



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

29 November-10 December -
Year 12 2022 Hospitality Work
Placement.

13-16 December -
Activities Week.

17 December -
Pupil Free Day.

28 & 31 January 2022 -
Pupil Free Days.

1st February 2022 -
Years 7, 11 and 12 students
return to school.
Out of area and new
enrolments at 1pm in Library.

2 February 2022 -
Years 8, 9 and 10 students
return to school.



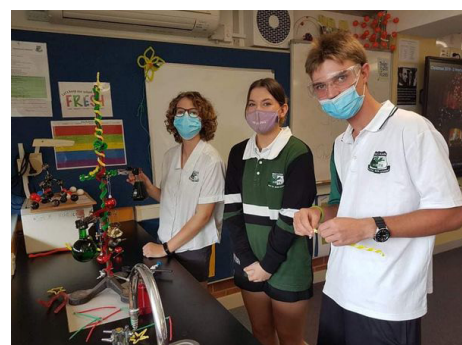
Oh Chemistree, Oh Chemistree

Yep! It's that time of year again! When our Chem Queen of a teacher, Ms Vadher, gets her Year 11 Chemistry class into the spirit of Chrissy!

It's a bit of a tradition in the Science faculty and honestly, we're here for it.

Ms Leena Vadher.

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





2022 Sport Update for Years 8, 9 and 10

2022 Sport should be back up and running as normal as possible starting the 2022 year. CHS sports are tabled to be back on track with Zone, Regional and State Carnivals and it is planned that Wednesday school sport options should be able to access outside venues once again.

Just to keep you informed of the beginning of next years sporting dates.

Week 2 - 2nd February, 2022 - First day back for Years 8, 9 and 10.

Students will be completing school sport activities and choosing sport selections for the rest of the year during sport time. Students will need to take permission notes home, get parent/carer approval and signature for selections, then return the selection sheet to the PDHPE office by Tuesday, 8th February, 2022.

Week 3 - 9th February, 2022.

School Swimming Carnival at Maclean Pool. More information will be advised early next year.

Week 4 - 16th February, 2022.

Term 1 sports will commence as per returned signed selection sheets.

NOTE:

- Any student who does not return a signed permission note will not be permitted to leave school grounds for sport.
- Sport selections will be prioritised by order of return.

Maclean High School P&C Association Canteen Committee



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

Your Maclean High School P&C is again coming to the parents and family members of children enrolled at the school currently, and for 2022, asking for some help in the Canteen. We desperately need volunteers who are double vaxxed and can spare a few hours every week or two.

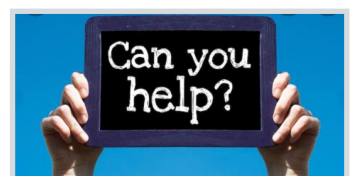
Our Canteen raises money for the school as well as feeding great food to hungry kids.

Have you asked your kids about the food?

The Canteen is a friendly place to work and 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 6645 2443.





Year 12 Formal and Presentation





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Covid Intense Learning Support Program (CILSP)



Many of our Stage 4 & 5 students have been involved in an intense learning program this year. The program aimed to help reduce the gaps in student learning created during the disruption to education and the period of online learning last year. Students have appreciated the opportunity to work in small groups, focusing on specific areas and skills of literacy and numeracy. Students have demonstrated growth in ability and confidence. Thank you to our fantastic tutors who have created innovative and engaging lessons targeting the needs of our students.

Well done to all students involved, and a big thank you to all staff who have assisted in the program's success.



'Punctuation Pasta'

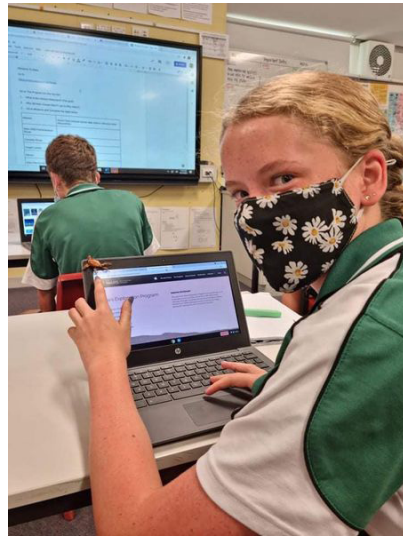
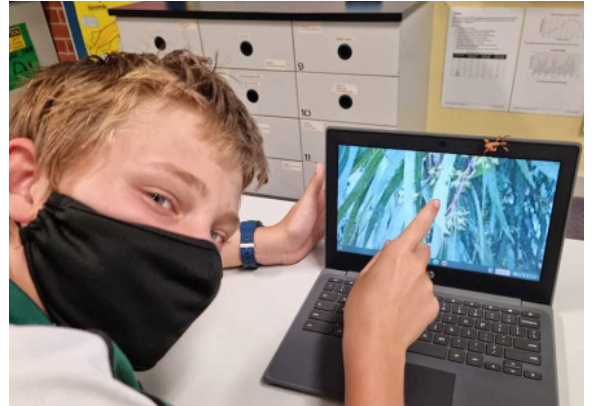
One of the many strategies used to upskill students with the intricacies of complex punctuation. Students read word cards, sorted them into text that made sense, read it aloud, and placed a variety of pasta pieces to punctuate for a clear message. The author's intention was also discussed to ensure clarity.





Science Mascots

Year 7 Science E had some very special mascots for their Mission to Mars recently. Our spiny leaf insects have begun hatching and are growing rapidly. Mrs Hollis has created an amazing sanctuary in her classroom for these cute little critters and students from Years 7 to 12 have been observing the growth process of these wonderful creatures for sometime now.



Farewell - Carolyn Willis

Stumps - It's time for me to pull up stumps and practice 'grey nomading'!

I began teaching at Cobar in 1984 and arrived at Maclean High School in 1987. I found my desk in the back room of the current 'Coffee Cave', which was a tad disconcerting. I had many great experiences with school, zone and CHS sport; excursions; inter school visits such as Kyogle; many a Brooms Head Peer Support Camp; teaching the first ever HSC PDHPE course and HSC marking, to name a few. In 1999 we left for the Liverpool Plains then returned in 2008. Since that time, I have been fortunate in teaching in the Learning Support Faculty.

Maclean High School has been significant in our family's lives as well as the Lower Clarence community and businesses; we have both seen a few generations through! We are still hanging around but now ex-student's parents won't have to ask me 'are you still here?' anymore. Be seeing you around!

Carolyn Willis.

Results of Maclean High School House Names Survey

Thank you to the members of the school community who completed the Maclean High School House Names Survey. Overall, the results indicate support to change the names to reflect Yagiiir words specific to our area. The school is currently working in collaboration with the AECG to determine appropriate Yagiiir words that are meaningful to our school. The community consultation process regarding house name changes will continue in Term 1, 2022, with the hope of determining the new names by the end of the term.



SRC News

On Thursday, 25th November, the SRC held a dress up day that raised funds for two very worthy causes. Noah's Gift is a charity created to support the Royal Children's Hospital by the family of a baby who was diagnosed with heart issues and passed away.

Coins for Santa Sacks is the second cause funds were raised for. Coins for Santa Sacks raises money to help rural children doing it tough because of fires, floods and drought, providing much needed presents for the children and food hampers at Christmas so that these families are able to celebrate what is meant to be the most joyous time of year. The organisation is Doin' It For Rural Aussie Kids, a charity SRC members voted to support, being from a rural area themselves. Close to \$200 was raised through the collection which will be supplemented with additional SRC funds to provide greater assistance to help out at Christmas.

Our school leaders travelled to Sydney with me to attend the Youth Leadership Academy Australia Conference and thoroughly enjoyed meeting other like-minded students, sharing ideas and learning about leadership qualities. We also met some very inspirational young people who have started their own successful businesses, as teenagers. Sadly, other planned leadership days were cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Thank you to all our families and staff who have supported the various events we have held over the past 12 months. Without your ongoing support we couldn't help the number of charities we have this year. We were able to hold the World's Greatest Shave which saw students and staff shave or colour their hair, raising over \$400 for Cancer research. Other charities supported included: Jeans for Genes, Footy Colours Day, Biggest Morning Tea which raised over \$300, WESTPAC Helicopter Service, SMART Arts, supporting people living with eating disorders/mental health through the Butterfly Foundation, Loud Shirt Day and the Heart Foundation.

My biggest thank you goes to the members of our wonderful SRC. You have all taken the changes we have had to deal with in your stride and helped drive the fundraisers to be the success they were. Every event raised around \$200 and some even more. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and can spend time with family and friends you may have been separated from over the past year.

The best of luck to Ms Claire Chapman who will be taking over as SRC Coordinator in 2022. I know you will enjoy working with our SRC members and supporting them in their leadership journey every bit as much as I have over the past two years.

Merry Christmas, Ms Elaine Essex, SRC Coordinator 2020-2021.



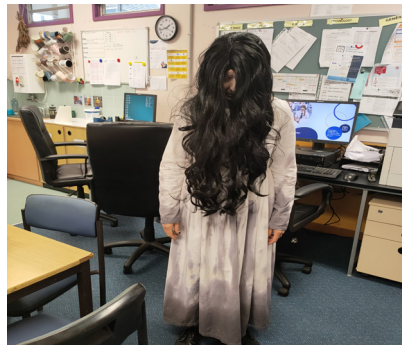


School Uniforms Desperately Needed

We are looking for donations of school uniforms that are not needed any more, (kids have grown out of them or have left the school).

Our clothing pool desperately needs any uniforms that are not needed, especially girls sizes 14+ and boys medium +.

Loud Shirt Day and Halloween



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.