



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

16 September-4 October -
Year 9 Central Australia Safari.

16-27 September -
Year 11 Yearly Exams.

26 September -
Year 12 Graduation Breakfast.
Year 12 Graduation Ceremony.
Year 12 Formal Evening.

27 September -
Last day of Term 3.

30 September-11 October -
School Holidays.

14 October -
Students and Staff return
to school for Term 4.
P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in the
School Library.

17 October -
Study HUB resumes in the Library
until 4.45pm on Thursdays.

30 October -
Year 6 Orientation Day.

13 November -
North Coast Surf Lifesaving,
Yamba.

5 December -
Presentation Evening 6pm-10pm
at Yamba Bowling Club.

*Have a
Great
Holiday*



Stars in the Making!

The HSC Drama exams proved to be no drama at all, as absolutely spectacular performances were given by all of this year's Drama cohort. The HSC Drama performance exams were held on Tuesday, 3rd September in the school hall. As a part of the HSC Drama course all students must undertake a Group Performance and an Individual Project. For the Individual option, 2 students chose design, creating costumes, posters and other promotional material. One student chose critical analysis: Director's Folio and 7 chose the ever popular performance option. As an integral part of live theatre, 20 students from Year 10 and Year 11 formed the technical stage crew and audience for the exam day.

The day began with the dynamic and engaging Group Performances that were so well received by the audience and markers alike that even a scream was uttered by a marker during a particularly impressive acrobatic movement that saw a performer shooting across the stage from a previously concealed location. The individual performances spanned a range of styles from realism and musical theatre to slapstick that featured a pair of unforgettable 'duckie' boxers.

The students will now focus on the written component of the Drama course that will be completed during the regular HSC exam period. Overall a very talented bunch of performers who have bright futures in the performing arts industry.

Premier's Debating Challenge Round 3

The Year 7 and Year 8 Maclean High School debating teams recently hosted two debates against Grafton High School in the third round of the 2019 Premier's Debating Challenge.

In the first debate, the Maclean A team took the affirmative position on the topic that we should ban cosmetic surgery, while in the second debate, the Maclean B team took the negative position on the topic that we should introduce mandatory parenting courses.

Despite presenting well-constructed arguments, both of our teams were narrowly defeated. It was yet another valuable experience for our teams, who received valuable feedback from the adjudicator, Ms Sue McLeod. Our students were fine representatives of Maclean High School and deserve praise for their efforts.



Inspiration for the Next Generation!

Tickets were bought, a bus was boarded and anticipation was in the air as the stage was set for the 2019 Dramaworks excursion.

Tuesday, 10th September saw the Drama students of Maclean High School experience a whirlwind of emotions during the showcase of exemplary HSC Drama performances in Byron Bay.

The students were exposed to a high calibre of Individual and Group Performances presented by the North Coast Drama collegiate. A provocative range of pieces exploring the entire gamut of human emotions left the students laughing, shocked and at times, truly moved. For the Year 11 students, it was an excellent opportunity to be inspired as they begin their own Individual Performances next term.



Ms Melissa O'Neill.

Disability Sports Day

Recently Maclean High School students were invited to take part in the Lennox Head Disability Sports Day.

There were a number of sports the students could try such as NRL, AFL, cricket, softball and soccer.

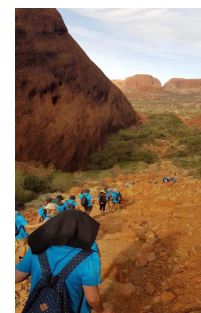
All students participated well and had a lot of fun learning new skills.



For more information from Cranes Family and Relationship Services - Term 3 Workshops 2019 just click on the link below.

https://maclean-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/m/maclean-h/supporting-our-students/cranes-family-and-relationship-services/Cranes_Term_3_Timetable_.pdf

Update from Central Australia Safari



man regional Gallery

IT WAS TIME
work from
30s and





OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

SCREEN PRINTING FOR TEENS

With local Artist Malcolm King from King Studio

Teens will learn how to use screen printing for individual creativity. Students will make their own unique design & learn how to prepare it for screen and print an artwork to take home and hang on their wall.

Wednesday 2nd October 9:30 - 12:30

- Grafton Regional Gallery: 158 Fitzroy Street Grafton
- Cost: \$25, includes canvas Boards, art paper & other materials
- Bring morning tea and a drink
- Bookings essential via Eventbrite

https://screenprintingteens_schholwshop.eventbrite.com.au



October School Holiday Fun

Smashed Floral Tote Bags

Join mixed media artist Cassandra-Lyn Palmer for some fun this holidays and put some spring energy in to decorating your own tote bag. Learn different printing techniques by arranging flowers from the garden and pounding their unique shapes and patterns into the fabric.

Thursday 3rd October

- 9:30 - 12 noon
- Ages 8- 12
- Cost: \$25 includes materials
- Grafton Regional Gallery: 158 Fitzroy Street Grafton
- Bookings required through Eventbrite

<https://springflowersmashedtotebag.eventbrite.com.au>






Canteen Roster September 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Kylie Kerr	3 Chris Allomes	4 Kim Pye Gina Sanna	5 Cheryl Jones	6 Lisa Hinshaw Cheryl Jones	7	8
9 Kylie Kerr	10 Janet Challis	11 Janet Challis	12 Cheryl Jones	13 Cheryl Jones	14	15
16 Kylie Kerr	17 Chris Allomes	18 Janet Challis	18 Cheryl Jones Toni Higgins	19 Cheryl Jones	20	21
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UNION STREET FAMILY MEDICAL PRACTICE

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Maclean NSW 2463

Dr David Dalglish
Dr Andrew McNab
Dr Navin Menon

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specialises in Antenatal Care

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Dr. Wayne Hinchcliffe

Dr. Andrew Yong

Dear Parents,

Just to inform you that there is a child within our school who is immunosuppressed, meaning that this child has a lower immunity and cannot fight infections in the normal way.

Viruses that cause measles, chickenpox and shingles could make this child extremely unwell. Therefore I would be grateful if you would contact the school immediately if your child was found to have one of these illnesses. If we know that there has been exposure to measles, chickenpox or shingles, medicine can be given to lessen the side effect of such an infection to this child. This medicine does need to be given as soon as possible after the contact has taken place.

I must assure you that your child is not at any risk because of this child.

Thanking you.

Study HUB is underway!

Maclean High is offering afterschool tutoring with afternoon tea provided...completely free!

Staff, community volunteers and trained Study HUB Tutors are in the Library on Thursday afternoons until 4:45pm to help our students complete homework and assignments and generally support study for upcoming tests. Everyone is loving the fresh toasties and juice drinks thanks to our August Sponsors:

SPAR Maclean, SPAR Yamba, Maclean Hot Bread & Cake Kitchen and The Raw Bee Co.



In the coming weeks we will have industry specialists coming to impart their knowledge and expertise at Study HUB and watch this space for our amazing STEM opportunities for our students.

Anyone willing to come and help out, whether it be to make toasties, give a talk, tutor students or simply wash up cups, please contact Tanya Fisher at the school on 6645 2244.

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BLIND & FLOORING CENTRE

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2 Angourie Road, Yamba 2464
Phone: 02 6646 8555

Maclean High School 2019 Learning Support Graduates

Each year the Maclean High School Learning Support Faculty are proud to watch students from the various support classes graduate and 2019 is no exception. There are nine Year 12 students graduating in 2019. Each of the students has reached milestones and accomplished academic and social goals along the way. The classes provide intensive support, individual adjustments and a wide range of experiences throughout the junior and senior curriculum. Planning begins before the student enrolls and there is close collaboration with parents and carers for the whole journey. Consultation with School Counsellors and relevant outside agencies is also a priority.

Students experience a variety of adjustments, programs and inclusion with class activities, extra curricula ventures, work experience and cultural events. This is personalised learning at its best!

As they reach senior school, taking into account the individual's needs and wants, families are encouraged to undertake the processes involved in transition from school to work (SLES) which allows the individual a more meaningful and supported passage into the world away from school.

Brady's Amazing Achievements

When Brady first arrived at Maclean High School, he was extremely anxious around the large school population, wary of staff and believed he could not read or write. He found many situations in the school routine highly stressful and was easily agitated.

Even at that young age, Brady felt he would not fit into social situations or workplaces when he left school and this was constantly upsetting. The goals set in junior school were to provide experiences and to build academic and social skills, giving him a sense of belonging and accomplishment. There have been many highs and lows over this journey, but perseverance and cooperation have paid off. Brady has developed many positive social skills and has found areas of interest in classes where he has used strategies to cope with everyday life. Great team work with the teaching staff, Learning Support Officers, School Counsellors, administration staff and family have ensured Brady has progressed through senior schooling, eventually to graduate at the end of this term with his cohort. He has become much more independent rather than relying on his support staff, teachers and family for classwork and decision making.



Along the way we have nurtured his interests in video games, movies and computer skills and found that Brady could write fantasy fiction. His creative writing assessment has culminated into a twenty thousand word story based on the 'Sky Lander' and 'Splatoon' themes. He is currently working on a number of other projects. Brady has also produced a YouTube video.

He has taken opportunities such as work experience in school as well as at Clarence Valley Wholesalers in Grafton and is currently at SPAR Maclean. Brady is preparing for a smooth transition out of school with a plan that has involved Maclean High School, his parents and outside agencies. He has had the benefits of support which have enabled him to function as a proud, young adult with options in the future. You never know, we may even see him publish some of his writing. Maclean High School is extremely proud of his achievements.

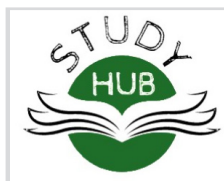
Lilli

Lilli arrived in Maclean in Year 8, returning to the hometown of her mother and very wary of the unfamiliar environment at Maclean High School. Initially she was fearful and extremely self conscious. Lilli has since grown in confidence and the belief that she is a strong, motivated and proud Yaegl woman. As a valued member of the Support classes, Lilli has worked consistently with her teacher, Learning Support Officers and her family to overcome many anxieties and has found that she is able to grasp more academic concepts than she imagined.

She is a very social person who has thrown herself into many of the opportunities provided at Maclean High School. She has enjoyed dance groups, Student Representative Council activities and the 2019 School Musical. She is particularly proud of her Indigenous culture where she has been a active participant in the Junior and Senior AIME Programs, The Maclean High School River of Learning and the Yarning Circles. Lilli has been able to speak at assemblies and loves to lead 'Welcome to Country'. Lilli was elected as one of the 2019 Vice Captains and she has represented the school to the best of her abilities. She has displayed empathy and a newfound independence in her work experience roles in the school canteen and has thoroughly enjoyed her weekly encounters at the Yamba Community Preschool. Lilli and her family have been planning for a smooth transition from school into the community and she is very excited to be graduating from Year 12. We look forward to seeing continued growth and hearing about her future endeavours.

Study HUB

Study HUB resumes on Thursday, 17th October with a chess competition and the usual feast of hot cheese toasties and drink.



A big thank you to our Study HUB tutors: Alyssa, Paris, Taylor, Kate and Katie who made themselves available to help our junior students with their homework and assignments and contributed their citizenship.

Next term from Week 2, we are extending our invite to celebrate a culture of striving for excellence and support by welcoming primary students from our wider community to Study HUB. They will be participating in the chess competition and all wins will accumulate points where prizes will be awarded.

If you are interested in becoming a Study HUB tutor, please see Mrs Fisher in the Maths Block.

Year 10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)

Students in Year 10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) have been learning about coaching.

Focus was on structuring a coaching session, giving feedback, communicating effectively and organisation. Students planned a session and worked with students in Years 4 - 6 from Maclean Public School.

The students did a fantastic job and enjoyed consolidating their skills.



NSWCHS Athletics

10 students travelled to Sydney to take part in the NSWCHS Athletics Competition. All students competed with diligence and fantastic sportsmanship.

Congratulations on your efforts.



Annika Swift receiving a Silver Medal for Girls 15 years 100m

Girls 15 years 4x100m Relay team consisting of Annika Swift, Carissa Miltiadou, Annabelle Curry and Madeline Hollis.



Girls Futsal

Maclean High School took a team of 14 and under and 16 and under girls to compete in the Futsal knockout series held in Goonellabah on Friday, 19th September.

The 16 year girls fought hard in a very close first match, but went down with 20 seconds left in the game. They went on to play another two matches and were winners in both.

The 14 year girls won their first two matches and made it through to the grand final. It was a very close match, with scores tied at the final siren. In a very exciting overtime period they went down.

Both teams showed outstanding sportsmanship, commitment and effort on the day. They look forward to taking on the competition again in 2020.

Mr Callan Obst.



Primary Touch Gala Day Referees

How do you handle around 800+ students from 12 primary schools and keep them entertained for an entire day? You organise them into 85 teams and get 36 energetic Maclean High School students from Years 7-10 to referee a touch gala day. What an awesome day.

Congratulations on your diligence, enthusiasm, calmness and encouragement throughout the whole day. All primary and high school teachers and Yamba Touch committee wanted to thank you for your fantastic efforts. Well done.

Mrs Kylie Lowe.



New PBL Signage

The Positive Behaviour for Learning team (PBL) worked with local business, Signcraft, to erect new signage around the school grounds. The signs display the core values of the school - Fair, Respect, Effort, Safe and Honest or FRESH as an acronym. The group worked with indigenous members of the school and wider community to include Yagiir translation on some of the signage. The signage is to help consolidate a bright and positive message throughout our school. The PBL team held a competition to design one of the signs, which was won by one of our Year 10 students, Maddie Norris. The PBL team would like to acknowledge all the hard work by all involved.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Team



Maddie Norris
winning design



Tell Them From Me student feedback survey (Term 4, 2019)

I am delighted that next term our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them from Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Tuesday, 15th October. Copies of the consent form, FAQs and additional information relating to the survey are available from: <https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>
https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12019e.pdf

As part of the survey we are also giving parents the opportunity to have input as well. A specific parental survey has been created and we invite all parents/guardians to participate. The survey will be sent out via a link in the first week of Term 4 and is entirely anonymous and confidential. If you require any more information please don't hesitate to contact Melissa Bowley during school hours.

River Davis PVD Exhibition

An exhibition of River Davis Photographic and Video works was held to showcase the completion of one of our favourite students Year 12 PVD studies.

A diverse range of work from the most primitive forms of analogue photography, photograms and pinhole camera images, through to state of the art digital works, short film video pieces and props created for the short film 'Doomed Teacher' were displayed for an exclusive A-list audience.

The premier showing of 'Doomed Teacher' was the icing on the cake of a memorable event which displayed the excellent performance of our on the rise star actor/director/photographer, River, and exposed for the first time his co-star, aspiring debutant actress Annette King which was a possible Oscar winning performance as 'Kingy' the doomed teacher.

Well done River. Thanks goes to Mrs King for her support in putting together this event.
Mr Mark Ramsey.





Senior Debating

The senior debating team sealed their spot in the NSW State Debating Finals! Debating against the selective Gosford High School via video link they successfully argued 'Victims should not have a say in their offender's punishment'.

A big thank you to debating coach, Miss O'Neill, for her guidance and ongoing support.

The team will be travelling to Sydney for the finals and we wish them luck.



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: Ms Kerrie Bowles and Mr Andrew Allen.