine with no problems”.

We love to celebrate all things about our students. If you are competing in a sport outside of school, why not let us know about it?

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**MPS Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Update**

**Great news!**

After popular demand, we have now made a space on our school website that so you too can have access to our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program recipes. Each week we will advertise the menu the children are cooking here in our newsletter. You can then find these recipes by:-

- heading to our website at [www.macksville-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://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.

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**Bullying Information** from the Bullying No Way website

If you are concerned your child is being bullied, harassed or physically hurt, talk to the school about your concerns. The best outcomes for your child will be achieved by you and the school working together. Ask the school for a copy of our policies and any other information to help you to be involved. You can access our Anti Bullying Policy on our school’s website.

Sometimes, you or your child might want to talk to someone outside the school about what is happening. The following organisations can provide support.

- **Kids Help Line** 1800 551 1800
  www.kidshelp.com.au
- **Parenting Help Line** 1300 30 1300
  www.parentline.com.au


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**Ear Health Information**

- **Worried about your child’s hearing?**
- **Have they had lots of colds and ear infections?**
- **Do they seem like they are ignoring you?**

Then come along to:

**Otitis Media Awareness Day - Thursday 18th June**

Park Beach Plaza in the Promotions Court

10am – 5pm

**FREE**

Ear Health Checks for Children (0 - 18years)
No Appointment Necessary
Each ear check will only take approximately 5 minutes.

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**Fundamental Movement Skills at Home—Kicking**

Kicking is used in many different sports and children’s playground games. Practise kicking at home and make sure your child:

- Takes a long step before making contact with the ball
- Places their non-kicking foot next to the ball
- Kicks with their toe or shoe lace area of their foot

For more information go to [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)
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. __________________