Term 3, Week 7
COMING UP:
Wednesday August 28th
Festival of Music at Sydney Opera House for MPS Recorder Group

Friday August 30th
North Coast Regional Athletics Carnival — Lismore

Wednesday Sept 4th
Primary Book Week Discos

Friday Sept 6th
Infants Book Week Parade 9.30am

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. All pre-schoolers and their families are invited to join us for our transition days:
* Wednesday 30th October
* Wednesday 6th November
* Wednesday 13th November

21st Century Learning at Macksville Public School
A major theme incorporated in the new Australian Curriculum due to be introduced into school from next year is the use of technology and engaging students and teachers in new ways of learning. From what I saw last week our school is well ahead of the game. Just some examples included a visit to 3-6R where every student has their own laptop. The students are using the laptops for research, writing and to complete their learning contracts. At the same time students from 5/6Y were highly engaged in an activity using iPads. Their task was to produce a video around a children’s book after writing the script. Every group I talked to was enthusiastic about this way of learning.

At our whole school assembly last Thursday both student presentations were digital! 5C has a great video about recycling and looking after their garden. Students from Mr Osborn’s computer group presented a video about our school which was excellent.

These are just some examples of the brilliant learning experiences that are happening on a daily basis.

A proud member of the Valley 10 Community of Public Schools
Father’s Day Stall
Another brilliant effort from Therese Small and her dedicated and merry band of volunteers resulted in a very successful P&C Father’s Day stall last Thursday. Thanks so much to everyone who gave their time and effort so generously, the kids, dads and the school all benefit. Also, a big thank you to our students and families for supporting the stall. Have a great day on Sunday Dads!

Baulkham Hills Band
We were lucky enough to have another quality musical performance last week. Our students were treated to a superb performance from the Baulkham Hills High School Band. All agreed that they were very entertaining and hopefully inspired some of our students. Thanks Mrs Grenenger for organising the visit.

Best wishes to our Recorder Group who are off to the Opera House this week. Have fun!!!!!!!!!!!!

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
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.macksvilletouch.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.

Heating Lunches
The canteen are happy to heat up children’s lunches eg: leftovers only if they bring them to the canteen in the morning to put in the fridge. We cannot re-heat leftovers if they have been sitting in your school bag until lunch.
Wendy
Helpers needed phone 6568 1800.

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

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Fruit Stickers:
Children buying fruit and veg from the Canteen for the next month will receive a sticker—four stickers and they get a pen and go in the draw for Major Prizes.

STARS OF THE WEEK
Out And About At Macksville Public School

Father’s Day Stall
There’s a wonderful thank you to all the wonderful helpers who came in to wrap the Father’s Day presents and also to those who helped on the stall. We couldn’t run these events without your help and the kids just loved choosing a pressie for dad all on their own. Thank you so much.

Recorder Group MEGA Raffle
Congratulations to all our raffle winners. Thank you to everyone for buying so many tickets and supporting our recorder group, we really do have a wonderful school community! Our recorder group is off on the bus to perform at the Opera House tomorrow. All our raffle winners have now been contacted and here they are!

1. Bradford
2. Ward
3. Chappelow
4. James
5. Barber
6. McFarlane
7. Pade
8. Boag
9. Loveday
10. McLeod
11. Jones
12. Walburn
13. Stanton
14. McEvoy
15. Lane
16. English
17. Williams
18. Norris
19. Donovan
20. Stuart
21. Patman
22. Jones
23. Taylor
24. Hogan
25. Grace
26. Cooper
27. Johnson
28. Daley
29. Coutinho

Breakfast Club needs your help
Our lovely 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 Mrs Lynch in the LCC on 6568 1800 if you would like to lend a hand.

Farewell Year 6
Thank you so much to the Year 6 parents who have already sent in the 4 photos of their child for the Year 6 farewell. They all look so cute as little bubs! Please remember to start finding old photos of your year 6 child. Any 4 photos ranging from birth to now that can be used in the farewell slideshow. These can either be sent in on a USB, as a hard copy or emailed to: kirstin.knight2@det.nsw.edu.au

Mobile Phone & iPod reminder
Just a reminder that students must hand in all electronic devices to the office every morning. They will be kept securely for the day and students can collect them after school. It is not a policy that children have valuable devices in their possession, bags or classroom during the school day.

2013 School Evaluation
Being the Family School, your opinion is important to us. Our 2013 parent surveys have now been sent home as a paper copy, have been emailed and are also available on our school website. 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. We would appreciate as many families as possible returning these surveys.

Thank you for your input into our 2013 evaluation.

Absence leaves gaps in your child's education!

The ‘Beez Neez’ is the plural to the ‘Beanie’

Proud to be a part of the Family School.
We are very proud of the fact that our Macksville Public School students are neat and tidy kids. As we move into our next PBL focus of ‘litter’, we see this as an opportunity to expand on the good behaviour that our kids already display in this area.

With the idea being to keep our school clean & green, the students will be learning how to take care of not just their immediate environment, but that of the wider environment as well. This will also show our kids, our visitors and the wider community just how much pride we have in our school.

Whilst we move on to a new focus, we still remember and practise our previous ones:

- Movement around the school
- Behaviour at assemblies
- Bus lines & movement in & out of the school.

Our lost property cupboard is OVERFLOWING!!!
If you are missing clothes, please come into the LCC, take a look and reclaim yours!
Whole School Assembly photos

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