



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

16 December -
End of Term 4 for students.

17-18 December -
Staff Development Days.

27-28 January 2021 -
Staff Development Days.

29 January -
Return of Year 7, Year 11 and
Year 12 students and new
enrolments at 1pm in the
Library.

1 February -
Return of Year 8, Year 9 and
Year 10 Students.

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



PRESENTATION NIGHT - COVID STYLE

Presentation Night at Maclean High School has evolved into an amazing night recognising the achievements of our outstanding students. These would usually include Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Musical and Community achievements.

This year unfortunately brought us a set of circumstances out of our control. Sport was cancelled, students were unable to attend so many community events and music had to be performed with strict restrictions. Parents were unable to attend events with their children and online learning became the norm.

Unable to hold presentation night for the first time in over 25 years, we were still determined to recognise the achievements of our students. Six small ceremonies were held at school, one for each year. We were waiting on the possibilities of restrictions being lifted but when they weren't in time, plans changed. There were no special guests, parents or the bellows of the bagpiper.

Nine students from Year 12 were recognised for "Outstanding Commitment and Achievement in all areas of study". They were Katherine Behn, Katie Carr, Jackson Green, Taylor Johnson, Kieren Loy, Connor McPherson, Shannon Moran, Indigo Philip and Emma Ward.

Other major award winners were Emma Ward receiving the "Scott Urquhart Memorial Prize" for exemplary application and commitment throughout her entire High School career.

This year there were four awards from the Australian Defence Force. For Leadership and Commitment in Year 10 the award went to Madeline Hollis and in Year 12, Maya Johnson. The inaugural "Future Innovators Award" recognises motivation and innovation in STEM subjects and went to Emma Robertson in Year 10 and Samuel Hollis of Year 12.

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Presentation Night (continued)

Best Ambassadors for the school went to Maya Johnson, Lachlan Maxwell and Brianna Roberts. “The Reuben F Scarf Award” for Commitment, Consistent Effort, Desire to Improve and Outstanding Attendance was awarded to Katherine Behn.

The final two major awards were the “Maclean High School Principal’s Award for Academic Excellence” and the “Caltex Best All-round student”. Both of these were awarded to Taylor Johnson, a thoroughly deserved winner. Congratulations Taylor!

I would like to once again thank all those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the awards went ahead. I would also like to acknowledge the Maclean High School Parents & Citizens who graciously helped with a very generous donation during this difficult time.

Mrs Tania Kane.

Year 7 Academic Top 10

Bodhi BLACKMORE
Hayden FISHER
Joshua GROTH
Sarah JOHNSON
Cassea LOVELL
Ruby MARTINI
Logan MILTIADOU
Emily NEWMAN
Luna PHILIP
Hailey RUTOWSKI



Year 8 Academic Top 10

Jasmine BRITTEN
Yayden CAMPBELL
Jack CASSIDY
Ethan FISHER
Amelia JOHNSON
Emily KANE
Preston MCGILL
Jocelyn MENZIES
Josie RAWSON
Millie SPEIRS



Presentation Night (continued)

Year 9 Academic Top 10

- Morwenna HOGAN
- Zane LOWE
- Harvey McEWEN
- Samuel McINTYRE
- Hannah MOLONEY
- Kate MOORE
- Lachlan SKELTON
- Sienna TOWNEND
- Sophie TOWNEND
- April YOUNG



Year 10 Academic Top 10

- Bailey CAMERON
- Alyssa CHISHOLM
- Madeline HOLLIS
- Anna JENKINS
- Troy MCFARLANE
- Carissa MILTIADOU
- Patrick MOORE
- Natalia NASH
- Joshua PARLEVLIT-DEAN
- Emma ROBERTSON



Presentation Night (continued)

Year 11 First in Subjects

- Bryana BAKER
- Zahri BERRY
- Zali BOURKE
- Ella BOWLY
- Paris BRAILSFORD
- Kori EATON
- Ember EDIE
- Morgan ENSBEY
- Samuel FLORIE
- Kai HOGAN
- Joshua KERR
- Lacy LAWRANCE
- Stella LE COURT DE BILLOT
- Tiger LYNCH
- Caitlin McINNES
- Isabella MERCY-BUSHELL
- Jade MOFFITT
- Alec PIRONA
- Casey ROBERTS
- Hailey SMITH
- Sophie STRANGE
- Jake TOWNSEND
- Matthew YOUNG





Presentation Night (continued)

Year 12 First in Subjects

Nathalie AVERY
Katherine BEHN
Katie CARR
Riley DUNCOMBE
Jackson GREEN
Samuel HOLLIS
Ryan JACKSON
Maya JOHNSON
Taylor JOHNSON
Kieren LOY
Meg LYNCH
Connor McPHERSON
Shannon MORAN
Indigo PHILIP
Jorja RYAN
Daisy SUTTOR
Celaeste TREASURE
Emma WARD



Presentation Night (continued)

To our Sponsors

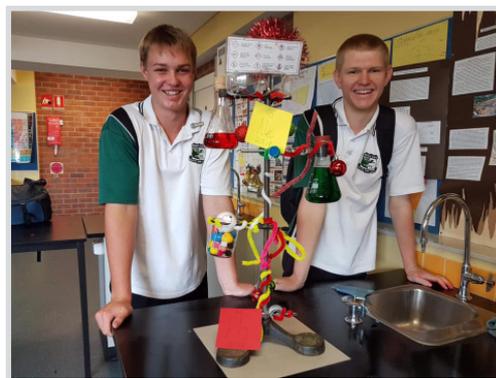
In order to award so many students, we once again called on the local community to come together and help to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. We completely understand the difficult times so many businesses have been through and have been overwhelmed by the continued support of local businesses. We would like to acknowledge:

AB Accountancy, Maclean
Australian Defence Force
Bowlo Sports and Leisure, Yamba
Caltex Best All Rounder
Chris Gulaptis, State Member for Clarence
Clarence Cane Growers Association
Clarence River Fisherman's Co-op Ltd
Clarence River U3A Inc
Clarence Valley Conservatorium of Music
Cover and Trim Upholstery
David Nelmes and Associates
Espresso Botero
Iluka Golf Club Limited
L and B Tours
Lower Clarence Christian Education Association
Lower Clarence Netball Association
Lower Clarence Teachers Association
Lower Clarence Amateur Rowing and Sculling Club
Maclean and District Bowling Club
Maclean and District Historical Society
Maclean High School P&C Association
Maclean High School SRC
Maclean High School Humanities/LOTE Faculty
Mr & Mrs David Muir
Mr & Mrs Glenn Brown
Mr & Mrs Terry Kane
Nungera Co-operative Society Limited
Optimum Health Solutions
Rotary Club of Maclean
Rotary Club of Yamba
Sunshine Sugar
The Athletes Foot
The Port of Yamba Historical Society
The Reuben F Scarf Foundation
Wards Bus Service
Yamba Skin Clinic



Oh Chemistree, Oh Chemistree

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas over in Science. Our Senior Chemistry students have finished all their assessments for the year and Ms Vadher has thrown them straight into seasonal learning activities.



Year 9 Science

The Year 9B Science class recently performed a sheep's brain dissection. They donned their safety goggles, grabbed their scalpels and put on the odd lab coat ready to explore the structures of the brain and their functions. The purpose was to observe and make comparisons between the components of the sheep's brain and those of a human brain. This was performed as a part of their content on coordinated body systems working together to make us functional multicellular organisms.

Mrs Danielle Hollis.



Surf Survival Certificate

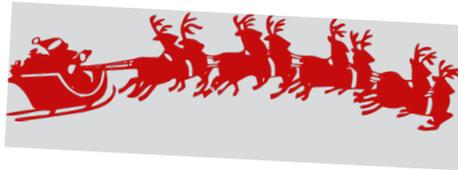
20 Maclean High School students graduated with their Surf Survival Certificate this week. Each student opted to do this for term 4 sport over the past 9 weeks and demonstrated competency in first aid, surf awareness, surf survival skills and physical fitness in an ocean environment. For some this means they can now undertake Beginners or Advanced Surfing as a future school sport, for others it is a great addition to their resume. Thank you to Ms Watts, Mr Whiteside, Mrs Jurd, Mrs Hollis and our Sports Coordinator, Mrs Lowe for making this opportunity available.



Clarence Coast Magpies Junior Rugby League

Titans U14's Elite Academy squad members Tama Williamson, Tyrelle Waters, AJ Hickling, Kennyon Elisaia-Thomas and David Torrens. These mighty magpies were invited to take part in the 20 man squad that train every Tuesday afternoon in Ballina. Well done boys, enjoy the experience!





Maclean High School Pork Day Wrap Up

As part of the finale of the Year 10 Agriculture class' unit of work on pork, the students fed the entire school with a bacon and egg breakfast and a pork and gravy roll for lunch.

The Year 10 Agriculture students had the opportunity to grow out pigs from 30kg through to 75-80kg. They worked closely with the pigs monitoring feeding and rationing and were involved in all the theory related aspects of the pork industry. They also organised for the pigs to go through the abattoir at Booyong and back to our local butcher at Maclean Variety Meats. Mark butchered the pork in front of the students which was a very valuable lesson for the students.

In the round up the students cooked and prepared 24kg of pork rolled roasts with crackle, 2 sides of bacon made by Maclean Variety Meats and 12 dozen eggs from the farm. There were lots of happy customers.

Well done to all the Agriculture students at Maclean High School and to Year 10 Agriculture students for their awesome effort.
Mr Kirkland.





Volunteering as Surf Patrol Members over Summer

Some of our junior students have recently completed training with the Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club so they can start volunteering as patrol members over summer. So proud to see these students take our FRESH values out into the community.



Harwood Marine Presentation

Gio and Murray from Harwood Marine took time out of their hectic schedule to talk to a group of Maclean High School students about local opportunities within their company. We could not be more proud of the enthusiasm and interest our students demonstrated to gain more knowledge to help make career decisions. Keep an eye on Sentral for more opportunities.



Year 9 PBL Excursion





Literacy Tip for this week:

Strategies readers can use when they do not understand what they are reading (Part 2).

Problem 3: Are there many words and sentences I don't understand? Is the language difficult?

Good readers know when to change the way they are reading, i.e. when to slow down, when to speed up, when to re-read a section.

Strategy 3:

- Try reading more slowly and thoughtfully.
- Try reading each sentence or paragraph a few times.
- Use a highlighter or coloured pencil and mark the parts you find difficult, then ask for help with them.

Problem 4: Is this book too hard for me to read on my own, right now?

Good readers can tell when a book is too hard for them. They know what to do.

Strategy 4:

- Try an easier book on the topic and then return to this book.
- Look for another book on the topic, because some books are not written clearly.

At the end of each reading session ask:

- What did I read? What have I learnt?

Good readers think about what they have read, and they try to remember it in their own words.

Mrs Linda Martin, Relieving Deputy Principal.

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 Counsellor: Mr Andrew Allen.