

# MACKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter



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Term 2, Week 2

April 28th, 2015

### COMING UP:

Wed April 29th	Year 5 Excursion Coffs Harbour Art Gallery
Thurs April 30th	School Cross Country after recess
Friday May 1st	Soccer Gala Day
Mon/Tues May 4th/5th	School Photos 2R to Autumn Lodge
Wed/Thur May 6th/7th	Year 3 Excursion Coffs Coast Beach School
Thurs May 7th	Stage 1 Sport begins Mother's Day Stall
Friday May 8th	District Cross Country, Bowraville

**Next P&C Meeting: AGM**  
**Wednesday April 29th**  
**5pm in the LCC**

### ANZAC Day March ~ 100 Years Centenary

Thank you to all our students who travelled to Bowraville last Saturday to represent Macksville Public School in the ANZAC Day march. It was a great turn-out from our students, dressed in school uniform, marching proudly. Thank you also to the staff who supervised our students and made the day a great success. Students who participated in the march, whether it was with the school or as a representative within a Community group, will receive a 'Community Service Award'. Thank you to our School Captains, Darcy Crossingham who represented MPS as the official wreath layer at Bowraville, and Tayla Graham who laid the wreath at the Macksville ANZAC service later in the day.

#### ANZAC Service

Macksville Public School held an ANZAC service at school last Thursday to commemorate this special occasion, providing all students the

opportunity to

show their respect to fallen soldiers and for those who served in any military operations throughout Australian history.

Lateika Smith, Leading Seaman from the Royal Australian Navy gave

an insight into her personal journey as a local Gumbaynggirr woman and her years of service in the defence force. As an ex-student, we are so proud to see our very own students move on to a bright future and be a wonderful role model for others.



### School Photos

School photos will be taken **next Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. Envelopes have been distributed to classes and students should have delivered them to you by now. Please indicate what photos you would like taken and return the envelope to your child's class teacher by the end of this week with payment. Individual and class photos should occur on Monday and group photos on Tuesday. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for photo sessions.



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### Stage 1 ~ Change of Sport Day

Term 2 is when all our students prepare for the **Athletics Carnival to be held Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be the last day of Term 2.

Stage 1 have changed their Sport Day to Thursday, just for Term 2, so children can use the bottom oval later in the day to practice for the Athletics Carnival. This is necessary as the primary students use the grounds on Fridays and we cannot all fit on the oval at the same time. All Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children are asked to wear their sports uniform next Thursday and all following Thursdays for this term only. They will also need to ensure they wear suitable shoes to participate in high jump, long jump, running and relays. Primary students will continue to have Sport on the Friday.

### NAPLAN Assessments

Reminder to students and parents of **Year 3 and Year 5** students that NAPLAN assessments will be held **13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May**. All Year 3 & 5 students are expected to attend on these days and complete assessments in Reading, Writing, Language and Numeracy. A parent workshop will be held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April to learn more about what is involved with the assessment, some sample questions and how to read the student report. Please ring Kirstin on 6568 1800 if you wish to attend.

### Year 5 Excursion to Coffs Harbour

5B and 5C will be participating in a day excursion to Coffs Harbour, **tomorrow Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Year 5 have been engaged in a unit of work on Portraiture, and to celebrate their creativity and further develop their skills in art appreciation, the Year 5 students will visit the Coffs Harbour Gallery to view the 2014 finalists of the famous Archibald Exhibition. They will also stop at the Botanical Gardens for lunch and visit Jetty Beach to participate in a sand sculpture competition and beach games. Sounds like a fantastic, cultural experience. Students will travel by bus and need to wear school uniform, bring a bottle of water, sunscreen and food for recess and lunch.

### School Cross Country

Last Friday, our students conducted their first practice run for our School Cross Country. The official School Cross Country will be held this **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.45am**. Students will need to have their running shoes on and be dressed suitably to participate in this long distance event. The School Cross Country had to be held on Thursday due to **the Soccer Gala Day being held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May**.

### District Cross Country

The District Cross Country will be held at **Bowraville next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May**. Permission notes will be given to those students who are successful in our school's Cross Country this Thursday.

### 7-a-side Rugby League and Touch Football

This event was postponed last term due to the weather. The non-competitive Rugby League boys 7-a-side (tackle) and girl's Touch Football Gala Day will now be held **on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May** at Coronation Park, Nambucca Heads. Students are asked to bring their own lunch, sun protection and water bottle. Students will travel by bus at a cost of \$5.00. Children need to be ready for a 9.30am start and return to school at 2.15pm for buses. All enquiries to Mr Parker and Mrs Black.

### Soccer Gala Day

The Michael Moran and Louis Ballangarry Memorial Soccer Gala Day was also postponed last term. The Soccer Gala Day will now be held **this Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May** at Macksville Soccer Grounds. Students are asked to bring their own lunch and drink, however a canteen will be available on the day. Students are also asked to provide sun-protection as they will be walking to and from the soccer fields. Consent forms have been distributed to those students attending. Please contact Mr Parker if there are any concerns.

~ Debbie Grenenger, Relieving Principal



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**Year 3 Excursion:**

Please make sure your payments for the Year 3 Excursion to Coffs Coast Beach School are finalised. The excursion takes place on May 6th. A note regarding what items need to be packed for this excursion were given out to students; if you have not received one please contact the school.

**Payments for Excursions:** We are always happy for parents to pay off excursions with small regular payments to the office. Payments for your child's excursion can be made to the office (cash or cheque) or online. If paying online, please remember to email us to let us know you have done so.

We need your child's name as a reference and amount deposited.

Email the school at [macksville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:macksville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Account Name:** MPS Admin Account

**Account No:** 142920

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**Reference:** Your child's name.

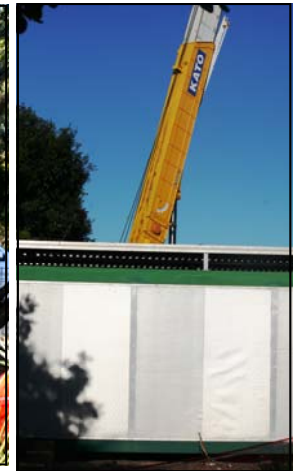


**From the Library:**

Book Club has been handed out and is due back on May 6th. Please make sure your child's name and class are clearly marked on the order form and correct money is included. You can also use 'The Loop' app on your smart phone.

**5C Demountable:** A crane visited our school this morning and removed one of our demountable classrooms, which was Ms Clogan's 2014 room. It has been relocated to Cessnock for refurbishing.

**Stewart House Envelopes:** These have been handed out with this newsletter and are due back to school on Friday May 8th.



**CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED NOW**

**SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wednesday April 29th	Dave Flack
Thursday April 30th	Dave Flack
Friday May 1st	Therese Small, Kristy French
Monday May 4th	Therese Small, Kelly Chapman, Emma Petith
Tuesday May 5th	Dave Flack
Wednesday May 6th	Dave Flack, Jodie Jones



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65681800

**WINNER of the online canteen this week:**  
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**PIES and SAUSAGE ROLLS ARE BACK!!!**

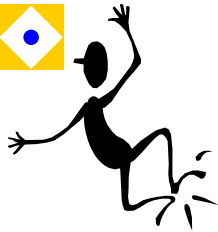


Pies \$3.50  
Sausage Rolls \$3.00  
Noodle Cup ~ Beef or Chicken \$2.50

**News from the Canteen:**

Use our Online Canteen and go into the Draw for Weekly Prizes. See above for details. If your children are bringing food from home that you need us to heat, you need to supply your own spoon or fork, or they can be purchased for 10c each. Also, if ordering Noodles or bringing noodle cups from home, please be aware we will not send them in lunch boxes. Children will need to come and collect them from the Canteen. Slushies and hot Milos must also be collected from the Canteen. Any children who have ordered food which needs to be picked up from the Canteen will also need to bring their Lunch Bag order up with them.





# Out And About At Macksville Public School

## Library News

Last Thursday, 23rd April, our school library had the privilege of hosting Samantha Turnbull to come and talk about her first series of books 'The Anti-Princess Club'. Samantha is an ex-student from Macksville Public School. She shared with the year 3 and 4 classes her love of



writing and where she got her inspiration from to write this series of books. Samantha is in the process of writing another four books to go with the series.

All the students enjoyed listening to Samantha's author talk and the reasons behind her choosing a career in writing. A special mention was made to Mrs Mary Dal Santo as she was Samantha's Year 3 teacher from Macksville Public School and was the one who inspired her to write. You can find out more about Samantha by visiting her website or more about her books by visiting the Anti-Princess website.

Our students found her visit both informative and entertaining. Writing can take on many forms such as a shopping list, an email to a friend, writing a blog, a little creative writing, or even writing down a rap! Samantha rapped while Jarrad did a 'beat box' performance for us. Her biggest tip to us was that it doesn't matter what you write as long as you do it every day.



Alice said "I really like Samantha because she believes anybody can read anything, whether you're a boy or a girl". Tom said "My favourite part was the quiz!". Imogen said "I really enjoyed Samantha coming to our school".

## Have you got the correct Library day?

There have been some changes for class Library days. Please check below to ensure your child's day is correct.

- Monday:** 2R, 1S, KR, KM
- Tuesday:** 3-4H, 3V, 2-3K, 6M
- Wednesday:** 4P, 4M, 1-2HL
- Thursday:** 6Y, 2C
- Friday:** 5B, 5C, 1JB



## Cricket PSSA Knockouts – Round 3

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2015, Macksville Public School played Round 3 of the PSSA Cricket Knockouts against Toormina Public School. We played at Toormina Cricket Grounds at 9:30am. Macksville won the coin toss and elected to bat.



Our openers were Josh Willer and Taybian Welsh, unfortunately Taybian was run out. Brandon Willer came in next, batted well and got 41 runs, including seven 4's. Support came from Connor Lockyer (11), Josh Willer (4), James Hammer (10) and Kurt Stennet (8). Macksville were 7 for 119 after 25 overs.



Then it was Macksville's turn to bowl. There was excellent bowling from Brayden Luffman (3 wickets), Brandon, Taybian and Connor (2 wickets each) to get Toormina all out for 95 from 18 overs.

### Macksville Public School wins!

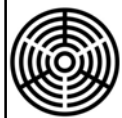


Stay tuned next week for more exciting news from our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and the Gardening Group.



## Stage 1 Mini Cross Country

Weather permitting, Stage 1 will be holding a mini Cross-Country during our sport time this Friday. It will be all about having fun and trying your best. Just please remember to wear comfortable running shoes and bring a hat!



*How did the farmer make crop circles?  
With a protractor!*



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## News from the SRC.....

THE SPORTS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN ORDERED!

Thanks to our parents, community and students, the SRC have been able to raise an amazing \$2408.80 to buy more sports equipment for our 'sports shed borrow and return shop'. This includes frisbees, soccer balls, footballs, tennis nets, badminton nets and so much more!

We feel very proud of our school and of all the donations our families have made. How amazing will our school oval be once all of this fantastic equipment arrives?

Arrin and Chantel  
SRC Publicity Officers



## Macksville Show

Just some of our many Macksville Show winners. Well done to everyone for supporting our show. Apologies if anyone missed out on this group photo, you are just as amazing!



## P&C Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 7th May (next week). This is a wonderful fundraiser for our P&C and the kids just LOVE picking mum a present from the stall. Please send money in with your child on the *day of the stall only*. This year gifts will be priced between \$4-\$10.



These will need volunteers to help run the stall which will run from 9am-11.10am. Your help will be very much appreciated so please let us know if you can come. There is morning tea, coffee and a good laugh on offer. The only catch is (if you're a mum) you have to close your eyes when your child comes through the stall!

Year 3 students will be away at camp on this day so they will have the opportunity to buy mum a gift on Monday 4th May. Please ensure your Year 3 child has money for the stall on Monday 4th May if you would like them to purchase something.

We hope you all have a wonderful Mother's Day.

## Zac's fishing competition

Over the holidays, Zac entered the Coffs Harbour Easter Classic Fishing Competition.

Fishing with mum and his big brother Alex, Zac caught a bream, a whiting and a flathead. He ended up the 2nd runner up champion in the Under 10 age group. He is very proud that he was the only one to get a trophy.



"I got 2 sleeping bags, 2 beach chairs and a tent as prizes" said Zac. "There was also a big crab, Alex tried to catch it and he used some of our bait. But he didn't catch it. It was fun to watch him try though".

Thanks for sharing your story Zac, well done.

# Absenteeism Leaves Gaps In Your Child's Education!

## Year 6 in the kitchen

Last week Year 6 made 'Hard Tack' biscuits. Hard Tack is what the soldiers during World War 1 ate as part of their rations.

First we combined 3 cups of wholemeal self raising flour, 1 and a half cups of white self raising flour, 5 tablespoons of sugar and a tablespoon of milk powder. Next we poured in a cup of water and mixed it all together. We then cut them into rectangles 1cm thick and baked them in the oven for 30 minutes.

The soldiers would have some jam on top of them but we used golden syrup instead. I enjoyed the experience very much but they did taste a little like stale bread!

By Rory 6Y





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 \_\_\_\_\_

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