Term 1, Week 6  March 1st, 2016

**COMING UP:**
- Friday March 4th: Clean Up Schools Day; Cross Country Practice
- Monday March 7th: 3N to Autumn Lodge
- Friday March 11th: Funky Hair Friday; Cross Country Practice
- Friday March 18th: Whole School Assembly 2pm; Cross Country Practice
- Wednesday March 23rd: Egg Drop
- Thursday March 24th: Easter Hat Parade and Raffle Draw
- Friday March 25th: Good Friday

**District Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival last week. The swimmers were very well-behaved and represented Macksville Public School admirably. The level of sportsmanship of all swimmers was to be commended, with three students qualifying for the next level.

**Cricket**
The first round of the PSSA Cricket will be held today. Our school cricket team, consisting of a strong line-up of students from Year 3 to Year 6, will compete against Nambucca Heads Primary School at the Donnolly-Welsh Playing Fields. Mr Clouten will be taking the team and we wish them the best of luck.

**Clean Up Schools Day**
All classes K-6 will participate in the Clean Up School Day this Friday, coordinated by Mrs Jess Sheather. We are hoping that everyone can lend a helping hand to keep our playground and surrounding areas neat and tidy. We would be most grateful if students could come prepared with rubber gloves and plastic bags.

**Performance: ‘The Fairest of Them All’**
Our first exciting school performance for Macksville Public School is a production by the Australian Playhouse, called ‘The Fairest of Them All’. This wonderful theatrical performance is a take on the original ‘Snow White’. Performance date is 10th March and information has been sent home. If your child has not received a note, one can be found overleaf, collected from the Office or found on our school website. Payment for the show needs to be to your class teacher by Wednesday 9th March. No late payments will be taken as numbers need to be finalised before the day.

**Funky Hair Day**
The SRC will be holding a Funky Hair Day Friday 11th March to help raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave. The money collected will help the Foundation look after families with cancer and let scientists keep searching for a cure. On the day, children can come to school with their hair coloured, in coloured bands or ribbons, or as ‘crazy’ as you like! The cost will be a gold coin donation that will be collected by the SRC. It should be loads of fun!

Have a great week! ~ Brad Griffith, Principal

**RIGHT:** Funky hair from last year ~ bring your funky hair to school on Friday March 11th, with a gold coin donation for the Leukaemia Foundation.

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**P&C MEETING**
Wednesday March 9th
@ 5pm
in the Staffroom
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
A group of seven MPS students participated in the 2016 Touch Football State Club in Port Macquarie recently, after spending many hours training and travelling for gala day games prior to the big event. Congratulations to these sportspeople for their dedication and participation.

~ Andrew Parker, Sports Master

Results from Zone Swimming Carnival
The eighteen students who attended the Zone Swimming Carnival last week all swam great times, with 3 qualifying for the next level at the PSSA Regional Carnival. Feja Lane-Stasionis, William Simmonds and Millie Edwards will represent and we wish them a brilliant day and all the best in their endeavours.

~ Andrew Parker, Sports Master

If you have not already done so, please send in this tear-off to your child's teacher with payment before Wednesday March 9th.

Macksville Public School – The Fairest Of Them All

I give permission for my child………………………………………………………………………of class…………………..to attend ‘The Fairest Of Them All’ on Thursday the 10th March.

I have included my $4.50 (per child)

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
At Macksville Public School, we have a ‘No Hat ~ No Play’ Policy. Please remind your child to bring their hat to school.

**School Contribution and Textbook Payments**
It's that time of the year when we are sending out invoices to families to remind them of the amounts owing for their children’s educational needs. This year, Classes 3P, 3N, 4P, 5C, 5L, 6Y & 6M are using Maths Textbooks - these are $20.00. Your child's teacher would have handed each child a note with the text book with the price on it - please send this money in asap. The General School Contribution is $30.00 per student (which is a Voluntary Contribution).

Please be reminded that payments for school excursions, textbooks and school contributions may be paid at the office or online. Payment may be made by cash, cheque (made out to Macksville Public School) or direct deposit (electronic funds transfer).

Remember to email the school at macksville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child’s name, amount deposited and the reference to what the money is for when making online payments.

**Account Name:** MPS Admin Account  **BSB:** 032001  **A/c No:** 142920  **Reference:** Your child’s name.

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**Community News**

- **Become a WEP host family in 2016!** Do you want to experience new cultures? Are you curious, welcoming and keen to show off your lifestyle? Have you thought about hosting an overseas exchange student? WEP Australia are looking for volunteer host families now! If you think you match the above criteria, request an information pack on our website today: [https://wep.org.au/host/](https://wep.org.au/host/)

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program at MPS**

Donations of seedlings are desperately needed to re-invigorate our School Kitchen Garden for this year. The Garden is beginning to be cleared out and we are looking forward to a fresh start using fresh produce to produce fantastic meals like this one, which was prepared yesterday.

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**NEW CANTEEN HELPERS ALWAYS NEEDED PLEASE**

**SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**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. Please be aware, NO medication can be administered without this form. ~ Thank you ~

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**Plain Milk**  
$1.50

**Milo Poppers**  
$2.20

**Potato Bake**  
$3.50

[Menu on our school website](#)

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**SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER**

Phone our Canteen Manager Wendy on 6568 1800
Out And About At Macksville Public School

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

**MENU**

**Term 1**

**Week 5 & 6**

- Greek Salad
- Hummus
- Wheat Tortillas
- Zucchini Slice

You can find all 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](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’

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Easter Hat Parade and Monster Easter Raffle

The benchmark has been set! Would you like to see Mr Parker wearing his pretty Easter Bonnet? Easter Eggs donations have been coming in with Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 bringing in the most by far at this stage. However our primary students are being spurred on by the thought of Mr Parker in a pink Easter bonnet with sparkles.

If Years 3-6 can fill 3 large tubs with donated Easter Eggs then Mr Parker will once again wear his bonnet and we can all have a giggle! Make sure you get your donations of Easter eggs in now to be part of the fun.

**Raffle tickets are on sale now.** You need to be in it to win it! Children also need to start thinking about their Easter hat for our wonderful Easter Hat Parade around the school and down town. We are also looking forward to all our pre-schoolers and toddlers joining in on the fun.

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Permission to Publish photographs

Please be aware that we have students in our school who, for many different reasons, cannot have their photographs published. We ask that you keep this in mind when taking photos and posting them on social media. Sometimes people may inadvertently post photos of other people’s children. An innocent photo can cause great distress to some families.

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Absenteism Leaves Gaps In Your Child's Education!

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Macksville Public School P&c
Easter Raffle Book Order Form

Please send me _______ raffle books of ten tickets (limit of 5 books per order).

Student’s Name _____________________________

Class ___

My favourite dancer is the Easter Bunny, he’s really into hip hop!

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Proud to be a part of the Family School
Responsible Pet Ownership

Today we have been learning about responsible pet ownership and living safely with dogs. Leanne and her Dachshund, Ellie, came to school to teach us some very important things to remember. This Program uses multimedia, role play, song and story to provide primary school children with a smorgasbord of stimulating activities to teach a wide range of concepts relating to responsible pet ownership.

The Program focuses on teaching students about dog safety including:

- When dogs should be left alone
- Things we should not do to dogs
- How can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- A safe way to approach and greet a dog
- What to do if approached by an unknown/aggressive dog.

The Program also introduces the following concepts:

- Choosing an appropriate pet
- General welfare and husbandry
- The importance of identification and registration
- Confinement and housing
- Exercise and training.

A snapshot of 3-4C hard at work!
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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