



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

27 October -
Year 6 Transition Day.

9 November -
HSC Exams start.
LCAECG Meeting at 4pm in
the School Library.

18 November -
Year 7 HPV and Year 7
Catchup Vaccination Day.



LS1 News for Week 2

The students enjoyed some indoor activities this week due to all the rain.

The first challenge was to fit through a piece of A4 paper. The students worked out how to cut alternate slits into the paper so when it was opened up it made a large circle they could place over their heads.

Next, they had to throw a bean bag into a hoop and add up how many points they each got. A special shout out goes to Zac Oatley who has been working so hard this week making a mind-map that tells us all about his family, great work Zac!

Mrs Webber.



An Important Reminder to all Parents

When a student has a Covid Test, please send a copy of the result to the school **before the student returns to school.**

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Should Maclean High School change their House Names?

Currently the Maclean High School 'House Names' are Lawson, Paterson, Kendall and Gordon. All of whom are named after British explorers from the early 1800's. The school is trying to gauge whether students, staff, parents/carers and community have a connection with these specific names or whether people would like to decide on new names. Go to the short Google Form with the address <https://forms.gle/3xyMtXdpgSFo4CYY6> to have your say (30 seconds to complete).

Submissions can be made until Friday, 30th October (Week 4).

(The above link requires Google Chrome browser to open, fill and submit this form).

Mr Callan Obst.

NSW School Vaccination Program 2021

As per the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI):

"Co-administration of a COVID-19 vaccine with other vaccines is not routinely recommended. A minimum 7-day interval is advised between administration of a COVID-19 vaccine and any other vaccine"



Please ensure that if your child is having a COVID 19 vaccine, that it is at least 7 days either side of the scheduled school vaccine for which you consented in 2021.

Please ensure your child is aware of the date they received a COVID 19 vaccine. We are able to review the Australian Immunisation Register to confirm, however this is very time consuming for the nursing team.

If your child misses a consented school vaccine, we will offer a catch up in Term 1 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jennie Tolman at the North Coast Public Health Unit (Lismore office) on 02 6620 7503.

Maclean High School P&C Association Canteen Committee



This is a big call out to everyone in the Maclean and Yamba Community.

The Maclean High School Canteen desperately needs volunteers who are double vaxxed and can spare a few hours every week or two.

Our canteen raises money for the school as well as feeds hungry kids great food.

The Canteen is a friendly place to work, to meet new people, get work experience and have a delicious free lunch!

Please, please, please consider getting involved!

You don't need to be a parent of kids at the school to volunteer.

All are welcome!

To find out more, please call Penny on 0403 283580 or 02 6645 2443.



The Agriculture Farm

The Ag Farm have been utilising their citrus crop by donating the surplus of fruit to local businesses. Blueberries Smoothie and Health Bar in Maclean and The Mexican in Yamba are participating in our community partnerships.

Thank you for the support from local businesses. The vouchers will be awarded to students doing great things in Agriculture.

Mr Kirkland.



School Travel for 2022

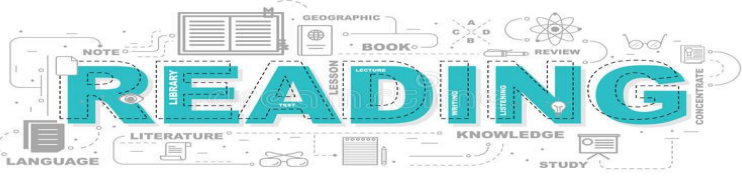
Students who need a travel pass for 2022 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (eg joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before the end of Term 4.

This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid.


Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

On 1st October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to [Transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info). This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one



At Maclean High School we continue to focus on the importance of reading. Research suggests that teenagers should be reading 4 to 5 times a week for at least 15 minutes to gain sufficient literacy skills. As part of the Covid Intensive Learning Support Program, Year 7 and 8 students have been working on building their skills and confidence in reading.

Thank you to the parents and carers who participated in the 'Home Reading Survey' posted in our last newsletter. Many responses indicated that families recognise the benefit of reading regularly and would support an intensive reading program which required students to read at home and complete a reading log. We are considering introducing a similar program in 2022 to support student reading in Stage 4.



Currently in Year 9 English, students are exploring the different modes, features and purposes of documentaries. Students have been engaging with a series which focuses on the importance of having adequate literacy skills to function successfully in today's society. The series *Lost For Words* is currently running on SBS and can be viewed on SBS on Demand. It follows eight brave Australians on a life-changing journey to transform their lives by taking part in an intensive nine-week long adult literacy program. Hosted and narrated by literacy advocate Jay Laga'aia, it is an empowering and uplifting observational documentary that confronts Australia's staggeringly low adult literacy rate. The documentary reported that 5 million Australia's are functioning at Level 2. It is our aim at Maclean High School for all our students to leave school with a higher level of literacy so they can go on and achieve their life goals. We encourage you to watch this series at home and discuss the importance of learning to read well and reading often, with your student.

LITERACY LEVELS

Level 1 - People who read at this level are able to read a short text and find a single piece of information. These readers have a larger vocabulary. This means that the word they need to find does not have to be exactly the same as the word on the page. For example, these readers know that the words 'start' and 'begin' mean the same thing.

Level 2 - People who read at this level are able to find multiple pieces of information and explain how they are the same, and how they are different. They also understand implied information like: who the word 'she' or 'he' refers to in a paragraph.

Level 3 - These readers can read texts that are longer than one page. These readers could read an e-mail about a book they should buy, and then, go to an online book shop and buy the book.

Level 4 - These readers can read information from more than one source, and then, use that information to form their own view on a given subject.

Level 5 - As with level four, these readers can read information from more than one source, and then, use that information to form their own view on a given subject. In addition, they are able to assess the reliability of sources, and critically evaluate any views expressed.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/program/lost-for-words>
<http://accessliteracy.com.au/articles/understanding-how-illiterate-australia-really-is/>

Belinda Ryan - Head Teacher Curriculum and Engagement

place. We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service to use and has a valid ticket to travel from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4, 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/carers can apply or update details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.



AGM NOTICE

Yamba Football Club is hosting its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 1st November at 6pm at the Yamba Football Clubhouse.

We welcome new faces to come down and volunteer to join this great committee.

There are a number of Committee members who will be stepping away from the club after many years of volunteering as their children are no longer playing. Without more people stepping up and joining the committee, I'm afraid there won't be a club to play for, as without volunteers and a functioning committee, there can be no club.

All positions will be open and some of these positions are: Club President, Junior President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Coaching Co-ordinator, Communication and PR Officer, Canteen Co-ordinator.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.



Suitable for students aged **7 to 15 years**

ART SCHOOL!

Join **Tulli Stevens & Jimmy Wags** from Mullaway Creative Co for fun, educational, creative classes.

Wednesday 20 October through to Wednesday 1 December 4pm - 5.30pm
7 sessions over 7 weeks

TERM FOUR - FOUNDATIONS IN ART

CREATIVE KIDS

GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY

Cost \$135 for 7 sessions, includes all materials.
NSW Creative Kids Vouchers from Service NSW are available, cost will be \$35 with a voucher.

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: Mr Andrew Allen and Ms Tay Cone.