Term 3, Week 2

COMING UP:
Wednesday July 24th   Bush Tucker Day
Thursday July 25th   NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition
Friday July 26th   School Athletics Carnival
Monday July 29th   Year 6-7 Transition Information Afternoon
Wednesday July 31st   Open Day, Time Capsule Opening and Education Week Assembly

Debating Team Success
Congratulations to our Debating Team who hosted a very hard fought debate at home against Frank Partridge VC Public School last Thursday. Our speakers were Asha, Kawana, Astrid and Ben. It was a narrow win and a very enjoyable experience for those of us lucky enough to be in the audience. Thanks on behalf of the school and team to Mrs Tardiani who was adjudicator, and to the students from Year 6 and Mr MacDonald, who helped set up and run the event. From here the team moves to the next level and will debate Aldavilla Public School.

MPS NAIDOC Program Launched
Yesterday we held our annual NAIDOC Assembly to kick off our week of activities. Thanks so much to the organising team who presented a well-run event with a sincere and important message. It was fabulous to have the Elders Choir back at Macksville Public School. We enjoyed their enthusiasm, support and of course their wonderful singing. Congratulations to our School Captains, Shonell and Lachlan, who did a great job running the assembly. Our students are indeed fortunate to be a part of a school with such strong traditions and cultural awareness.
Recorder Group
Did you see our brilliant Recorder Group on Prime TV last week? It was a wonderful piece which highlighted the excitement, commitment and talents of the students, their parents and the teachers involved. As you will know the group is busy rehearsing and practicing for their trip to Sydney next month to perform at the Opera House as part of the Festival of Music. We are share in their excitement and are impressed by the amount of work that goes into such an event. Thanks largely to the support of local businesses and the dedication of Kathy Hamer, the costs to the students will be minimal. That support is greatly appreciated. The raffle for the Recorder Group is now underway and the prizes are fantastic!

Well done everyone and thanks to the staff and parents who are so supportive of this opportunity.

~ Glenn Thorncroft ~ Principal
Stage 1 Sport: This Thursday will be the last day for Athletics training for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Children will need to wear their Sports uniform on Thursday to complete their running, relay, high jump and long jump practice. The school Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday, 26th July on the bottom oval and the children may compete in their house colours, red, blue, green or yellow. Next week Stage 1 will return to their Friday sport day and children will wear their sport uniform on a Friday, the same as the Years 3 - 6. Thank you for your co operation throughout our Athletics training. Come and join us for a great Sports Carnival on Friday.

Stage 1 Education Week Celebrations: As part of our Education Week celebrations, next Wednesday, 31st July, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing some bush dances for parents and friends. Please come along and visit your child’s classroom and also support your children in their performances. Kindergarten are learning the ‘Heel and Toe Polka’, Year 1 are busily practising the ‘Circassian Circle’ and Year 2 are performing a vibrant ‘Strip The Willow’. Please stay afterwards for the opening of the time capsules followed by a whole school assembly. Another fantastic day at Macksville Public School.

~ Assistant Principal, Debbie Grenenger

READING AWARDS from 1/2M
25: Aimee Robinson, Tom McNally
175, 200, 250, 275: Alice Burns
75: Imogen O’Connor, Jack Nash
100: Imogen O’Connor

Athletics Carnival Program 2013 — This Friday July 26th
9.05 am First Bell—Toilet etc.
9.10 am Assembly then move to bottom playground
9.30 am FINALS  200m Girls 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12  Boys 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12
10.00 am Girls Age Races ~ 5-12 years  Heats Semi-Finals FINALS
FINALS:  Boys 8 yrs Long Jump  Boys 9 yrs Shot Put
Boys 11 yrs Long Jump  Boys 12 yrs Shot Put
Boys 9 yrs Long Jump  Boys 10 yrs Shot Put
Boys 12 yrs Long Jump  Boys 8 yrs Shot Put
Minor Boys Long Jump  Boys 11 yrs Shot Put
Boys 10 yrs Long Jump  Boys NOVELTY Events/Ball Games
11.30 am Boys Age Races ~ 5-12 years  Heats Semi-Finals  FINALS
FINALS:  Girls 8 yrs Long Jump  Girls 9 yrs Shot Put
Girls 11 yrs Long Jump  Girls 12 yrs Shot Put
Girls 9 yrs Long Jump  Girls 10 yrs Shot Put
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Minor Girls Long Jump  Girls 11 yrs Shot Put
Girls 10 yrs Long Jump  Girls NOVELTY Events/Ball Games
12.45 pm LUNCH BREAK
1.30 pm FINALS  Age Relays  Girls/Boys 5-12 yrs (4 runners per team)
2.30 pm Return to House Areas—clean up  Tug-of-War
2.55 pm Announcement of Champion House—Individual Champions

PLEASE NOTE:
The 200m heats for the Athletics Carnival will be run this Wednesday afternoon (24th) at 2pm.

ASSISTANCE FROM PARENTS AT OUR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Helpers also needed at the School Canteen Food Stall.

There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS ON FRIDAY at the Sports Carnival.

MENU ON THE DAY ('til sold out)
HOT FOOD: Pies $3.50, Sausage Rolls $3, Cheese & Spinach $3.50, Bacon & Eggs $3.50, Hot Dogs $2.50
DRINKS: Hot Tea, Coffee, Milo, Cold cans, Water, Milk, Juice $2.00 plus snacks

EDUCATION WEEK BOOK FAIR & OPENING of the BI-CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULES
Those families who were involved in the Bi-Centennial Time Capsules in 1988 will be presented those capsules at a special ceremony on Wednesday July 31st at 10.30am. Ex-teacher MPS Don Mackenzie who organised the capsules back in 1988 will be here for the event.
On the same day the Library will be holding the annual Book Donation Fair from 8.30-1.30. We will have a great display of books that can be donated to the school library collection. All children who donate a book to the Library will have their name on a sticker inside that book for years to come. Be a part of MPS history.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY JULY 26th & other days

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday, July 24th  Helper Needed
Thursday, July 25th  Dave Flack
Friday, July 26th  SPORTS CARNIVAL — HELPERS NEEDED
Monday, July 29th  Billie Grant
Tuesday, July 30th  Dave Flack
Wednesday, July 31st  Helper Needed
Out And About At Macksville Public School

Men’s Shed Visits
Another exciting community connection for our students. A big thank you to Greg Scrivener and Stuart Holmes from the Men’s Shed for mentoring some of our students over the next 4 weeks. Through this program the students are being taught how to make their own toolbox and the tools to go in it! This has been met with great excitement from the participants. Hopefully this is just the beginning of many projects where we can work together with the wonderful volunteers from the Men’s Shed.

Spare Fruit???
The LCC is still looking for more fruit donations. Any whole fruit will do, mandarins, apples, oranges or pears for example. If you don’t have a tree and would still like to help out, we will gladly take any donations of shop bought fruit too. Wouldn’t it be lovely for every child to be able to have a piece of fruit for fruit break?

Year 6 Parents
It’s that time of year where all Year 6 parents are asked to start finding old photos of your children. Could you please send in 4 photos of your Year 6 child ranging from birth to now. This can either be sent in on a USB, as a hard copy or emailed to: kirstin.knight2@det.nsw.edu.au
The next meeting for the organising of the Year 6 farewell, will be on Wednesday 31st July at 3pm in the 6M classroom.

Uniform Fire Sale
During our athletes carnival this Friday our Uniform Shop will be holding a fire sale with greatly reduced prices. Therese needs help though to run the stall! If you could volunteer some time to help it would be very much appreciated.

All polo shirts $15
All girls shorts, skorts, skirts and pants $10
Sports shorts $10
Boys pants $18 Boys shorts $15
Come and grab a bargain while stocks last!

Recorder Group MEGA!!!!! Raffle
Get your tickets now, this raffle is only running for 2 weeks and the prizes are amazing!

The student who sells the most tickets will receive a $20 McDonalds voucher and a two for the price of one movie voucher to Majestic Cinemas Nambucca Heads.

Prizes range from accommodation packages to Pacific Bay Resort and Opal Cove, Golf Voucher, Beauty Voucher, Toys from Toyworld, Tools, McDonalds Voucher, Movie Tickets etc...etc...etc. It’s HUGE! Please return the slip below if you would like to sell and/or buy tickets to be in with a chance to win. Each ticket is priced at $1 each and please return all tickets sold or unsold by the 6th August. Good luck!

Recorder Group Mega Raffle Book Order Form
Please send me ________ raffle books of ten tickets to sell at $1 per ticket

Student’s Name ____________________________________________
Class ______

Father’s Day Stall
Our father’s day stall is fast approaching and our tireless fundraising crew could do with some help wrapping the gifts.
Our wrapping dates are Thursday 8th & Tuesday 13th August in the LCC starting at 9.30am. Please come along to help and have a laugh.

I really wanted a camouflage shirt, but I couldn’t find one!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
An open invitation to all members of our school and community to join us in celebrating our achievements.

**OPEN DAY—Wednesday 31st July**

- **Family Classroom Visits**
- **Dancing performances by Kindergarten - Year 1 & Year 2**
- **Library Book Fair**
- **Assembly**

**Wednesday 31st July Program:**

- **8.30am–1.30pm** Library Book Fair
- **9.30 am** Open Classrooms
- **10.15 am** Playground performances
- **10.30am** Opening of Bicentennial Time Capsules followed by morning tea
- **11.45 am** Education Week Assembly with class performances, everyone is welcome to attend.

**25 Year Time Capsules!**

Please come and join us for this historic event.

In 1988 as a part of the Bicentennial Celebrations, MPS families, staff and community members had the opportunity to create a time capsule full of personal memorabilia. These capsules have been stored in the roof of our library for the last 25 years!

All the people who created a time capsule 25 years ago have been invited to join us for Education Week to open them with us.

There is great excitement to see just what’s in the capsules! Also a selection of student’s artwork from 1988 will also be on display.

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EXCURSION and TEXTBOOK PAYMENTS: Please keep your payments coming in for your children’s excursions. We are quite happy to accept small payments to make it easier for parents to cover costs. Payments can also be made online.

OLD VCRs: The school would be grateful for the donation of any old VCRs in working order. Please send in to Phil Osborn in the computer room.

Community News

Markets plus The Amazing Race is coming to Stuarts Point! Saturday August 24th Starting at 7am, then the race from 12noon to 4pm. All levels of skill and fitness, many activities, needing more brainpower than muscle, more teamwork than speed. Cost $10, registration required by August 16th A KSC Healthy Communities Initiative. Info from Sue Petersen on 6569 0616, email: communityyeasmcchallenge@gmail.com or call into Stuarts Point Holiday Park Office.

Little Athletics Registrations: Stuarts Point and District. Registration for 2013/14 season. Register at Buz Brazel Oval, Scotts Head from 4-5pm on July 31st or on the first night of competition Friday August 2nd. Contact Annelise Quinn for information on 0448 699 377.