The last couple of weeks have been very busy with NAIDOC Week and Education Week and I would like to thank the parents, friends and visitors who have supported their children and the school in attending the various celebrations.

**Northern Notes Performance, a Highlight.**
Each year some very talented students from the Conservatorium of Music visit our school and perform for the children, introducing a variety of instruments and amazing singing voices. The students and staff were amazed and excited by the wonderful presentation by the group. The performers engage the students by interacting with the audience and inviting them to participate, at the same time the group are able to promote their fabulous talents.
Baulkham Hills Band Visiting our School
On Tuesday, 20th August at 2:00pm, the Baulkham Hills Concert Band will be performing for our students. The Band is the most senior of the school's four bands and has a wide range of experience in both public and competition performance. The Band will comprise around 40 students from Years 7 – 12 and is a past Gold award winner in both the NSW Band Festival and the Yamaha Festival. The Band has an extensive repertoire, readily adaptable to suit all audience demographics, including music from pop and rock groups. Our very own music students who work with Mr Flarretty have been invited to bring along their instruments and join the band in a workshop or be part of the performance. A great experience for our musicians and also for all our students. Any parents who would like to attend, are very welcome.

Whole School Assembly
Our next whole school Assembly will be held next Thursday, 22nd August at 2:10 pm. Students will be receiving their Beez Neez awards and also trophies will be presented to the successful Age champions for the Athletics Carnival. Please come along and join us for another fabulous afternoon of celebrations.

Fighting the Cold and Flu Season.
Classes have been involved in attacking the cold and flu season head on. Students are learning how to help keep themselves, and others healthy by following some simple strategies. Children are practicing how to control the spread of germs by appropriate, and effective hand washing and also covering their mouths when coughing and sneezing. It would be great if parents could continue to support this initiative in the home as well. Parents should also keep their child at home during the early stages of a cold or flu to prevent spreading of germs. There has been a bout of Bronchiolitis in our Kinder rooms, so if any symptoms of a dry cough persists, please see your doctor.

Deb Grenenger ~ Relieving Principal

Some photos of the students enjoying the performance of “My Friends and I”
It was very helpful in educating them on bullying strategies.
Stage 1 Assembly Awards
Year 2: Angus McFarlane, Branden Parkins, Lily Woodward, Taylah Jury, Ruby O’Connor, Zachary Sutton, Bill Simmonds, Emily Jillett, Theo Ross.

Home Reading Awards
Kindergarten: Jemeika Cohen, Angus McFarlane, Dylan Rosenbaum, Grace Stuart, Destiny Roberts.
Year 1: Alison Flack, Ella Hazelwood, Willow Punton, Ella Bradford.
Year 2: Leo Woodward, Mikayla Lenthall, Claire Stranlund, Kaleyab Benson, Lilla Walburn, Nakein Adams, Noah Lockyer.

Honeypot Awards
Ella Honnery—KB, Layla Brennan—KG, Millie Edwards—KR, Ryan Guy—KG.

Book Club
Book Club is due today. However, late orders will be accepted on Wednesday and Thursday.

Book Week Activities
The theme for Book Week 2013 is “Read Across the Universe”. Primary children will celebrate with a disco on Wednesday 4th September. Children are asked to come along in fancy dress. Years 3 and 4 will dance from 5pm to 7pm. Years 5 and 6 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The infants will have a parade on Friday—6th September starting at 9.30am. Come dressed as your favourite character. Families are welcome to come along to watch. Please note the Relay For Life fundraiser will now be held in Term 4.

Brendan Gillis ~ Librarian

Student Medical Forms
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms and will need to fill them out and return to us as soon as you can. The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call the school office.

Community News
Bowraville Central School introduces “The Great Australian Rock Musical”—Kindergarten to Year 12 invite you to their annual production at the Bowraville Theatre on Tuesday, 27th August at 12.00pm and 6.00pm; or Wednesday 28th August at 6.00pm.—Tickets are $5.00 per head or $20.00 per family available from the Bowraville school office or at the theatre door.

Nambucca District Little Athletics
New season starting—the Little A’s motto is “family fun and fitness”. Registration and Competition night is on 14th August at 4.30pm at EJ Biffin Fields, Nambucca Heads. For further information please contact Tracey Cheers on 0438 685 253 or Lisa McKay on 6564 8553.

Macksville Falcons Touch Football Association
Competitions available for 7-10 year olds, 11—13 mixed, and adult mixed competitions. All team and player registrations will be available on line only at www.macksvilletouch.sportingpulse.net from Monday 12th August. For information contact 0428 363 838 and 0419 476 455.

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Your children love seeing you at school so please consider helping out, anytime that suits you. Drop in or phone Wendy on 6568 1800.
Recorder Group MEGA Raffle

Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) by this Thursday 15th August

We certainly hope that you have bought your tickets to be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes but all good things must come to an end. This raffle will be drawn this Friday 16th August and we ask that all outstanding tickets are now returned. Winners will be advised next week.

If you would like to purchase any last minute tickets, please see our front office before Friday.

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

Father’s Day Stall

Our Father’s Day stall is next week and Therese could really do with some more help wrapping the gifts. We have scheduled an extra wrapping day for this Thursday 15th. Come along and lend a hand, many hands make light work.

We have been asked about gift donations and Therese would love it if you have a Father’s Day appropriate gift that you would like to donate towards the stall. Please send any donations in as soon as possible.

Therese is also putting a call out for people to help run the stall which is next Thursday 22nd August 9.10-11.10am. Please contact Kirstin at school on 6568 1800 if you would love to be involved and lend a hand.

100% Attendance = a brighter future

Gardening Group are ready for Spring

Our fabulous MPS Gardening Group are ready to spring into action! They are now planting to support the ‘Crunch & Sip’ program (please see the flyer included in this newsletter). They are planting ‘crunchy’ vegetables such as cucumbers, capsicum, snow peas and beans. Once these veges have been harvested, they will be distributed to all classes so everyone gets to have a taste. Yum!

Snow Peas

Absenteism Leaves Gaps In Your Child’s Education!

The chicken crossed the playground to get to the other slide!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
School Photos - Group Photo Order Form
If your child is a part of one of our wonderful MPS groups and had their photo taken at school photo time, now is the time to order your copy. The photos are priced at $10 each. Please fill in the form below and return to school with the correct money to complete your order.

The group photos are on display in our front office if you would like to come in and have a look.

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**Macksville Public School 2013 Group Photo Order Form**

Please place the number required for each photo in the boxes below.

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**Breakfast Club A Success**

They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Well, our breakfast program has proven so successful that other schools are now trying to emulate this program. Unfortunately, other schools are having trouble finding volunteers to help out which is vitally important to running a successful Breakfast Club. We are so lucky to have the wonderful Laure who gives up her time four mornings a week to help us out. With over 100 breakfast takers every morning, we really appreciate her help.

Our Breakfast Club has even caught the eye of the Guardian News so keep an eye out for their article and photos in an upcoming edition.

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**Master Class Teachers at MPS**

Our fantastic teachers are continuing our reputation as outstanding educational leaders in our community of schools with continued professional development around the new NSW syllabus documents. They are working tirelessly on a number of projects to ensure high quality 21st Century learning for students at MPS. Their projects include program development (lessons for students), presentations of programs to other schools, technology training (using technology to teach and engage students), differentiation (making classrooms suit all ability levels and interests) and leadership skills. See your child’s teacher if you have an idea you would like to share that could help strengthen our community partnerships.

**Macksville Pre-School Fundraiser**

It’s that time of year again! It was such a huge success last year, that we’re off to the Gold Coast for a shopping trip—child free weekend once again. The bus will depart at 5am on Saturday 2nd November and return on Sunday at 5pm. The cost is $190 per person.

We need to finalise places ASAP so please contact either Kylie on 65681548 or Cherie on 65683388 if you would like to book a place or need any further information. There is also more information available at our front office.
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