



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL



Dates to Remember

26 November-12 December -
Enquiry Based Learning Year 7,
8 and 9 students.

6 December -
Presentation Evening.

7 December -
SRC Xmas Party.

10-14 December -
Desert Pea Media Project.

13-18 December -
Activities Week.

17 December -
P&C Meeting at 6pm in Maclean
High School Library.

19 December -
Last day of Term 4 for students.

Return to School dates for 2019:

**Tuesday, 29 January - School
Development Day -
Staff only.**

Wednesday, 30 January -
Year 7, 11 and 12 students.
**All new enrolments from out
of the area from 1.30pm.**

Thursday, 31 January -
Year 8, 9 and 10 students.



Schools Spectacular 2018

The Schools Spectacular 2018 was staged at QUDOS Bank Arena at Olympic Park in Sydney on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November.

Mrs Alex Hickey and Ms Elaine Essex accompanied 16 students from Year 9 to Year 12 to participate in the combined secondary choir comprised of approximately 2900 students. The show is an amazing opportunity for students to gain an insight into the production of a stage show which is world class. The days were long and tiring, however, it was amazing to see how quickly the organisers can pull together around 6000 students and staff to create a wonderful extravaganza that is of world class standard.

For the first time this year we also had Declan Hickey perform at the Spec Fest entertainment between shows. Spec Fest showcases talented students chosen to keep the crowds happy while shows are not in progress and Declan did us all proud with his incredible guitar skills.

Everyone enjoyed the shows and exploring prop packs that included flashing bunny ears, LED gloves, flashing LED glasses and much more. Mrs Hickey and I want to thank each one of our students for an amazing trip and congratulate you all on being wonderful ambassadors for Maclean High School and the talent we have in our school.

You can catch the television broadcast on Channel 7, on Saturday 8th December.

Ms Elaine Essex



*The students and Staff
of Maclean High
School wish you
a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year*



U14 Boys Cricket Through to Regional Final

The U14 boys cricket team are through to the regional final in the National Bank Shield after another convincing win against Kingscliff High School. Captain Colby Vallette won the toss and elected to bat and his team mates confirmed his decision amassing a massive 220 runs from the first 30 overs before rain affected play. Thomas Gallagher knocked up another ton, this time finishing on 130. Colby Vallette contributed 29 and Joshua Johnson ended up unbeaten on 22.



With significant runs on the board the boys showed great team work and commitment to get the pitch into a condition where play could continue. The Maclean bowlers did their part by bowling tight lines and maintaining good pressure in the field throughout the whole 30 overs. Good strategy and field placement saw the Kingscliff's batsmen fall well short of the target. Luke Lambert and Jackson Moss were the pick of the bowlers.

Mr Adam Izzard.

For more information from Cranes Family and Relationship Services - Term 3 Workshops 2018 at Maclean and Grafton just click on the link below:

<https://maclean-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/cranes-family-relationship.html>

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Maclean High School Public Speaking Success!

The Rotary Club of Maclean hosted the Maclean High School Public Speaking Championship on Thursday, 22nd November at the Maclean Bowling Club. Three speakers from Maclean High School participated in the 'speak off' presenting a wonderfully diverse range of topics. The assembled guests and Rotary members were treated to three articulate and well-argued presentations from Jacqui Samms, Paris Brailsford (Year 9) and Maya Johnson (Year 10).

Paris' powerful opening 'And the war came' was an instant hook for the audience to consider the plight of refugees and their status in Australia and globally. Her speech referenced the words of Exodus and Shakey Graves' lyrics before moving to a discussion regarding the plight of refugees on Manus and Nauru and the state of limbo that many refugees, held in detention or international camps, experience. Paris' recurring use of the opening quote was a powerful reminder to the audience of the dislocation felt by many refugees and immigrants.

Maya immediately challenged the audience with her opening gambit regarding the status quo of gender roles in contemporary Australian society, citing the imbalance between women and men in managerial roles and continuing discrepancy between male and female salaries. Maya delivered her speech with appropriate firmness and enthusiasm, and her professional delivery reflected extensive and detailed research.

The impact of climate change and the implications for global change was Jacqui's focus, evoking considerable thought regarding the impact climate change will have on altering the way human beings live. Jacqui's measured but forthright delivery achieved the desired level of urgency and concern for the future. The audience was wholly impressed with the quality of ideas, research and presentation of the three students; many noting that they would not have been able to deliver such assured speeches on prevailing topics when of a similar age.

Gary Whale signalled that this was his final adjudication for Rotary's Public Speaking Championship and his skill and insights were valued by all present.

Paris Brailsford's evocative speech on the plight of refugees won the award for this year's Speaking Championship while her fellow students were commended on their presentations.

Congratulations to Jacqui, Paris and Maya, for their highly engaging and powerful presentations. Maclean High School would like to acknowledge the organisation and contribution to public speaking by Maclean Rotary and we cannot stress enough the value of such opportunities for students to demonstrate speaking skills to the public.

Many thanks to Mr Andrew Black for organising and coaching the girls at Maclean High School, and to Darrell Brown from Rotary for his organisation of the evening, and well done Paris.

Ms Susan McLeod





Billabong 2018 Class Camp

The students and staff from the Billabong classroom camped overnight at Michael's Eco Resort in Ashby on Wednesday, 28th November. They had a blast fishing, swimming, canoeing and paddle boarding on Mangrove Creek from their private jetty.

Highlights included Brett's much-hyped stew, cleaning and cooking freshly caught fish and surviving the unexpected arrival of gale-force winds. Later, around the campfire, they shared jokes, snacks and stories well into the evening.

Honourable mention to the spontaneous competition to see who fit in the folded banana chair.

Ms Jacinta Wray.



The fisherman and his apprentice..



Who can fit in the folded banana chair competition



Witching hour ghost stories



Campfire geometry lesson



Men at work.



She swears she caught four fish but we only found photos of three....

Cricket - Senior Boys March On

On Monday, 3rd December, Maclean High School senior boys travelled to Ballina to take on Wollumbin High School in the Far North Coast Senior Boys Knockout Competition.

Wollumbin won the toss and elected to bowl. Maclean scored 7 for 180 off 35 overs. Top scorers were Sean McFarlane 50, Blake Ryan 32, Oscar Pilon 28, Kai Watterson 24 and Thomas Gallagher 18. Wollumbin went into bat and were cruising at 1 for 90. Thomas Gallagher turned the game on its head, eventually taking 6 for 24. Wollumbin were bowled out for 136. Best bowlers were Thomas Gallagher and Osca Pilon 1 for 15, Shane McLeay 1 for 3 and Hayden Moloney 1 for 0. Maclean now look forward to the next game. The team consisted of Duncan Fischer, Blake Ryan, Kai Watterson, Coby Tabor, Sean McFarlane, Osca Pilon, Hayden Moloney, Thomas Gallagher, Josh Johnson, Shane McLeay, Reilly Wunderlich and Luke Lambert. The game was played in a great spirit and I thank all the parents for their involvement.

Mr Grant Lunley.





Year 8 Enquiry-based Learning - Art and the Cosmic Connection

Year 8 Art students have been enjoying investigating the space frontier. Using the elements of art (shape, line, colour, texture, value) students have made sense of images of planets, asteroids, comets and moons honing observation skills and inspiring questions. Students created beautiful pieces of art while learning to recognise geologic and atmospheric features of solar system objects. The learning sessions began with what we know here on earth and then used that awareness to help interpret features on distant objects in the solar system. Art and the Cosmic Connection offered a terrific bridge between earth and space science, as well as a wonderful dive into the potential of science to inspire art - and art to empower science!



Miss Candice Jagoe.



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LS1 News

Last week Nakita and Bree had the opportunity to look after one of the Maclean High School simulator babies for a day. They were able to experience comforting the babies when they cried, feeding them and changing nappies. Both students coped extremely well with the responsibility and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Nicole Smith who prepared the students for the day.

Mrs Emma Webber.



Activity Week 2018

Activities Week will commence at the end of Week 9, and will run over the following days: Thursday 13th, Friday 14th, Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December 2018.

Reward school based activities will run on Wednesday 19th December.

The 2018 Activity Week Booklet can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

https://maclean-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doesws/schools/m/maclean-h/news/2018/11/Activities_booklet_2018.pdf

Payment for activities will be accepted after confirmation of activity.

Miss Donna Watts.

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are coming back to
MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL
9am Monday 10 December, 2018

Come and be part of a new week long MUSIC, SONG and FILM project from the creators of B-TOWN warriors, THE MOB, the COLLY CREW and more...

All Indigenous community members, young people (12yrs+) and Elders are 100% welcome to contribute, write and perform or even just watch and check it out!

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G'Day USA Tour - January 2019

Eighteen students aged between 14 and 18 years of age will travel to the United States this coming January. The students will tour various locations on the West Coast such as San Francisco and Los Angeles before being hosted by an American family in Seattle for ten days.

The students have been saving for this tour since the beginning of 2017. They have organised various fundraising activities over the course of the year including organising and operating a stall at the Maclean Community Markets last month. The students will be there again this coming Saturday, 8th December from 6.30am to approximately midday. Homemade baked goods, bacon and egg sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, cold drinks and raffle tickets for various prizes will be available to purchase.

Miss Candice Jagoe.



Year 7 Wire Sculpture Artworks

Year 7 students have been exploring various elements of design in Art recently.

Here are some students with their wire 'line' sculptures.

Miss Candice Jagoe



Helpline Numbers/Online Resources

Kids Helpline: 1800 551800 or www.kidshelp.com.au

Lifeline: 13 1114 or www.lifeline.org.au

Headspace: 1800 650890 or www.eheadspace.org.au

Beyond Blue: 1300 224636 or www.beyondblue.org.au

Reachout: <http://au.reachout.com>

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659467

WayAhead Directory: <http://directory.wayahead.org.au/>

Mental Health Telephone Access Line: 1800 011511 (operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is staffed by clinicians who can provide advice, make referrals and link callers to the Mental Health Service in their local health district).

School Counsellors:

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