Success Continues for the Debating Team

Congratulations to our Debating Team who won a very close debate against Aldavilla last week. They are now the Zone winners going through undefeated. What a brilliant effort!! From here they will now progress to a debate against the Southern Zone winners. Good luck. Thanks to Mr MacDonald for your efforts with the team.

Go Macksville!

2014 Kindergarten Enrolments
Would you like your child to be a part of the Family School? We are now taking 2014 enrolments. Macksville Public School offers quality education in a professional and personal environment. If you would like a tour of the school please give us a call as we are very proud of our school and our achievements.

Kindergarten Transition Days
A warm welcome to our new students attending Kindergarten in 2014. We are looking forward to meeting our Kindergarten enrolments for next year and also knowing they are going to have a great introduction to their first year of school. All pre-schoolers and their families are invited to join us for our transition days. Please be reminded to bring along any outstanding documents that need to be sighted ie. Birth Certificates and Immunisations when enrolling for next year.

Book Week Celebrations
Stage 1 students are starting to think about their ideas for celebrating Book Week. It is traditional for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 to dress up as their favourite book character and entertain parents, family and visitors. Our Book Week Parade will be held on Friday, September 6th at 9:30am outside our School Library.

Pre-schools, toddlers and new Kindergarten students for 2014 are most welcome to join in on this fabulous day.

Stage 2 & 3 will also celebrate Book Week with Discos to be held Wednesday, 4th September and always surprise us with some amazingly, creative costumes.
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.

Glenn Thorncroft ~ Principal

Book Week Primary Discos and Infants Parade
Book Week this year will be celebrated with discos for primary children on Wednesday 4th September. Years 3 and 4 disco from 5-7pm. Years 5 and 6 disco from 7.30-9.30pm. Entry will be $3 per student, plus drinks available for $1.30 and chips for 70c. Children are asked to come along in fancy dress. The theme for Book Week 2013 is ‘Read Across the Universe’. The Infants Parade will take place on Friday 6th September starting at 9.30am outside the Library. Come dressed as your favourite character. Families, friends, carers all welcome to come along and watch.

Brendan Gillis ~ Teacher/Librarian

Year 6 Excursion Payments
A reminder to all Year 6 parents about the excursion to Canberra. All money is to be in by the last day of this term, Friday September 20th. Balances are available from the front office. Ron MacDonald ~ Year 6 Teacher

Kindergarten Creativity
Kindergarten students have been studying Australian Animals and have been getting creative with iPads. Using the Puppetpals App they have designed, written, produced and narrated puppet plays using their own artwork! The videos of their puppet plays will soon be on our school website for viewing. They were also able to get up close and personal during a Virtual Excursion to Taronga Zoo (and only had to go as far as our Connected Classroom!) and chat with Garry Fleming, author of 'Bollygum'.

MPS Athletes shine!!
Congratulations to all our MPS athletes who competed at the Mid North Coast PSSA Championships last Monday August 19th. Outstanding performances on the day will see a number of our students going forward to represent at the North Coast Regional Athletics Carnival at Lismore on Friday August 30th.

Results were:

12 year Boys Shotput: Ulysses Roberts ~ 2nd
11 Years Boys Long Jump: Sam Bekis ~ 1st (1.32m)
12 Years Girls Shotput: Annabelle Craven ~ 3rd
11 Years Girls Long Jump: Amy Martin ~ 2nd
200m Girls: Amy Martin ~ 3rd
100m Girls: Amy Martin ~ 3rd

Relay Girls 11/12 Years: Indy Naylor, Sophie Sutton, Johanna Walsh, Amy Martin ~ 3rd
Relay Girls 9/10 Years:
Rose Brazel, Arrin Stirrat-Black, Sienna Harris, Tiajuana Rosser ~ 3rd
Father’s Day Stall THIS THURSDAY August 22nd
Please remind your children to bring their money and a plastic bag to buy a great present for Dad on our Father’s Day Stall this Thursday. Gifts are priced between $2 and $10.

Stage 1 Assembly Awards

Kindergarten: Leo Woodward, Bradley Cant, Claire Stranlund, Lilla Walburn, Ella Honnery, Gypsy Marley, Devonte Dimaano-Inglis, Charlie Wilkes, Grace Stuart
Year 1: Luke Laverty, Oscar Hicks, Montana Ward, Tayah Smith-Comber, Corey Strudwick, Mystique Leggo, Asha Searle, Mercedes Ramunno, Lachlan Pade, A.J. Bennett
Year 2: Oscar Liu, Jasmine Callaway, Jarrad Laredo Fitzgerald, Dylan Rosenbaum, Jarna Ray, Astorlia Metz-Gainge, Dylan Hillery, Joshua Willer

Home Reading Awards
Ella Pade 75; Jacob Rowlings 50; Toby Dwyer 75; Aiden Laird 50; Jasmine Callaway 75; Alice Burns 325, 350, 375; Jett Lynch 50; Patrick Marley 200.

Honeypot Awards
Zoe Sills KG; Kaleah Benson KR; Ryan Guy KG; Nathan Honnery 1/2M; Jemieka Cohen 2K

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

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday, August 21st
Thursday, August 22nd
Friday, August 23rd
Helper Needed
Dave Flack
Therese Laverty and
Helper Needed
Billie Grant
Dave Flack

Community News

Bowraville Central School Show: ‘The Great Australian Rock Musical’—Kindergarten to Year 12 invite you to their production at Bowraville Theatre, Tues. 27th August, 12.00pm and 6.00pm; or Wed. 28th August, 6pm. Tickets $5.00 per head or $20.00 per family, available from Bowraville School office or at the theatre door.

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.macksvillefootball.sportingpulse.net from Monday 12th August. For information contact 0428 363 838 and 0419 476 455.

International Students Needing Homes: Arriving in Australia Feb 2014, for 3, 5, and 10 month programs. If you can welcome an international student into your home visit www.scce.com.au or phone 1800 500 501.
2013 School Evaluation

Being the Family School, your opinion is important to us and we would like to take the opportunity for our school community to participate in some surveys. The surveys are distributed every year and the data is then collated and analysed to provide, not only feedback to the school, but help us to plan future directions through our Whole School Evaluation.

This year, as National Partnerships Funding comes to an end, we will revisit the same ‘School Culture’ survey that we sent out in 2009 (at the beginning of National Partnerships) for comparison.

Our 2013 surveys will be
- Parent Satisfaction
- School Culture
- National Partnerships Community Engagement

You can complete these surveys in a number of ways:-
- Visit our school website at: www.macksville-p.school.nsw.edu.au (for smart phone users, you can use the QR code at the back of this newsletter). On our home page, in the ‘Latest News’ section you will find 3 links to complete the surveys electronically.
- The surveys will be sent home in paper format and you can simply fill them out and return them to school.
- For those parents who have supplied emails, a link for each survey will be emailed to you.

Thank you for your input into our 2013 evaluation.

Jokes about bread??
I won’t rise to it!

Absenteism Leaves Gaps In Your Child’s Education!

Father’s Day Stall
Our Father’s Day stall is this Thursday 22nd August. Presents are priced between $2 and $10. Please only send money in with your child on the day of the stall. It’s a wise idea to also send a plastic bag so the kids can put their pressies in to take home.

Therese could also use some more helpers to help run the stall between 9.10-11.10am. Please contact Kirstin at school on 6568 1800 if you would love to be involved and lend a hand.

Breakfast Club needs your help
Our wonderful Laure will be away for a month and we desperately need people to volunteer in order to keep our brilliant breakfast club running every morning. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. You can do a one off day, a regular day each week or come in every morning if you like. Breakfast Club runs Monday–Thursday from 8.30-9.30am. So it’s only an hour. We will need helpers from 2nd –19th September. Please contact Lyndall Lynch in the LCC on 6568 1800 if you would like to lend a hand.

Proud to be a part of the Family School
Year 2 Video Conference

Yesterday 2TH and 2K students were involved in their first video conference. In the LCC, students were read the book ‘Too Many Cheeky Dogs’ by author Johanna Bell who then allowed the students time for questions about being an author. It was a wonderful experience for our students and we even got to see other students from schools around NSW who were also involved in the video conference.

Johanna Bell is based in Darwin and shared some of her experiences about living there. We learnt that if we were to drive to Darwin from Macksville, it would take us 44 hours of non-stop driving!

Emily said “The best thing about the video conference was asking the author a question. I asked if she had a dog of her own.

Shakira said “It was very exciting to see the author in the video conference.”

Macksville Public School

INFANTS BOOK WEEK PARADE

Friday Sept 6th
9.30am

Come dressed up as your favourite book character

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, FAMILIES ALL WELCOME TO WATCH THE PARADE OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

Read Across the Universe
**$ School Student Banking is every Thursday $$**

**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. Online payments details are: Account Name - MPS Admin Account  
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