



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

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

7 December -
Year 12 Formal, Graduation and Awards Presentation.

13-16 December -
Activities Week.

17 December -
Pupil Free Day.



Northern Schools Steer Show

Maclean High School takes out Overall Grand Champion Steer at the Northern Schools Steer Show in Inverell.

Maclean High School took a 9 strong team of steers to this years Northern Schools Steer Competition in Inverell on Thursday last week.

The prestigious competition attracts the best schools from Northern NSW with both private and government schools represented. The Maclean High School show team has grown from strength to strength with its inaugural year last year where they took the Light Weight Grand Champion Steer at the same competition. The school, comprising 35 students from Years 7 to 12, is definitely punching above its weight in the Show Steer World.

The winning steer was a 600kg Charolais cross steer who was fully donated by Mitch Donovan from Ray Donovan Stock and Station Agents, Grafton. Mitch bred the steer himself on the lovely Nymboida Country. With the cream of steers hand selected from local producers from across the Clarence Valley the school went onto ribbon in a further 4 classes:

Light Weight - 401kg to 420kg winner with a Speckle Cross Steer from local producer Ben Simpson from Broomshead;
Medium Weight - 441kg to 460kg - 3rd with a Pure Speckle also from Ben Simpson;

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Heavy Weight - 501kg to 550kg (17 strong class of steers) winner with a Limousine Cross Steer from Russell Bremner, a producer in Pillar Valley. 3rd in the same class with a Santa Gertrudis Cross Hereford bred by Leanne and Shaun Messer of Coastal Yamba Country. The overall grandchampion won his class in the heavy 551kg to 600kg with the Charolais Cross Steer.

Organising teacher Mr Chris Kirkland and the whole Maclean High School Show Team would like to thank Deb Snaith of McIntyre High School and Phil Jones from Tenerfield High School for running an amazing School Steers Show during trying COVID times. They really went above and beyond to reach educational outcomes for so many students from across Northern NSW.

Maclean High School is already excited for next year as we have obtained a number of steers ready for showing. The school would also like to announce that they will be taking stud cattle to next years shows. In the last few months they have bought Braford Stud Heifers and have started their own small Braford Stud. They will compete with these animals next year at shows and start the breeding and growth project of their Braford Stud. The school has also partnered up with Jamie Shipman of Great Marlow Speckle Park Stud to take Heifers from their stud on the early part of next years show circuit. Exciting times ahead for Maclean High School and its Cattle Show Team.

Well done team!

Mr Chris Kirkland.



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 10 Commerce and Agriculture

Year 10 Commerce and Year 10 Agriculture elective students participated in a tyre changing and oil checking practical lesson recently.

For Commerce this was the final activity as part of a school-based unit called “Buying and Owning a Car in NSW”. Students undertook learner practice tests, covered unit material on different elements of owning a car, and finally, took part in the practical demonstration.

Agriculture students undertake these practicals as part of their elective for application across a range of vehicle types.

Thank you to Mr Chris Kirkland and Mr Peter Berger for your skills and use of the farm ute on the day.

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Year 11 Cert III Sports Coaching





Good Luck and Bon Voyage

A Reflection on 23 years at Maclean

For many of you who are unaware, we, the Fisher family, are on the move. Matt (Head Teacher CAPA), Tanya (Head Teacher Maths) and boys Ethan and Hayden (in Year 8 and Year 9) are moving to the tropical warmth of Malaysia in 2022. We would like to take this opportunity to reflect and express our gratitude to Maclean High School and the Lower Clarence Community for the past 23 years in the valley. We have met some truly inspirational leaders, inspirational teachers, and more importantly, inspirational students, all of which have helped us develop into the educators we are today.



Some memorable moments really stick out. From the staff verse open girls rugby matches (wow those girls could tackle!!) to our whole family involvement in musicals. Ethan began his musical career at age 1, painting backdrops for 'Buddy - the Buddy Holly Story' with Tanya. The excursions are phenomenal. From Heron Island, to Central Australia, Sydney and Jindabyne, the experiences for staff and students alike is outstanding, and for the organising staff..... thank you.

Tanya loved establishing and singing with the vocal group superstars, which ended up as another family affair, with the boys providing the music. We are passionate about public education and cannot think of a better place to have had our own children attend. From Maclean Public School to Maclean High School, our kids have had the opportunities to really flourish and develop their skills.

As we head off to our new adventure at the Australian International School, Malaysia, we reflect fondly on our time here. We thank everyone who has worked with us, jammed with us and supported our endeavours over the past 23 years.

We will still pop into the area from time to time as we love it here, so if you see us, please say hello. It has been a blast, thanks and bye for now.

Matt Fisher.





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



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.