Welcome back to all our existing families and a warm welcome to our new families with students starting at Macksville Public School for the very first time. I look forward to meeting you and your children and working with you to provide the best in their educational endeavours.

Our newsletter is sent out weekly and is the main source of information for parents about what’s happening at our school. Please feel free to contact the school if you need clarification of school programs or procedures.

Our staff are all looking forward to a fantastic, productive year. There are so many wonderful events and programs to look forward to. As soon as practical, a Term Calendar will be sent home for your information and reference. We are currently working on gathering information on events, assemblies etc.

I am pleased to welcome Miss Maya Norville, a new permanent member of our staff who will be teaching Year 3. Miss Tia Perry will also be teaching Year 3 while Mr Daniel Manson remains on leave. We also welcome back Ms Cathy Yates, who has been working in the Coffs Harbour Department of Education Office for the last two years and will now be teaching Year 6. This year, Mr Adam Rumsey will be teaching computer education for all classes. Mrs Debbie Grenenger and Mrs Trish Grace return to class and will lead Stage One and Stage Two respectively. Mr Ron MacDonald will continue to lead Stage Three.

**Class Structure**

Yesterday 54 Kindergarten students eagerly arrived and began their first day at Macksville Public School. This morning they were greeted by their year 6 buddies. We wish Kindergarten all the best for the start of their school life. At this stage, classes have been formed and we do not anticipate any more changes. Sixteen classes are in place and students have started in their new class as of yesterday. If you have any concerns or seek clarification of why your child was placed in a particular group, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**The classes for 2016 are:**

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**Executives**

- Mrs Debbie Grenenger – AP Stage 1 Leader
- Mrs Trish Grace – AP Teaching & Learning & Stage 2 Stage Leader
- Mr Ron MacDonald – AP Stage 3 Leader
- Unfilled – Instructional Leader coordinating ‘Early Action For Success’ Program – K-2
Our additional Teaching Staff includes:
Mrs Jill Everett – Intervention Teacher – ‘Early Action For Success.’
Mrs Lisa Duguid  – Learning & Support    Ms Raelene Dal Santo – Learning & Support
Mrs Carol Witchard – Reading Recovery    Mrs Sarah Pade – Teacher Librarian
Mr Matt Clouton – Computer Coordinator      Mr Adam Rumsey – Computer Education (RFF)
Mrs Kalindi Ashley – Stephanie Alexander Garden Program

Our School Support Staff includes:
Ms Maureen Macdonell-Scott – School Administrative Manager
Mrs Rhonda Gillis – School Administrative Officer
Mrs Lesley Stanton – School Administrative Officer
Ms Kirstin Knight – School Administrative Officer & Community Engagement Officer
Mr Barry Simmons – General Assistant      Mr Steve Wilton – General Assistant
Mr RJ Donovan – Aboriginal Education Officer  Ms Stephanie Blair – Aboriginal Education Worker
Ms Dakota Hillery – Aboriginal Education Worker    Mrs Wendy Hillery – Canteen Manager

In addition we have a fantastic team of School Learning Support Officers who work in varied roles supporting staff and students in the classroom.

Staff and Parent Class Meeting
Teachers will be organising an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child’s classroom teacher over the next couple of weeks. A note will be sent home and we strongly encourage you to attend. Teachers will discuss expectations, classroom routines, requirements, up-coming events and units of work that students will cover throughout the year.

Once again, welcome to the start of what is hoped to be an exciting and productive year and I look forward to working with you.

~ Brad Griffith, Principal

MPS Swimming Carnival
This will be run at Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre on Wednesday February 10th starting at 9am. Students must attend school for roll-marking before walking to the pool. Please ensure your children have a hat, towel, dry clothes, swimmers, sunscreen, and food and water for the day. The Pool Canteen will operate on the day. Parents are most welcome to attend. All students aged 8 years and up are encouraged to attend this event.

~ Andrew Parker, Sports Master

From the Library
Welcome back! Library has started and books are being borrowed. Please ensure that your child has a library bag to keep their books safe, with their name clearly marked on it. Kindergarten will begin their borrowing on February 16th.

Library days for classes are:   Monday   3M, 3N, 2H, 3/4C   Tuesday   KR, KM, 6Y, 4G
                                 Wednesday K/1S, 1/2J, 6M, 4P   Thursday  5L, 5C, 1HB, 2G

Book Club has started again with the first lot of book club catalogues handed out today. Return the completed order form to the Library with the correct money, name and class on the order which is due back next Friday February 12th. Book Club also has the ‘Loop’ app that can be downloaded to order and pay for your books. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

~ Sarah Pade, Teacher Librarian

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL: If your child needs medication at school, whether for one day or longer, a ‘Request to Administer Medication Form’ must be submitted. You can find this form on our school website, or drop in to the Office and fill one out. NO medication can be administered without this form.
Please make sure your child’s belongings are clearly marked with their name.

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

**Community News**

- **Before and after school care:** available at Scotts Head; the school bus stops directly opposite our service. Enquiries call Nambucca Valley Family Day Care on 6569 4222.

- **Aboriginal Language Certificate Course:** Expressions of Interest are invited for this course to be run. A minimum of 10 participants are needed. Please contact Kevin Wilson Macksville TAFE 0477 767 992.

- **Triple P Seminars** – Positive Parenting Program: **Triple P** is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. To find out more or book into a free seminar contact Terry on 6568 4471 or Nambucca Bellingen Family Support Service on 6568 1474. Session 1: Thurs 3 Mar - THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING; Session 2: Thurs 10 Mar - RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN; Session 3: Thurs 17 Mar 2016 - RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN. 10am – 12 noon

- **E.P. physi classes:** are starting in the Nambucca Valley Wed 10th February at the Nambucca Community and Arts Centre. Nambucca Valley Physi based on basic ballet and modern dance, physi is great for physical fitness, flexibility, coordination and posture. Info table at Nambucca Plaza - Saturday 6th February 9am - 1pm. Alternatively contact via email - NambuccaValleyPhysi@hotmail.com or Facebook - Nambucca Valley Physi or phone 0422647214, 66581071.

- **Go4Fun:** a fun approach to learning skills for life. Each week involves fun games including a free water session at the local pool. For improvements in children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. A parent or carer must attend with their child. **Parents receive $15 fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for each session attended. Last chance to register for Term 1, 2016:** Soulitude Health, Macksville, Mondays 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm starts February 1st. Register: on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back. Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au Local contact: Lauren Stocks M: 0437 362 118
Out And About At Macksville Public School

MPS Clothing Pool
With many new families joining our school our clothing pool has been a very busy place over the last few days. Our stocks of 2nd hand clothing are at an all time low. If you have wardrobes filled with uniforms that no longer fit your children, please consider donating them to our clothing pool. You can simply drop them into the front office.

All donations gratefully accepted!
The clothing pool can be opened any afternoon from 2.30pm. Please contact the office on 6568 1800 to arrange a day if you would like to come and have a look. All 2nd hand clothing is only $2 per item.

Kindergarten Pirate Day 2015
Kindergarten students and a huge crowd of family and friends enjoyed a day of pirate fun to celebrate their Kinder Graduation last year. They all pinned the patch on the pirate, deciphered the maps, dug for buried treasure and walked the plank to receive their certificates from Captain Griffith! A big thanks to First Mate Grenenger and our lovely parent helpers for cooking the BBQ to feed the crew.

Cinema Offer
Majestic Cinema would like offer our families the opportunity to purchase $6 tickets to the movie Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip, which will be playing at the Nambucca Cinema at 10am on February 6-7. Please contact the cinema on 6568 6677 for all further information.

Geometry shapes my life!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
What is Crunch & Sip?

Crunch & Sip is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water. This break assists students with physical and mental performance, and concentration in the classroom. Healthy eating behaviours are modelled in the classroom and reinforce the nutrition messages in the PD/H/PE curriculum. By making fruit and vegetable eating, and water drinking normal in the classroom, healthy habits can be formed and continued into adolescence and adulthood. The Crunch & Sip break gives students the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. Students are also more likely to eat their fruit or vegetables and drink their water if their friends and peers are all doing it too! We will be having Crunch & Sip breaks every day starting now. Please make sure your child has a piece of fruit or vegetable and small bottle of water each day.

Year 4 Love Learning About Japan!

Learning about Japan is fun! In Year 4 we have lucky bamboo on our desk and we have also made Cherry Blossom paintings. We have a goal to make 1000 paper cranes!!

Ja mata, from Year 4.

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.

MPS Meetings

We’re off to a flying start for 2016! We love it when our MPS families get involved in school life so here are a couple of dates for you calendar. Come and join us.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for 2016 is next week. Our meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each Month.

When: Wednesday 10th February
Where: MPS Staff Room

Aboriginal Community Meeting

We invite all our families to come and join us for our first meeting of 2016. Lunch will be provided.

When: Tuesday 9th February
Where: MPS Old Hall
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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