

# **NEWSLETTER**

# MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

# Dates to Remember

### 9 November -

HSC Exams start.

LCAECG Meeting at 4pm in the School Library.

### 18 November -

Year 7 HPV and Year 7 Catchup Vaccination Day.







# Year 7 and Year 8 TEC Classes

8TEC4 students have finished off their Term 3 projects after Covid lockdown. Students had to tie-dye their fabrics before cutting out and sewing boxer shorts. Karla Gordon (pictured above) enjoyed her experience over the term. Well done Year 8 Textiles students!

Also in other news, other Year 8 students completed their wooden trucks this term. Students in Mr Kelly's class are pictured (above) showing off their skills and talents! Well done everyone!

Year 7 classes have also been kept busy with their rubber band racers. Pictured is Jett Burke testing his race car competing for the longest distance travelled. Students had to consider design and engineering principles to successfully complete their projects.

Miss Chapman, Mr Nabb, Miss Reeves and Miss Goodwin have been very impressed by the talent and enthusiasm in this subject.

Excellent work Year 7!

Miss Goodwin.





# Tell Them From Me Survey

The Tell Them From Me surveys provide schools with student, teacher and parent perspectives about the engagement and wellbeing of their students. This information is valuable to schools and can be used to identify strengths and successes, as well as areas to target for improvement.

To have your say please follow the link below.

http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/macleanhs2021

If you do not wish your child to participate in Tell Them From Me, please complete a non-consent form accessed via the link below and send it to the Maclean High School front office before Week 6. This link also contains information you can use to explain the survey to your child.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers/your-childs-participation

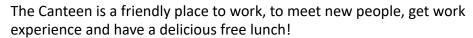
# Maclean High School P&C Association Canteen Committee



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.



Please, please, please consider getting involved!

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

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







# **Heron Island Excursion**

The Year 10 excursion to Heron Island Research Station (21st - 26th November 2021) has been postponed to next year 27th February - 4th March 2022. This is due to advise on the Queensland border restrictions and the continued NSW DoE excursion policy.

Please continue to make small payments with the total \$900 being due Week 2, Term 2, 2022. Students on the reserve list may also be invited to attend as number fluctuate.

For further enquiries, please contact Mrs Hollis in the Science Staffroom.





# Mobile Phones and YONDR Pouches

A reminder for our families that mobile phones are to be kept securely in a YONDR pouch during school hours. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action as per our behaviour and discipline policy.

## **Normal Operating Procedures**

Students are expected to use the unlocking stations each morning as they enter to unlock their pouch, turn their device off and place it inside. The pouch must remain locked throughout the day. At the end of the day, students should proceed to the unlocking stations to unlock their pouches. No unpouched device is permitted on school grounds once a student is on site. Student YONDR pouches should be closed and locked at all times except when adding or removing their devices at the beginning and end of the school day. The Attendance Office will also have its own unlocking station that can be used for late arrival/early departure unlocking by staff. Unlocking stations will only be available until 09:15 each morning. They will be secured until 15:15, when they will again be made available. This includes wireless earphones/headphones. When sighted these devices will be treated in the same manner as other banned electronic devices. Wired earphones/headphones may be used during class times ONLY as per teacher instructions when accessing learning activities with video content.

### Recess / Lunch / Breaks

Electronic devices are to remain in locked YONDR pouches on school grounds at all times.

### **Early Leavers**

Students who leave school early will be able to unlock their devices at the Attendance Office when signing out.

If you have lost your YONDR pouch or it is damaged a replacement pouch can be purchased from the Front Office.

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# Year 9 Bounty Bars and Year 7 Coding

Year 9FTX and 9FTZ classes made homemade Bounty Bars this month as part of their new topic Food For Special Occasions. Students needed to create rectangular bars before coating them in milk chocolate. The results looked amazing and tasted even better! Great job Year 9.

Year 7TEC6 have been engaging in a new coding unit. James Hutchinson (pictured below) is mastering the Scratch Code Program. Students are new to this as a collective group but are enjoying the new content and challenges. We are certain they will thrive in this topic as they did with their Rubber Band Race Cars last term. Fantastic work Year 7!

Ms Goodwin.









### RESEARCH

Find out which industry is right for you by using the online **Digital CareerTools**; MyFuture, LifeLauncher, SkillsRoad360.

# 4 STEPS TO AN APPRENTICESHIP

## **PREPARATION**

Test your knowledge by trying a Literacy & Numeracy Quiz and Aptitude test
Australian Apprenticeship Pathways
website

# Go.Forward

<u>Helpful Websites</u> https://myfuture.edu.au/

https://www.lifelauncher.nsw.gov.au/

https://www.skillsroad.com.au/360virtualworkplace

https://www.aapathways.com.au/insiders-advisers/practice-aptitude-quizzes

https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/

## JOB HUNTING

Talk with family, friends and tradies – let them know you are interest in an apprenticeship. Undertake Work Experience.

## SIGN-UP

Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider will arrange the sign up.
Once signed up, you will start work and commence job training



# eSafety Webinars

# eSafety's Parent Guide to Digital Technologies and Mental Health

This Term 4 webinar will provide parents and carers with strategies to help young people and their mental health when they are online.

It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 10-18.

### It will cover:

- What to do about accidental exposure to content about suicide, self-harm or eating disorders.
- Using games, apps and social media to support mental wellbeing.
- The pros and cons of digital mental health platforms.
- Strategies for young people to support friends online.

**Dates:** Tuesday, 9th November 7.30 to 8.30pm Thursday, 18th November, 12.30 to 1.30pm

# eSafety's Parent Guide to Online Gaming

This Term 4 webinar will provide parents and carers with an understanding of the benefits and risks of online gaming.

It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8-13.

### It will cover:

- eSafety's <u>State of play</u> research.
- The games young people are using and how they are engaging with them.
- The benefits of gaming and how to mitigate risks.
- Practical strategies to use at home and where to find help and support if things go wrong.

**Dates:** 15th November 12.30 to 1.30pm. 24th November 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Please register online www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

# Signing out of school early on any given day

If you have an unavoidable appointment for your child, on any given day, can you please:

- Send your child in with a note explaining the reason (exactly what type of appointment).
- The student presents this note to the Attendance Office before school and obtains their sign out slip.
- Make sure the note has the student's name, what year they are in, the time they are leaving and if they are returning or not, your signature and name, and the date.
- DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL unless you have been given a last minute appointment and we need to get your child out of class. The school has been inundated by "last minute" phone calls especially on a Wednesday. This ties the phone lines up and makes it impossible to get messages to students.









# **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: <a href="http://au.reachout.com">http://au.reachout.com</a>

**Suicide Call Back Service:** 1300 659467

WayAhead Directory: <a href="http://directory.wayahead.org.au/">http://directory.wayahead.org.au/</a>

**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).

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**School Counsellors:** Mr Andrew Allen and Ms Tay Cone.