The merit selection process for Principal of Macksville Public School has now been completed. We welcome Brad Griffith, currently Principal North Wagga PS, as the new Principal of Macksville Public School. Mr Griffith has 17 years’ experience as Principal and I know that he is going to love MPS. He will commence duty on 2 November, 2015.

**Little A’s Talks ~ Desire To Aspire**

Students K-6 participated in a very inspirational talk from a Little A’s representative last week. Two workshops were held, focusing on the age group of our students, targeting the benefits and the aspirations of students to fulfil a dream of becoming athletes and participating in Little A’s as a healthy lifestyle choice. Many of our students already participate in this wonderful program and may have aspirations of performing at the Olympics one day. Ritchie Donovan’s sporting program, held at Macksville Public School each Wednesday, is a strong supporter of the Little A’s program.

**Earn & Learn ~ Woolworths**

Thank you to all our parents and students who have been participating in the Woolworths ‘Earn & Learn’ promotion. Stickers stuck onto ‘Earn & Learn’ sticker sheets can be placed in the MPS box at your local Woolworths store, or at our school office.

**Father’s Day Stall**

Our Father’s Day stall will be held this Thursday, 20th August between 9.10am and 11.10am. This year’s gifts will be priced between $4.00 and $10.00. Please send money in with your child on the day of the stall and also a plastic bag for them to place their gift in to take home. If you are able to assist Therese on the stall on Thursday, it would be very much appreciated.

**HAPPY HAROLD IS COMING! ~ Life Education Program (K-2)**

The Life Education Program will be visiting Macksville Public School on Friday 28th August and Monday 31st August. Only classes from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be timetabled to attend this very important program. The Life Education Program supports the PE/Health/PD syllabus and presents education on ‘Making Healthy Choices’. The cost of visiting the Life Education Van is $6.00. Students will also receive a booklet to accompany the lessons covered in the van so that follow-up lessons may continue in the classroom.
Annual Kindergarten Excursion to Billabong Zoo

The Kinder excursion to Billabong Koala Park is one of the most exciting events for our younger students. KR and KM will enjoy a DETECTIVE DAY at the zoo on Wednesday, 26th August. The learning on the day, and following this great experience, is just amazing. I am looking forward to seeing all the great photos and reading the clever writing that our Kinder students produce. Children need to wear full school uniform and bring along their recess, lunch and a water bottle. The cost is $25.00 to cover bus and entry fees. Please return the permission note with payment to Mrs Ronan and Mrs Miles.

Book Week Parade

It is time to start thinking about your costumes for our annual Book Week Parade to be held on Tuesday, September 1st at 9:30am in the top playground. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 love to dress up as their favourite book character and entertain parents, family and visitors. We always welcome our local pre-schools to come and join in on the fun. Traditionally it is only the Stage 1 students who participate in the dress up parade, however any Year 3-6 students are most welcome to join the parade.

PSSA Cricket

Round 4 of the 2015 PSSA Cricket Knockout will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 19th August at Marshall Estate, Coffs Harbour starting at 10am. The field is situated between the C.ex Stadium and the Uni. Macksville Public School will be competing against Sawtell Public School. Transport is being organised by private car. Students are asked to bring their lunch and sun protection and a water bottle. Mr Clouten will be supervising students on the day.

Year 2 and 3K Excursion to Timbertown

Year 2 and 3K will complete a unit of work on ‘Machines and Transport’ with an excursion to Timbertown in Wauchope on Monday, 31st August. The cost of the excursion is $30.00 and all money and permission notes sent to your child’s classroom teacher by Thursday, 27th August. Children are asked to wear full school uniform and bring recess, lunch, a hat and a water bottle.

School Performance ‘Heave Ho, Off We Go’

We have an exciting performance coming up on Friday 4th September. “Heave Ho, Off We Go” will challenge our students’ young minds with illusions that will get their brain cells working. There will be magic, juggling and ventriloquist dolls. The cost of the performance is $4.50 per child, which needs to be paid by the day before the performance, Thursday 3rd September. Due to administration, no money will be accepted on the day.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

We are taking enrolments into Kindergarten for 2016 and have been showing many parents our beautiful Kindergarten rooms. Parents who have a pre-school child or a sibling starting Kindergarten in 2016 can enrol now so you don’t miss out on information about our transition days. Enrolment forms are available at preschools and at our school office. Please contact the school on 6568 1800. Transition Days with visits to Kindergarten classrooms will take place on: Wednesday, 28th October 10am-11am; Wednesday, 4th November 10am-11am; and Wednesday, 11th November 9.30am – 11am.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal

Year 6 Excursion Payments: These need to be finalised by Friday August 28th. The Excursion takes place Monday September 7th, returning Thursday September 10th.

Please keep payments coming in for all other excursions. We are quite happy if you wish to make numerous small payments to make paying your child’s excursion easier. If you pay online it is essential to email us on the address below, in order for us to process your payment correctly.

PAYMENTS for Excursions, Textbooks, School Contribution: 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, amount deposited and the reference for the payment.

Email the school at macksville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Account Name: MPS Admin Account
Acct No: 142920
BSB: 032001
Reference: Your child’s name and activity.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED NOW

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

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Phone our Canteen Manager Wendy on 6568 1800

From the Canteen: If children bring food from home that you need us to heat, please supply your own spoon or fork, or pay 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.
2015 Zone Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, 20 MPS stars competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival held in Coffs Harbour. Our competitors participated in a variety of individual events including 100m, 200m and 800m track events through to high jump, long jump, shot put and discus. All of our competitors participated to the best of their ability and a few personal bests were achieved on the day. Our individual performers, who were successful in gaining selection through to the Regional Carnival in Lismore, are Tiajuana Rosser 2nd in the 12 year girls 100m and Sienna Harris 2nd in the 12 year girls long jump. In addition to our individual performers, we also had three relay teams competing. Our junior boys team had an excellent run and finished a commendable 4th, our senior boys also performed strongly and our senior girls produced an outstanding run to finish in 3rd place and have the opportunity to run in Lismore as well. I would like to thank the many parents, grandparents and friends who provided transport to this event, the students’ behaviour was outstanding and it was a pleasure to be a part of such a wonderful day. ~ Mrs Johnson

From the Library: The theme for the annual Book Week this year is ‘Books Light Up Your World’. The Book Week Parade will take place on Tuesday September 1st, 9.30am under the COLA on the top playground. This year the whole school can dress up and participate in the Parade. So get your thinking caps on and get dressed up as your favourite book character. I can’t wait to see what fabulous costumes our students wear to school!! ~ Sarah Pade Teacher/Librarian

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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. ___________
FATHER'S DAY STALL

IS THIS THURSDAY

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This year gifts will be priced between $4 and $10.

Therese desperately needs helpers to run the stall. It will run from 9.10-11.10am in the New Hall.

Stage 1 Science Day by Harry 2-3K

“On Thursday Stage 1 and 3K participated in a Science Day. Each teacher had an activity and we rotated around.

First we went to Mrs Katte’s room. We did static electricity with balloons. We charged the balloons up by rubbing it on our shirt. When we charged the balloon up we tried to make a bit of plastic float above it and some of them worked. Then we used a plastic spoon and rubbed it on our shirt and charge it up to get salt and pepper to stick to it.

Then we went to Mr Rumsey’s room to make cork cannons. First we got a bottle and we put a bit of water in it and we put a bit of vinegar. We had to go back and there was a chemical reaction and vinegar went everywhere!

After that we went to Mr Clouten’s room to make potato clocks. We got a little clock and put two cords into a potato to make the clock work. Some of the clocks worked and we also tried it on apples, lemonades, lemons and limes.

Last of all we went to Mrs Lynch’s room to do a colour wheel that turns white when it spins fast. We cut out a circle and coloured it rainbow and put a hole in it and put string in the hole and spun it very fast.”

Register now for Term 4!

A free fun program for kids aged 7-13 to become fitter, healthier and happier. Go 4 Fun provides a fun approach to learning skills for life. Each week involves fun games including free sessions at the local pool. A parent or carer must attend with their child.

Venue: Frank Partridge Public School Nambucca Heads

Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au or ring 1800 780 900

Local contact: Margo Johnston 6562 0324

Why was Cinderella thrown off the netball team?

Because she ran away from the ball!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
Fresh Dental Recycling

Please remember that Fresh Dental Care have placed a box in our front office to recycle any items that are related to dental health. Old toothpaste boxes, mouth wash bottles, tooth brushes and packaging just to name a few possibilities. For every item recycled, we earn money to go towards continuing our dental awareness program at school. Please send your recyclable items to the front office.

Positive Parenting Program – Triple P

Positive Parenting Program is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. To find out more or to book into a free seminar please contact Terry or Christine on 65684471 or 65684992. FREE childcare is available

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Triple P Seminars:
Session 3: Thursday 20th August 2015 - 'RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN'
Time: 10am – 12 noon
Where: 157 Mann Street, Nambucca Heads

Royal Far West - Healthy Kids Bus Stop

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop will be at Macksville Public School Hall between Tuesday 15th– Thursday 17th September. It is a whole-of-child screening, assessment and pathway to care program for children turning 4, or those that have turned 4 or 5 during 2015. Led by Royal Far West, this program is supported by our local health networks and Aboriginal medical services.

The program delivers a comprehensive health assessment in line with the NSW Health ‘Blue Book’. It is designed to be a fun and interactive program where children progress through health stations known as ‘bus stops’, hopping on and off at each ‘station’ in order to complete their health check. The children will receive a bus pass stamp at each station along the way. Checks include:

- Vision
- Oral health
- Dietetics
- Speech
- Health Promotion
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Hearing
- Immunisation Status

YOU MUST REGISTER TO TAKE PART. Registration forms can be picked up at our front office.

KR Superstars

KR are getting very clever and are so proud of their writing. They know that good writers re-read to check their work is making sense, leave spaces and write neatly. They can spell so many useful words! Come into our front office to check out their amazing work now on display.

Menu

Term 3 Week 6

- Leek, Fetta, Sweet Potato and Spinach Frittata
- Fettuccine with Seasonal Greens and Herbs tossed in Olive Oil
- Spanish Chickpea Balls with Yoghurt and Brown Rice
- Bread Rolls and Salad of the Imagination

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.

Absenteism Leaves Gaps In Your Child's Education!
Community News:
**Urunga Football Club:** Six-a-side Soccer Summer Twilight Series, Reg open now go to [www.urungafootball.com](http://www.urungafootball.com) or Facebook [Urunga SIX-A-SIDE]. Competitions start 8th October: Juniors – 8 & 9’s, 10’s & 11’s, 12 to 14’s; Seniors: Mens, Womens A & B Grade, Mixed social. All welcome – great family fun. Enquiries call: Dixie Erlandsen 65695687.

**Nambucca District Little Athletics: Family Fun and Fitness:** Registration and Trial Night Wed Aug 19th at 4.45pm (August—March) at EJ Biffin Playing Fields, Fred Brain Drive, Nambucca Heads. Info from Tracey Cheers 0438 685 253 or Lisa Mackay 0438 856 644.