



# NEWSLETTER

## MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

### Dates to Remember

12 December -  
Years 9 and 10 PBL Excursion.

13-18 December -  
End of Year Activities.

18 December -  
End of Term 4.

19-20 December -  
Pupil Free Days.

18 December-29 January -  
School Holidays.

28 January 2020 -  
Staff Development Day. All staff  
return to school.

29th January 2020 -  
Years 7, 11 and 12 students  
return to school.

30 January 2020 -  
Years 8, 9 and 10 students return  
to school.

10 February -  
P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in the  
School Library.



### The Future Looks to be Full of Stars

Inspired, energised and entertained! The words leaving the lips of audience members as the Year 9 Drama class dazzled them with their performance skills. A cast of fifteen Creative and Performing Arts students of Maclean High School performed to an audience of friends and family in the Maclean High School Hall last week.

The students performed two plays and two musical items that showcased the breadth of talent this creative cohort possesses. The night was a huge success for the students individually and as an ensemble. They were extremely supportive of one another during the show, covering any slip ups with professional style. Each student achieved personal glory, from the extremely shy students giving monologues for the first time to the gregarious 'naturals' showcasing leadership and the potential for future stardom.

Parents commented to their teacher, Miss O'Neill on how grateful they were to actually gain an insight into what their teenagers do in Drama and school all year. Judging by the calibre of performers, this was the first of many successful shows to come.

Miss Melissa O'Neill.



*The students and  
staff from  
Maclean High  
School wish you  
a very Merry  
Christmas and a  
happy New Year.*





### Heron Island

At 6pm on Sunday, 24th September, a group of 36 students from Year 10 and 4 staff members assembled three hours ahead of schedule determined to find a way out of the valley due to imminent road closures. We boarded the coach for an eleven and a half hour over-nighter to Gladstone Harbour. The Heron Islander catamaran was ready to take us to the University of Queensland's - Heron Island Research Station. It was a pleasant and almost perfect two hour cruise with many of the students able to relax, with the wind in their hair, on the back deck.

The five island days and nights were filled with both amazing and educational experiences. The most memorable included:

- Four opportunities a day to snorkel or swim. Early morning and afternoon harbour snorkels, an afternoon swim on North Beach and a reef exploration walk.
- Snorkelling from the research boats, Chromis and Anthius at Heron Bommie, The Canyons, Blue Pools, Wistaria Reef and the Cascades.
- The students observed and swam with a plethora of marine life; adult turtles laying above the high tide zone, turtles, white tip and black tip reef sharks, sting rays, shovel nose sharks, clams, sea cucumbers and star fish... just to mention a few.
- Trips to the resort shop for souvenirs and icy poles.
- Late night lessons on collected plankton, microscope work on Heron and Yamba sand, evolution of life and classification.
- A presentation from a scientific researcher on the effect of temperature and pH to the growth of coral.
- The shearwaters serenading us to sleep and Noddy Turns being a tripping hazard. Marine life poster presentations at the trivia night where they dressed in a tropical theme and had to perform several physical challenges instructed by Miss Lisa.
- A couple of coral cuts and some itchy bites were the only injuries.
- A seriously contested game of assassin was played.

This year was another fun and successful excursion with all involved enjoying their time on the island. Thank you to Ms Donna Watts, Mr Ben Patch and Ms Lisa Bevitt.

Mrs Danielle Hollis.





## Student Representative Council (SRC) Events during Term 4

### Bandanna Day

National Bandanna Day was held on Friday, 25th October and is CanTeen's largest fundraiser to support young people living with cancer. Approximately 63 teens are diagnosed every day and have to deal with the challenge of cancer so CanTeen is a lifeline for young people. Maclean High School SRC students sold 60 bandannas for \$5 each and collected donations during roll call. This money will help to make a huge difference to the lives of many young Australians. Thank you to all those generous people who donated this year. Just over \$400 was raised for CanTeen.



### Halloween Dress-up, Thursday, 31st October

Just for a bit of fun, the SRC decided to hold a dress up day, combined with the sale of cupcakes. Some of the students and staff joined in on the festivities, looking decidedly dastardly.



### GRIP Leadership Conference

The junior SRC representatives attended the GRIP Leadership Conference on 31st October at SCU, Lismore. The students who attended were Jazmyn Adey, Kate Moore, Millie Speirs, Samantha Hayman and Cindi Coram. The presenters emphasised that leadership is about people, not position or power.

Conferences like GRIP provide an opportunity for school leaders to connect with professionals to help advance their leadership skills with other schools leaders. The students gain confidence and ideas to improve their own character.



### Growvember

On Tuesday, 3rd December, the SRC supported Mr Innes and the MO Bro's of Maclean High School raise funds for the North Coast Cancer Institute in Lismore. Cupcakes were sold, facial hair was painted on faces and a game of pin-the-mo on Mr Court was hotly contested. Students also voted for their favourite Mo by placing monetary donations in the appropriate container; without doubt the students wanted Kirko's beard to go as he had by far the largest amount of donations. Mr Ford sheared Mr Kirkland's beard off to cheers from the crowd. All the other Mo Bro's were cleanly shaven also. Approximately \$1107 was raised.





## Fiver for a Fire Fighter

Our Valley has been on fire since the Shark Creek fires threatened townships to the South and East in our community and has continued with the Myall Creek Road fires threatening townships to the North and West. The fundraiser Fiver for a Fire Fighter raised \$2700 and was donated to our local RFS crews who have been working tirelessly to help protect lives and properties. These donations were received from Maclean High School staff and students, Dunes Cafe Yamba, Gulmarrad Public Schol, local community members, SPAR Maclean and Maclean Public School. They were accepted by Nick Clarke who is the Clarence Valley Chief Officer.

## Christmas Party

On Friday, 6th December, the Captains, Vice Captains and Year 11 SRC representatives delivered 100 candy canes to students who had pre-ordered these sweet treats for their friends. This 'Candy-Cane-Gram' was a successful fundraiser for the SRC and always brings a smile to the students faces. During lunch we held the Clarence Valleys largest pass-the-parcel game. All students who participated enjoyed themselves and walked away as winners!

It is fitting that at this point we acknowledge the hard work and effort that all of the 2019 SRC team has put into each and every one of its activities.

I have decided that this year will be my last year steering the students of the SRC and welcome Ms Elaine Essex to coordinate the SRC next year. The Captains have inducted her into the SRC by pinning her SRC badge from the prefect pillow during a meeting this term.

And so, for the last time as SRC Coordinator, on behalf of the SRC Leadership Team, we would like to wish everyone in our school community Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Mrs Danielle Hollis, SRC Coordinator.





## Hospitality

Students that elect Hospitality as a subject are able to receive a dual qualification. Hospitality is a HSC ATAR subject, along with being able to achieve a Certificate II in Hospitality. Students who undertake the course must achieve units of competencies to qualify for the Cert II. One unit of competency is Prepare and Serve Espresso Coffee. Students engaged in a theory and practical component assessment task, of which they had to make ten different styled coffees each. Some of the coffees made include Capaccino, Latte, Piccolo Latte, Ristretto, Short and Long Macchiato, Long Black, Espresso, Flat White and Mocha. All students who completed the practical task did a fantastic job and offered a few free coffees to staff, with great feedback given.

Mrs Michelle Ellis.



### UNION STREET FAMILY MEDICAL PRACTICE

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**Dr Andrew McNab**  
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**Dr. Andrew Yong**

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## We Don't Like Cricket, Oh No, WE LOVE IT!

It has been another great year for Maclean High School girl's cricket squad which includes Shannon Moran (C), Brianna Roberts, Jenny Petty, Jade Moffitt, Natisha Studdert, Zali Bourke, Madeline Hollis (CV), Neeve Fischer, Bridget Woldseth, Stella Bryant, April Young, Annika Vallette and Tamika Clark.

They kicked off the season with a Twenty20 Carnival held in Lismore. The team had participated in this carnival last year winning all games and being awarded the Lyn Larson Trophy. This year they weren't so lucky, losing two very close and hard fought matches, one against Trinity College and the other against Woodlawn College. Captain Shannon led the way against Trinity where she batted for the whole innings forming solid partnerships with Maddie and Annika. Bowling was effective with wickets taken by Annika, Maddie, Jade and Neeve.

The squad then travelled to Kingscliff for their fourth round clash against Kingscliff High School in the CHS competition. Maclean won the toss and sent Kingscliff into bat. Luck was on the side of Kingscliff as many chances were created by some fantastic bowling but unfortunately the catches kept landing just out of the reach of our fielders. Kingscliff went on to score a formidable total of 160. Best bowling figures were from Shannon - 3 for 19 off 6 overs, Maddie - 1 for 15 off 8, Bree - 1 for 34 off 4 and Stella - 1 for 26 off 3.

Disappointingly, the girls did not get a chance to bat as we received a call at the change of innings advising us that we needed to head back to school immediately because the fires were threatening to close the highway. It was not possible to arrange a rematch as the fires continued into the following week so that's where our season finished with Kingscliff moving into the next round.

All girls are to be commended for their positive attitude, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour. Congratulations and a fond farewell to our Year 11 players, Shannon Moran, Brianna Roberts and Jenny Petty. These girls have been members of the Maclean High School girls cricket team since Year 7/8 and have played their very last game because they will be graduating next year. We have many special memories of our cricket trips over the years to places such as Narrabri and Bathurst. Thanks girls for the huge contribution you have made. We will miss you.

Mrs Margaret Johnson.



For more information from Cranes Family and Relationship Services - Term 4 Workshops 2019 just click on the link below.

<https://maclean-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/community-connections/cranes-family-and-relationship-services.html>



## Northern Schools Steer Competition 2019



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**CARPET COURT**

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2 Angourie Road, Yamba 2464  
Phone: 02 6646 8555

### Helpline Numbers/Online Resources

**Kids Helpline:** 1800 551800 or [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

**Lifeline:** 13 1114 or [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

**Headspace:** 1800 650890 or [www.eheadspace.org.au](http://www.eheadspace.org.au)

**Beyond Blue:** 1300 224636 or [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://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:** Ms Kerrie Bowles and Mr Andrew Allen.





# CLARENCE

## YOUTH

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 10-18!

#### LASER SKIRMISH

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5:30pm  
Yamba Oval  
Just turn up!

#### DROP IN & OZ TAG

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

#### MAKING SENSE YOGA WORKSHOP

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 10am to 12:30pm  
Lawrence Hall  
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

#### DROP IN & MILKSHAKES

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 3pm to 5pm  
Market Square, Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### DROP IN & TYE DYE

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

#### ART WITH JIMMY WAGS & TULLI STEVENS

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – 11am to 1pm  
Baryulgil Community Centre  
Just turn up!

#### MAKING SENSE YOGA WORKSHOP

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – 1:30pm to 4pm  
Iluka Community Hall  
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

#### MOBILE YOUTH VAN

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – 4pm to 7pm  
Iluka Skate Park  
Just turn up!

#### LGBTQI YOUTH DROP IN

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – 4pm to 5pm  
Market Square, Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January – 10am to 12noon  
Copmanhurst Boat Ramp  
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908  
12+ only and permission slips must be completed

#### DROP IN & MARBLE ART

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Treelands Drive Community Centre, Yamba  
Just turn up!

For more information and updates, check out our facebook pages 'New School of Arts' or 'Clarence Valley Youth'. Some workshops have limited spaces and may require bookings, so please book to avoid disappointment. To make a booking contact 0428 420 908. All children under 10 must have adult supervision and age restrictions apply for some activities. Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather. Programs proudly sponsored by:



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## YOUTH

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 10-18!

#### DROP IN, MILKSHAKES & BOARD GAMES

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

#### CIRCUS WORKSHOP

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 10am to 12noon  
Wooli Hall  
Just turn up!

#### CIRCUS WORKSHOP

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 3pm to 5pm  
Bob Liddiard Park, South Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### DROP IN & MARBLE ART

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 3pm to 5pm  
Market Square, Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### LASER SKIRMISH

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5:30pm  
Courtts Crossing Sports Park  
Just turn up!

#### DROP IN, BBQ & BEATS

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 3pm to 5pm  
Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

#### MOBILE YOUTH VAN & DESIGN & PRINT WORKSHOP

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 4pm to 6pm  
Iluka Skate Park  
Just turn up!

#### LGBTQI YOUTH DROP IN

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 4pm to 5pm  
Market Square, Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### DROP IN & BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Hakea Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

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## YOUTH

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 10-18!

#### DROP IN & MARBLE ART

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

#### ART WITH JIMMY WAGS & TULLI STEVENS

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 10am to 12noon  
Lawrence Hall  
Just turn up!

#### SALTWATER TO FRESHWATER COMMUNITY EVENT

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 10am to 3pm  
Yamba Oval  
Just turn up!

#### DROP IN, MILKSHAKES & BOARD GAMES

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 3pm to 5pm  
Market Square, Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### LASER SKIRMISH

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5:30pm  
Copmanhurst Skate Park  
Just turn up!

#### DROP IN & BADGE MAKING

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

#### SKATE DAY & MOBILE YOUTH VAN

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – from 12 noon  
Iluka Skate Park  
Just turn up!

#### LGBTQI YOUTH DROP IN

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 4pm to 5pm  
Market Square, Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### DESIGN & PRINT WORKSHOP

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 2pm to 4pm  
Camellia Cottage, South Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### DROP IN & OUTDOOR GAMES

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Treelands Drive Community Centre, Yamba  
Just turn up!

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