



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

5 - 16 Dec

Work Placement Hospitality

7 - 9 Dec

Year 9 Camp

9 Dec

Gold Coast Yr 11 Excursion

13 - 15 Dec

End of Year Activities

16 Dec

School Based End of Year Activities

19 - 20 Dec

School Development Days

31 Jan

Seniors & Year 7 Return

1 Feb

Years 8, 9 & 10 Return



Heron Island

Day 1

Year 10 have arrived at Heron Island! The students have seen so much already. A coral cay reef walk to assess the biodiversity of the reef flat at low tide. Circumnavigations of the island and harbour snorkel swimming with white tip reef sharks, turtles, an eagle ray and all sorts of fish. Last night they undertook lessons on coral bleaching and were able to witness several turtles laying. They were even able to observe a researcher measuring and tagging turtles.





From the Principal's Desk

Works Update

Work is continuing until the end of term and throughout the school holidays. Classrooms from E1 to E5 will be getting a new roof installed over the next several weeks.

Over the holiday period, it is important that the school site remains safe and secure as there will be heavy machinery moving about. Any visitors to the school site will need to be pre approved and must check in to the Bennett's site office upon arrival.

Showcasing MHS

The Presentation Evening last week was a wonderful showcase of the dedication and commitment our students have shown throughout the year. It is through the contribution of many that we make positive advances at Maclean High School. This includes students, staff, parents and community. Thank you to Mrs Tania Kane for her organisation and for coordinating everyone to ensure the evening ran smoothly. We are very proud of all that our students have achieved and for the ongoing support of our families and community.

End of Term

Activities week is a great opportunity to try something new and engage in a wide variety of programs outside of the classroom. Students are expected to be in attendance up until Friday the 16th of December which will be the last day for students. Please make sure to speak to Ms Watts or Miss Fisher if you have any questions about activities week.

Senior students are also reminded to empty out any personal belongings from their lockers over the holiday period. This is especially important as lockers may need to be moved during the construction works.

- Mrs Carla Taylor

Relieving Principal

LS1

LS1 students were very proud to have completed their Native Bee Houses this week. A big thank you goes to Mr Patch who gave us his time and skills so we could get this project underway. Well done team!

- Mrs Emma Webber



Heron Island

Day 2 was filled with awesome events such as a 6am Harbour snorkel to the wreck in deep waters filled with shovel nosed rays, spotted eagle rays, cow ray, sharks, turtles and several fish species. The mid morning boat trip was to the Blue Pools site which had amazing coral and fish in crystal clear water. The students performed a plankton trawl and observed and identified the plankton. They also compared Yamba and Heron Island sand microscopically.



Day 3 what a huge day snorkelling, seminars, swimming and sunset. Working with crew from The University of Queensland students sat in on lectures and have been embracing the development of their scientific research and field work skills. Our amazing staff have been right there beside them all the way providing encouragement and insightful tips to improve their techniques. The day was wound down with a sneaky spot of trivia.



Northern Schools Steers Competition Manilla

25 students and 7 Prime Steers made the 7.5 hr trip to Manilla to compete against the best 20 government and private schools across the northern part of NSW.

Day 1 started with parading, with 11 of our students making parading finals out of well over 100 competitors on the day. 24 MHS show team students paraded very well with first time paraders Ronan Naylor, Will Everson, Rory McLeod, Leya Everson and Indianna Orth holding their own to make it through to the finals. Some age groups having over 60 competitors.

Results

12 to 13 Year Parading Final-Leya Everson

14 to 15 Years Parading Final Bryson Lee, Nash Schrader, Rory McLeod, Blake Johnson, Nathan Moss, Isabella Addison.

16 plus Parading Final - Laura Goldie, Holly Nehls , Grace Carr , Tully Naylor.

3rd Place winner in the Final Parading Nash Schrader.

Steer Results

Class Heavy 1 and 2

"Clancy" and "Muzza" our Murray Grey Steers produced at Hideaway Park in Grafton would receive 4th and 5th in Heavy Class 2 respectively in a very hot field.

"Hokey Pokey" 5th in Heavy Class 1 our beautiful Speckle infused steer produced by Great Marlow Speckle Park of Grafton.

Junior Judging

5th place in Junior Judging was won by Tully Naylor in a huge field of age 16 plus junior judges. The judges saw a range of stock and spoke in front of a huge crowd on the day.

It was a huge four days of showing and hard work for a students having been to three shows already this school term.

Thanks to Ben Bowman and Martin McCabe the organisers of the Northern Schools. We as a school love competing in the Northwest area.

A huge thanks goes to our support crew of parents who make the trip enjoyable and fun for all. Thanks for carting our cattle, cooking us meals and towing horse floats full of gear for us. We would also like to thank all our Cattle Producers and Sponsors who make these students dreams possible.

MHS show team scored amazing results in Carcass section of Northern Schools Steer Competition

Reserve Champion Carcass of competition went to Sumo the Wagu x Angus donated by Eric Frasier and Sumo Cattle Co- South Gate. Score of 91.94 pipped for Grand Champion by 1 point.

Best Steer to be process through Teys Abbitour Tamworth with "Hokey Pokey" a Speckle Park x Charolais Steer donated by Jamie Shipman of Great Marlow Speckle Park Stud. He scored 88/100, 4th overall in competition.

This furthered their amazing hoof, parading and judging results from the show held at Manilla.

Well done MHS show team, staff and support crew.



SRC

2023 saw the return of activities to the school environment after COVID stopped us holding such days over the past two years. Students kicked off the year with our traditional Valentines Day celebrations, selling silk roses and lolly pops. Money raised went to the Heart Foundation for research into heart disease.

Further activities held supported charities such as World's Greatest Shave, WESTPAC Helicopter, Footy Colours Day, Butterfly Foundation Body positivity Week, RUOK Day and other worthwhile causes. Students participated in a fun dress up for Halloween and prizes were awarded for best costumes. The entrants paraded through Spooky Hollow and winners were judged by 2023 School Leaders. All activities were widely supported by students and staff with around \$200 raised for each charity.

Maclean High School Leaders for 2023 accompanied several SRC members to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Coffs Harbour in October. The day was thoroughly enjoyable, and students learnt some great strategies to support their leadership skills going forward. Thank you to Mrs Sarah Bramwell, Year 11 Advisor, for accompanying us on the trip.

The SRC members and I wish to thank the school community for your support of our activities throughout the year and wish all students, families and staff a wonderful Christmas and safe, happy holidays.

- Ms Elaine Essex
SRC Coordinator



History with 7S

7S were given the task of examining some replica artefacts from Pompeii as part of their unit on Ancient Rome. They had fun guessing the uses of the different artefacts and refining their deductions when given more information. The tessorium stumped them for a bit. It is a sponge on a stick used in public latrines for 'wiping'. Sharing is caring!

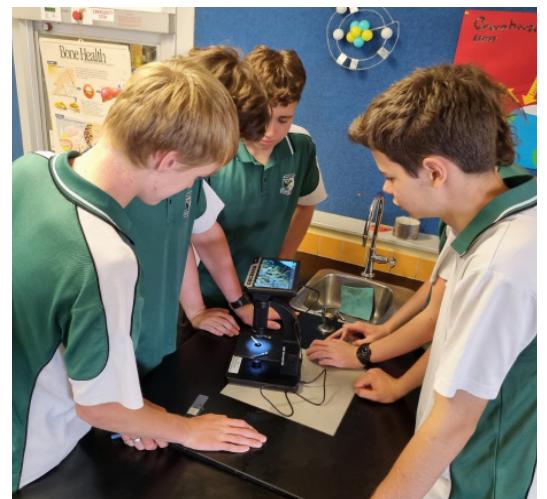
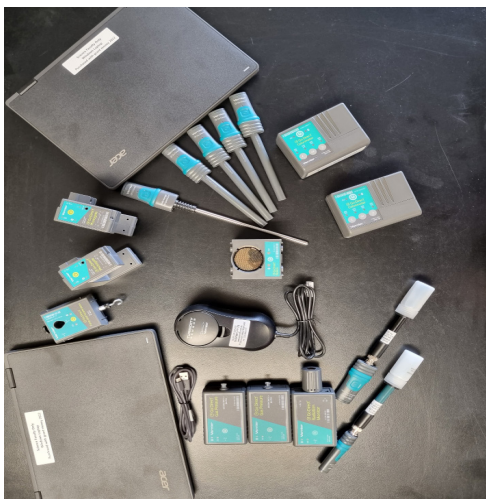


21st Century technology for the 21st Century learner – Grant funding for Science

A year ago, Maclean High Science Faculty was successful in securing \$30,000 in grant funding from School Plus as part of their 'Smart Giving Grants' program. This grant has been used to purchase numerous digital sensors and microscopes, along with a set of laptops to embed future-focussed learning tools into Science lessons. These resources arrived at the school last term and the Science Faculty is now working hard to develop lessons using the technology to enhance students' engagement and academic achievement. The funding is also supporting teacher professional development to build capacity to utilise the tools and embed these activities into teaching programs.

These resources ensure our students are being equipped for the technological world of tomorrow and we can utilise the whole school grounds for learning - classrooms, the school farm, outdoor spaces and the adjacent Clarence River and waterways. These resources compliment the requirements of the HSC Science curricula that were introduced in recent years and the new Year 7-10 curricula that will be introduced in 2024.

To find out more about Schools Plus, take a look at their website <https://www.schoolsplus.org.au/> and watch this space for more stories of how this technology is being embedding into lessons.





Reminder to parents and carers to apply now for 2023 school travel passes

Dear admins and teachers,

Last year, we had a lot of questions after the start of the new school year about how to get a bus pass and how to find the timetable, which can be stressful for parents and their children.

Bus passes are open for application now at Transport for NSW website - we encourage parents and carers to apply now to make sure their child/ren receive their 2023 bus pass before the start of the new school term.

We would be grateful if you could help your parents and carers prepare their children early for their bus journey to school, by sharing the below information via school email, text, newsletter, social media and website **before the end of Term 4.**

In 2023 we will again offer bus safety education incursions to schools our buses service. Find out more and book a session on our [website](#).

Getting to school by bus in 2023

Will your child be catching the bus to school in 2023? Applications are now open for a Bus Travel Pass. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of Term 4. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible.

Here is how it works:

Bus passes

All students catching the bus in 2023 will need a school travel pass.

Under the School Student Transport Scheme, eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.

For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a school travel pass, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer. Applications for 2023 opened at the start of Term 4.

Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.

If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.

5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.



YAMBA /MACLEAN

JOB VACANCIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE 2023

DRIVER & CARER (ATSO) Roles

GP & SP McLEOD Transport Services, have **DRIVER & ATSO positions becoming available 2023... in the YAMBA to MacLEAN DISTRICTS**

Assisted School Transport Drivers (ASTP) and Assisted Transport Support Officers (ATSO) ARE PAID POSITIONS

Students with a disability who are unable to travel to and from school without assistance rely on our dedicated team to support and drive eligible students in our vehicles to schools throughout the region.

Maxi Vans with Wheel Chair Lifts. ALL TRAINING PROVIDED

If you have **1 or 2 hrs in the morning and afternoon during all School terms** to either Drive or to be a Support Officer for our students. Have already (or prepared to obtain) a:

Valid Working with Children Check,

and are Medically Fit and Reliable, we would like to hear from you

POSITIONS AVAILABLE (Permanent or Casual Pool)

Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSO) ...(Paid Contractors hrly rate)

Assisted School Transport Driver (ASTP)...(Paid Contractor hrly rate)

For more information please email susan.mcleod@bigpond.com

View the website www.education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp

Or phone Susan McLeod **0411 141 679** or Greg McLeod **0427 341 679** for more details



DREAM HOOPS 1000

WWW.BNSW.COM.AU/DREAM-HOOPS-1000/

The Dream Hoops 1000 program has been set up to provide financial assistance grants to young people who would like to play basketball for the first time but are unable due to financial restraints.

This grant provides a successful applicant with a \$100 voucher that can be used towards registration fees, game fees or uniform costs.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must meet all the following criteria;
- Has not previously been a registered member of Basketball NSW
- Be 18 years of age or under
- Resided in one of the nominated postcodes (see QR code link to website)
- Endorsed by a BNSW Development Officer or Association President



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FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIP SERVICES TERM 4, 2022 EVENTS

GRAFTON

Livable - 11 Kemp St.

FAMILY TRIVIA

6 OCTOBER | 10 AM - 12 PM

Get your family together in the school holidays and test their trivia skills...with a twist.

CONNECTING WITH YOUR DAUGHTER

7 OCTOBER | 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your daughter along to enjoy a morning of pampering, creating and learning about 5 love languages to help strengthening your relationship.

AFTER THE STORM

6 CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS

11 OCTOBER - 15 NOVEMBER | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Livable and Clarence Valley Women's Refuge have partnered together to support parents and caregivers who have experienced domestic and family violence.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING

8 WEDNESDAYS | 10 AM - 12 PM

12, 19, 26 OCT; 2, 16, 23, 30 NOV; 7 DEC

Learn to read, understand and support your child's emotional needs and enhance their self esteem.

BLENDED FAMILIES

13 OCTOBER | 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Understand about being a step parent in a blended family and how to manage challenges.

MANAGING ANGER

20 OCTOBER | 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Using practical skills and knowledge find easy ways to manage anger and create a calmer home.

MANAGING BIG BEHAVIOURS

3 NOVEMBER | 12 PM - 2:30 PM

Understand behaviours in your child by tuning into their emotions to help them express themselves.

TUNING IN TO TEENS

6 CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS

3 NOVEMBER - 8 DECEMBER | 5 - 7 PM

Learn how to communicate effectively with your teen, prevent behaviour problems, manage difficult emotions and teach them to navigate friendships.

Livable Family and Relationship Services is funded by the Dept. of Social Services.

TODDLER TIME

17 NOVEMBER | 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Everything you need to know about raising toddlers.

THOUGHTFUL PARENTING ONLINE

2 CONSECUTIVE FRIDAYS

18 & 25 NOVEMBER | 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Thoughtful Parenting is made up of nine chapters. Each chapter explores a specific theme that is relevant to parenting - the issues, the joys and the challenges.

DADS & KIDS

23 NOVEMBER | 3 - 5:30 PM

In this workshop we celebrate fathers and discuss the important role a father has with their children.

NO SCAREDY CATS

3 CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS

29 NOVEMBER - 13 DECEMBER | 10 AM - 12 PM

A child development course that aims to support you and your child through the ups and downs of life.

PARENTING APART

2 CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS

24 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER | 12 - 2 PM

Explore what it means to parent after separation and how you can support your child.

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TAFE - Woombah St.

MINDFUL PARENTING

22 NOVEMBER | 10 AM - 12 PM

Create a calmer home through reflective parenting.

BOREDOM BUSTERS

22 NOVEMBER | 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Manage your child's emotions through the holiday months with great tips to bust the boredom.

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BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL

1800 289 927

LIVABLE.ORG.AU/EVENTS

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 Mrs Tay Cone.