Term 3, Week 10  September 15th, 2015

COMING UP:

Wednesday September 16th  Gold Day
Friday September 18th  Last day Term 3
Tuesday October 6th  First day Term 4
Mon Oct 12-Wed Oct 14  Year 4 Excursion Great Aussie Bush Camp
Tuesday October 13th  Year 1 Dolphin Marine Magic Excursion
Mon Oct 19-Fri Oct 23  Year 5 Excursion Lake Ainsworth

We are now coming to the end of Term 3. Again, it has been an exciting term with lots of amazing things happening at Macksville Public School. MPS continues to grow and the results we are experiencing across the school have been amazing. We are now over 405 student enrolments and we are looking at welcoming some lovely new students into Kindergarten in 2016. Mrs Miles and Mrs Ronan spent time visiting Macksville Pre School and Alphabet Long Day College to get to know the students who will be part of our ‘Family School’.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016, please come along and visit us for a tour of our school. Kindergarten Transition will commence next term so we want to keep in touch.

Transition Days with visits to Kindergarten classrooms will take place on:

- Wednesday, 28th October 10am-11am;
- Wednesday, 4th November 10 am-11am;
- Wednesday, 11th November 9.30am – 11am.

The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey

Thank you to parents who have completed the Parent Survey. This valuable feedback helps our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers and will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete. It is completely confidential and runs from 17th August to 16th October. Participating in the survey is voluntary, and your responses are very much appreciated. Please access the survey through the following link. It is also available through the newsletter, Skoolbag App or the school’s website.

Important Note: The link should open directly to the ‘Begin Survey’ page of the parent survey, and no login details should be required. In some document types (ie. Word), the link inadvertently opens to a login page. If the survey opens to a login page, please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.

Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17114&j_password=Mac2444

GOLD Day ~ Mini Olympics

The SRC has been busily preparing for this term’s GOLD DAY to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 16th September. We will celebrate Gold Day with a ‘Mini Olympics.’ All students have been allocated a country. They have been placed into their groups and discussed the country they will represent on Wednesday for the Mini Olympics.

Children, however, need to wear clothing appropriate for sun protection and suitable shoes to participate in the various games. Each group will spend from 9.30-11.00am preparing by making flags, cooking or playing games from that country. Children attending Gold Day will receive an ice block at the finish of the games, however, they will need to provide their own recess, lunch and a drink.

Stage 1 Spelling Bee

What amazing spellers we have in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Stage 1 held a mini ‘Spelling Bee’ last week when our best spellers participated in a spell-off at the Stage 1 assembly. Organised by Mrs Ronan, classes across Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 competed in an in-class competition to find the best spellers. These very clever students showed the audience what great spellers they were. Well done, everyone.
Lifetime Connect
Macksville Public School 'Breakfast Club' has made the big time today with a film crew from Channel 10 joining us to film a segment for a new advertising campaign for 'Lifetime Connect'. The MPS Breakfast Club is sponsored by Lifetime Connect and this very successful program is just one face of this wonderful service to the community. Lifetime Connect have developed a community card called 'Connect-a-Card'. This card costs $52 a year (only $1 per week) and offers a 10 percent discount at participating local businesses on approved items. Phillip Baldwin, Lifetime Connects business manager, said: “The money raised from the sales of the card pays for the Breakfast Program and it keeps shopping local. Everyone benefits. We would be thrilled if everyone can get behind the ‘Connect-a-Card’ and help keep our Breakfast Program running”.

Science Stage One
Last Tuesday, Stage One held their second Science experiment morning. Students moved around to different classrooms and participated in some fun, exciting and hands on experiments. The experiments conducted included elephant toothpaste, static electricity, making green goo, bubbles, lava lamps and even cork rockets! It was a great morning with students making some very good predictions. We have some superb scientists in Stage One!

Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN
Please be advised that all Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN results will now be sent home with students. The letters to parents, containing individual student reports will be handed out at the end of this week. If you do not receive your child’s report, or need assistance in interpreting the student report please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal

Year 4 and 5 Excursion Payments:
All payments for the Year 4 Excursion need to be finalised by: Friday 18th September.
All payments for the Year 5 Excursion need to be finalised by: Friday 9th October.

Please pay at the School Office or if you pay online, it is essential to email us on the address below, in order for us to process your payment correctly. 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
Account No: 142920
BSB: 032001
Reference: Your child’s name and activity.
Payments for Textbooks and School Contribution can also be made either in person or online.

Year 6 Excursion to Canberra:
Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civic and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the costs of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion Report: On Monday the 7th of September, 36 year 6 students left for the long trip to Canberra. On the way, we picked up ten Smithtown students, who joined us for the week. When we arrived at Sydney we went to Taronga Zoo, then Sydney’s Aquarium. The last place we visited for the day was Madam Tussards, a Wax Figure Museum. On the second day of the excursion we packed up our suitcases to go to Canberra. When we got to Canberra we went straight to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). After that we had pizza for lunch and boarded the bus to go to Parliament House. Then Putt Putt golf was the last thing of the day. On the third day, we went to Questacon; Questacon is a science museum with heaps of cool and exciting things. After, we went to the Museum of Canberra, where we learnt about old cameras, and lots of other stuff. Next, we went to the Royal Australian Mint where all our coins are made. After that we went to the War Memorial to pay tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us. On Thursday, we packed our things for the 10 hour trip home. Overall year 6 had a fantastic time, and it was a memorable experience.

By Darcy Crossingham and Tayla Graham
Assembly Awards Week 9:
1JB: Ruby Barnes, Rylee Smith-Comber
1S: Savannah Grant, Layla Welsh, Lani Sigrist
1/2HL: Isabella Kennedy, Layla Graham, Desiree Rouse, Charlie Martin
2C: Clayton Dominick, Delighta Mamone
2R: Josie Boxsell, Peach Ross
2/3K: Ayden Sigrist, Jarrad Laredo-Fitzgerald, Nathan Honnery, Lily Woodward, Kyeisha Blair
3/4H: Chelsea Smith, Camryn Buckman
3V: Ayesha Searle, Travis Lockhart, Sienna Adams
4M: Taya Welsh, Hali McFadyen, Bodhi Miles, Billy Skinner
4P: Ayden Sigrist, Jarrad Laredo-Fitzgerald, Nathan Honnery, Lily Woodward, Kyeisha Blair
5B: Levi Dominick, Lily Welsh, Elle Keniar
5C: Yharli Fitzgerald, Vaughn Williams, Kristal Cant, Breeana Jarrett

Honey Pot Awards
Week 9
Jake Cropp
Carli Wilson
Aisha Bouzerouata
Ruby Barnes
Lilla Walburn
Jarna Ray
Lachlan Pade
Zachary Sutton
Topaz Deeth
Jasmine Callaway

STARS THIS WEEK

CANTINE HELPERS NEEDED NOW

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

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Phone our Canteen Manager Wendy on 6568 1800

There will be some price rises in Term 4!!

GREAT HOT FOOD

- Pies $3.50
- Sausage Rolls $3
- Noodle Cup ~ Beef or Chicken $2.50
- Gluten-free Chicken Nuggets 50c each

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

Community News:
The VAS Brothers, Radio Nambucca: ‘Studio 3 Live’ radio gig Fri 18/9, 6-8pm. Special live to air performance! Tune in to 2NVR on 105.9FM, stream via www.2nvr.org.au or come along. Free family friendly event at 834, Rodeo Drive, Tewinga. BYO refreshments and nibbles to share.

Representative Cricket Trials: for 12yrs and 14yrs on Sun 20/9 @ 9.30am. See MESJCC Facebook page for more info.

Celebrate BIKE WEEK NSW 2015: 20/9, Plaza Shopping Centre carpark with bike safety checks. Nambucca Heads Bike Week event with bike safety checks + prizes for best decorated bikes. All riders must have helmets and ride-worthy bikes. More info on the day + see Council’s website www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au Children under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Athletics Holiday Coaching Clinic: Tuesday 22/9, Buzz Bazzel Oval Scotts Head, 9am-2.30pm (sign-on 8.45am). For all athletes aged 8-17. Sprints, long jump, high jump, hurdles, discus. $35 per athlete. Register at www.lansw.com.au for coaching camps and clinics at Stuarts Point before Sept. 17th.

LYON Cricket: Specialist Clinic for ages 7-17yrs. Tuesday 29/9. See MESJCC Facebook page for more info.

Free Silkworms: Silkworms looking for a home. You need mulberry leaves. Contact Natalie Welsh at vaccare@bigpond.com

Vacation Care: Nambucca Valley OOSH provides Vacation Care services in Macksville & Nambucca Hds for primary children. Services operate from Mon 29/9 to Fri 2/10. More info 65681474 (weekdays) Gail or Natalie or email vaccare@bigpond.com

Bookings and enrolments are necessary before children attend.

Macksville Ex-Services Junior Cricket Club: Milo In2cricket aiming to start Tues 13/10 at Thistle Park Macksville. However, we do not have a facilitator yet. If you are interested in helping, or for more info contact Tom Mann 0417 497 001.


Macksville Marlins Amateur Swimming Club Registration Day: Family friendly club for swimmers of all ages and ability. New Junior Dolphins program (free membership for swimmers aged 7 and under + bonus Dolphin bag and T-Shirt) Wed. 7/10, Reg. from 5pm, Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre, Ph Lyndel Sutton 0409 681 207, email: macksvillemarlins@gmail.com or also Facebook: Macksville Marlins.
Out And About At Macksville Public School

Milo T20 Cricket by Connor and Brandon 5C
‘Last week there was a Milo T20 Blast Cricket day at the Macksville Cricket Grounds. About 40 students from our school participated in the gala day along with some other schools from our valley. All the schools had a great time! It’s a fantastic program to participate in where you learn more about cricket skills. We are a lucky school to be able to participate and have so much fun on the day.’

Nambucca Valley Children’s Art Competition
With categories ranging from Kindergarten–Year 10 competition entries are invited reflecting the theme “Keeping Children Safe In Nambucca Valley”. Three Android Tablets are offered as prizes and entry forms and conditions can be found at:

- www.nvcg.com.au
- www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au
- www.lifetimeconnect.com.au

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers
A huge thank you to all our families who have been diligently collecting stickers through the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. We will be posting off all the stickers on Thursday this week so tomorrow (Wednesday 6th) will be the last date to send any stickers in to school.

Absenteism Leaves Gaps In Your Child’s Education!

Library Survey
As part of our continual improvement of the Macksville Public School Library, a parent survey has been put together for parents to have their say on aspects of the Library that they feel are strengths and areas that we could improve upon. This survey should only take a few minutes to complete. Please follow the link below to fill out the survey. This link can also be found on our school website (in the news section) and will be sent out on our Skoolbag App.

We look forward to hearing all the great things that we do for your children and areas where we can improve and help take your children’s learning to the next level.

Thank you for your time
Sarah Pade, Librarian
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YDVF5XD

MPS Golf Team
On Monday 14th September, 23 students entered the annual JNJG (Jack Newton Junior Golf) club championships held at the Macksville Country Club. Student behaviour was once again exemplary and was commented upon by club members. The teams, made up of two boys and two girls, played some magnificent golf and I’m sure there is a budding Adam Scott or two amongst our golfers. Congratulations go to Levi, Troy, Chantel and Sophie who were our winning team and will proceed to the next level of championships. It was once again a privilege to accompany such well behaved students to a sporting event and I look forward to their continuing participation in the Macksville Public School sporting program.

Andrew Parker, Sports Master
Royal Far West – Healthy Kids Bus Stop

Our new hall is a buzz with specialists today, Wednesday and Thursday. The ‘Healthy Kids Bus Stop’ is a whole-of-child health screening, assessment and pathway to care program for children aged 4-5 years. It is a collaborative program led by Royal Far West and supported by Local Health Districts, Primary Health Networks, Aboriginal Medical Services and other local stakeholders. The Healthy Kids Bus Stop delivers a comprehensive health assessment in line with NSW Health ‘Child Personal Health Record’ (Blue Book). Children receive a bus pass stamp at health stations such as vision, oral health, hearing, dietetics, speech, fine and gross motor development... a one stop shop of services.

Creating a sustainable world- 5C

This term students from 5C have been investigating sustainable living. We have discovered and researched many different issues in the environment. We have explored Ocean Biodiversity and were quite horrified with the damage that rubbish, such as plastic, is causing to marine life. Did you know that the rubbish dropped by humans is getting caught in large ocean currents called gyres and is forming massive rubbish dumps in the middle of our ocean? The Pacific Garbage Patch is an example of this problem and is larger than NSW!!!!

As a result of this awful reality, we decided to do our bit and clean up River Street in Macksville. The students of 5C collected a lot of rubbish such as cigarette butts, plastic bottles, bottle tops, straws and various food packaging. We were pleased with our effort however, more concerned about the enormity of the issues of marine life eating or becoming entangled in plastic and rubbish.

Students have also been learning how to design and build a sustainable house. We are building our houses in a virtual world called ‘5CVille’ in the popular program Minecraft. In this world students can communicate with each other. Some students are building houses next to each other so they can be neighbours. Some of the innovative sustainable features of the houses are: carpet for insulation, north facing windows, vegetable gardens, water tanks, fireplaces, bricks to keep in the heat during winter and to keep the house cool in summer, solar panels and wind turbines.

We are all enjoying discussing the challenges we face to create a sustainable future!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Due to Gold day being on a Wednesday this Term, our supremely popular kitchen program will not be running this week and will resume in Term 4. Please remember that you can find all the recipes on our school website at: www.macksville-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Click on the ‘Curriculum and Activities’ tab on the home page then follow the red tabs on the left to ‘Stephanie Alexander Kitchen’. You can then choose to view photos or recipes.

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Please contact Nambucca Shire Council 6568 2555 or www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au for further information on the following holiday activities.

Wed 23/9: Bowraville Fun Day 6-16 yrs, 10-2pm Fun activities and games at Hennessey Tape Oval.
Thurs 24/9: Music Madness 6-16 years, 10-2pm Fun with music & games, open mic, dance etc at Grants Hall, Bowraville.

Tues 29/9: The Movie Bus 12-16 years, 9-4pm FREE travel to Nambucca Plaza, movie & lunch.

Wed 30/9: Bowra Basketball 10-16 years, 10-2pm Team & individual events 3 on 3, lunch incl., bookings essential, limited places.
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. _______________