



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

30 June

Last day of Term 2

17 July

School Development Day

18 July

Students return

25 July

Yr 10 Vaccinations

31 July - 4 Aug

Work Placement - Construction

31 July - 11 Aug

Work Placement - Primary Industries

31 July - 11 Aug

Trial HSC Examinations

4 Aug

North Coast Athletics

7 Aug - 9 Aug

NSWCHS 16's Rugby League

17 Aug

Year 7 Vaccinations



Year 11 Community and Family Studies (CAFS)

Year 11 CAFS have been visiting the residents of Mareeba Aged Care in Maclean throughout this year to make meaningful connections in our local community. It has strengthened the students' understanding of their course content but most importantly it has allowed the students and residents to enjoy each other's company, reap the benefits of social interaction and gain some worldly advice from our elders.

A huge shout out to Denise Ryan and all the wonderful staff and residents for welcoming us with open arms. We look forward to many more good times throughout the year ahead.

- Mrs Reeves



From the Principal's Desk

End of Term 2

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our parents, carers, and community members for the unwavering support you have provided to Maclean High School, our dedicated staff, and our students. Term 2 often poses challenges, particularly with the onset of winter illnesses. We are truly thankful for your commitment in promptly explaining student absences, ensuring students come to school in the designated uniform, and aiding our students in effectively managing their assessments and homework. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world," and we sincerely appreciate your continuous support in this journey of education and growth.

Day Structure

As we prepare for the upcoming term, I wanted to share some exciting updates regarding changes to our school day structure and activities. Firstly, we have revised the school day structure to better support student well-being and productivity. Starting from Term 3, we will have two 30-minute breaks during the day, allowing students to recharge and socialise and be ready to learn after this break. This will ensure a healthy balance between academic engagement and necessary downtime.

Furthermore, our weekly assembly will now be held on Tuesdays at 9:00am. This dedicated time will serve as an opportunity for the entire school community to come together, celebrate achievements, share important announcements, and foster a sense of unity and school spirit. It is compulsory for all students to be in attendance.

Lastly, I would like to inform you about our scattered sport model. For years 7 and 8, integrated sport activities will take place throughout the timetable. This will allow students in these year levels to engage in physical activities, develop teamwork skills, and enjoy the benefits of regular exercise. Years 9 and 10 will have their two periods of sport on Wednesdays during periods 3 and 4, offering them the opportunity to be physically active. Due to the ongoing construction work this will allow us to make the most of our sporting facilities at MHS as well as community facilities. Sport is a mandatory part of our curriculum, and all students are expected to return to school following sport to complete the remainder of the school day.

These initiatives have been the result of discussions, planning and data gathering over the last two terms. We need to maximise the use of school resources and staff in order to maximise the learning opportunities and engagement of our students. Through this model we believe that we will see a positive shift in improved student attendance, higher participation in sport and an increase in our ability to cover classes within our existing staffing entitlement.

Construction

Work is continuing throughout the holidays and a works notice is included in the Newsletter if you would like further information. The school site will be closed due to construction and not available for any public visitation or use during the holiday period.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is approaching, providing a special opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. This year's theme, "For Our Elders," reminds us of the importance of honouring their wisdom and guidance. We are extremely fortunate at Maclean High School to have the support and guidance of our local Yaegl Aboriginal Elders.

I urge you to get involved in community activities during the upcoming holidays, embracing local events and initiatives and I encourage our students to do the same. By engaging with our Indigenous community, you can deepen your understanding, forge connections, and contribute to unity and respect.

From the Principal's Desk

Reconciliation Action Plan

During Reconciliation Week I was asked to speak at the launch of Innovate RAP at the Department of Education state office in Sydney. The reason for this was to showcase the journey of Maclean High School in making advances towards reconciliation, lifting the standards of Aboriginal Education and engaging authentically with the local Yaegl community. This is a huge achievement for Maclean High School and we all need to be very proud of our Aboriginal Education Team for the years of work that they have put in and to the working group who have been an important part of our Reconciliation Action Plan which includes community members and school staff.

A Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is a strategic document developed by organisations, businesses, and educational institutions in Australia to formalise their commitment to reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. RAPs provide a framework for organisations to develop meaningful relationships, foster respect, and create opportunities for Indigenous Australians in employment, education, and community engagement.

You can view our RAP on our school website- Reconciliation (Action Plan) - Maclean High School (nsw.gov.au)

Have a safe and enjoyable winter break and we look forward to seeing all students eager and ready to learn on Tuesday the 18th of July.

- Mrs Carla Taylor
Relieving Principal

PSSA Netball Umpires



Maclean High School students Leilani Read, Marlee Hughes, Chloe Ryan, Freya Meade, Dimity Clarke, Tessa Davey, Emma Kerr and Grace Finnegan umpired the PSSA Netball Knockout gala day at Raymond Laurie Centre in Yamba last Thursday.

From a Yamba Public teacher:

"Our day was a big success thanks to these beautiful girls. The way they umpired and helped our young players was incredible to watch. They also showed initiative in taking over the admin side of things by updating our draw, making sure teams were on the right court at the right time and completing all scoring duties as well. What a credit they are to Maclean High School."

Well done girls!

Term 2 Year 6 Transition Visit

'Dabbling in the Arts'

Year 6 students from across our community of schools enjoyed exploring a range of media, techniques and creative approaches in Visual Arts during the MHS Orientation Day activities. We dabbled in claymation using plasticine and iPads, and shared simple tips with pencil, charcoal, oil pastels and watercolours.

Students from each primary school were presented with a digital teaching resource created by MHS Visual Art teachers to share with their primary school art clubs and art classrooms. We hope students will share their artworks in our online Connected Community Art Gallery, so we can help guide their creative development and provide feedback in readiness for their transition to high school.

- MHS Creative and Performing Arts Faculty



U13's & Open Boys Rugby

The Maclean High school under 13's and Opens boys Rugby League teams travelled to Ballina to contest the second round of the state wide country cup competition on Tuesday the 20th of June.

The under 13's played two games, going down to a classy Ballina High team 24-6 in the first game.

The boys fought hard in game two against St Mary's high, losing five eighth Demarco Quinlan-Randall and hard running second rower Lincoln Miller to injuries as the game progressed. The team fought back from 16-0 down in the second half to take the lead 18-16 as the final siren approached, however the impact of playing with no reserves took its toll in the end as they were unable to maintain the lead, eventually going down 22-16. Special mention to Surea Miripasi who did not stop running or tackling in both games, a huge effort in a depleted forward pack and plenty of courage shown by Harry Mitchell, Riley Marker and Daeymn Billington playing out of position.

The Open's team played Xavier College in a tightly contested game. The Maclean team struck first, going up 6-0, however a dubious sinbining of centre Marley Lawrence allowed Xavier college to claw their way back into the game and eventually wore down the Maclean team who only carried one reserve into the game, finally going down 8-6.

It was a courageous effort by both teams depleted by injuries, but in the end neither was able to progress to the next round.

- Mr D. Dobbin

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Technology and the Arts

Our Year 9 and 10 Photography and Digital Media and Drama students are excited to begin exploring the STEM T4L film kits in readiness for collaborations in Term 3. Watch this space!



Year 9 Child Studies - Maclean Public School Kindergarten Visit

Year 9 Child Studies had the opportunity to extend their knowledge of their course content recently by visiting Maclean Public School to assist with Kindergarten during their library time. Child Studies is an elective in years 9 & 10 and interests students who would like to venture into careers in early childhood education. The students had a fantastic time that included reading to their Kindy buddies and assisting them with ICT applications.

A big thank you to Maclean Public School for welcoming us with open arms and we can't wait to head back again soon.

Mrs Reeves.



Account of the Moulin Rouge excursion to QPAC by Hailey Rutkowski Year 10



On Wednesday we boarded the bus and set off for Brisbane. It was super exciting and I was looking forward to the show! The bus ride was loud and fun with everybody singing along to speakers. We stopped for lunch and I got a Boost Juice which was delicious. Then we got back on the bus and continued singing.

When we arrived at QPAC we were all very confused about how to navigate the busy Brisbane city, but eventually, with a lot of help from Miss O'Neill, we made it to the Lyric Theatre. When we entered, we saw a lot of people who were dressed fancy and had designer bags and I wished I could have dressed up. When I found my seat and looked around, I was amazed at the set-up with the lights and props. There was a windmill on one side which was brightly lit up and a massive blue elephant on the other.

While we waited for the show to start women and men paraded around the stage in their costumes which were super cool. The show started and it was so amazing. I had never been to the theatre before and it was an experience I won't forget. My favourite part of the show was when one of the main characters Satine made her first appearance. She descended from the ceiling on a swing in a beautiful silver glittery dress, singing. I also really enjoyed watching the can-can dance when the girls wore pretty colourful dresses. In the interval, I went with my friend Ruby and looked at the merchandise where she got the programme and a jumper. The entire show was absolutely amazing and I'm really glad I went.

North Coast Cross Country

On Friday 16th June, 16 Maclean High students travelled to Byron Bay for the North Coast Cross Country Championships. Zahli Carmichael won gold in the 14 year girls and Zoe Snape won silver in the 16 year girls.

These two girls plus Bodhi Blackmore, Neve Pengelly, Luna Philip and Daemyn Billington qualified to represent North Coast at the NSWCHS Cross Country Championships at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek, Sydney on the 21st July.



PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

TELL US ABOUT VAPING



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North Coast Youth Vaping Taskforce 

Are you a parent of a young person in the Northern NSW area? We want to hear your thoughts on youth vaping! The North Coast Youth Vaping Taskforce is a collaboration of health professionals and community organisations working together to tackle the issue of vaping in our young people. We need to hear from parents, to ensure your voice is considered as we develop strategies to prevent young people from taking up vaping and support those who already do vape.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V836JGM>

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online.

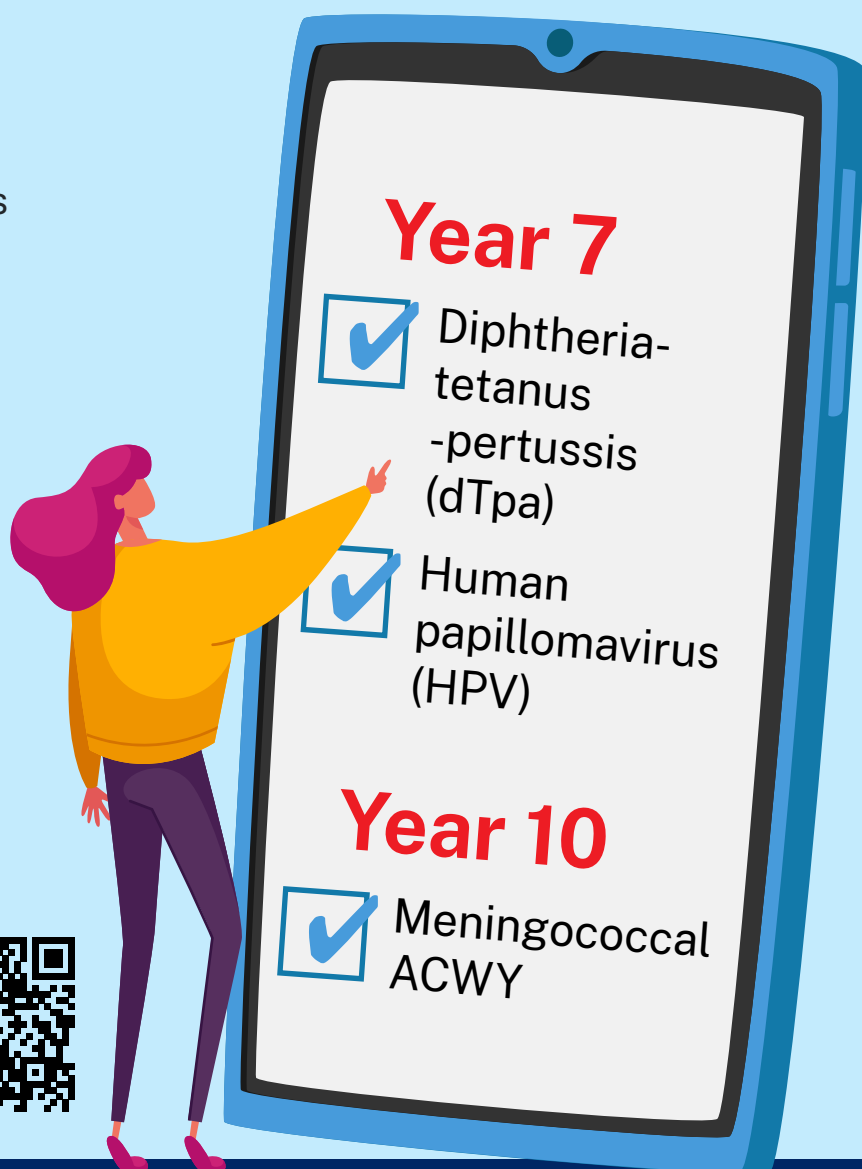
Benefits of providing online consent:

- easily update your child's details
- get SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

To provide online consent, you will need:

- to visit: nswhealth.service-now.com/school
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare details for you and your child

Scan the QR code to give your consent now.



For more information on vaccination visit:
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BELL TIMES

Term 3 2023

	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY	TUESDAY
Years 11 & 12 (Senior Period)	8.30 – 9.05	8.30 – 9.00
ASSEMBLY		9.00 – 9.15
ROLL	9.05 - 9.15	Roll mark at Start Period 1
Period 1	9.15 - 10.05	9.15 - 10.05
Period 2	10.05 - 10.55	10.05 - 10.55
RECESS	10.55 - 11.25	10.55 - 11.25
Period 3	11.25 - 12.15	11.25 - 12.15
Period 4	12.15 - 1.05	12.15 - 1.05
LUNCH	1.05 - 1.35	1.05 - 1.35
Period 5	1.35 - 2.25	1.35 - 2.25
Period 6	2.25 - 3.15	2.25 - 3.15



FOR OUR ELDERS

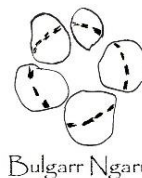
NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK 2-9 JULY 2023

Clarence Valley Council are partnering, sponsoring, and supporting NAIDOC Week across the Valley. Here is a list of NAIDOC events in the Upper and Lower Clarence. So, come along and join in ...

For Our Elders!

DATE	PARTNER/S	EVENT
Friday 23 June 2023	Lower Clarence – Play N Yarn Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation	Play N Yarn Petting Zoo – 10.00am – 12:00pm - Ford Park/Wooli Street Hall, Yamba
Friday 30 June 2023	Clarence Regional Library	Iluka Library - NAIDOC Story Time 10:30am
Monday 3 July 2023	Clarence Valley Council Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation	Flag Raising Events - (morning tea provided) - Grafton: 2 Prince Street Council Chambers at 10.00am o Welcome to Country – Joanne Randall o Performance – Ken Gordon, Lennox and Maisie Monaghan - Yamba: Port of Yamba Historical Society, River Street Yamba, at 10:00am o Welcome to Country – Yaegl Elders Group o Performance and Song in Language by Kerri McLeay - Brushgrove Hall, Clarence Street Brushgrove: Elders Luncheon at 12:30pm RSVP Tina on 6645 0232 for catering purposes by Monday 26 th of June 2023
Tuesday 4 July 2023	Gurehlgam Baryulgil Community Hub (New School of Arts)	For Our Elders Morning Tea - 9.30am - 10.30am , 18 – 26 Victoria Street, Grafton NAIDOC Services Day - 10.30am – 1.00pm , Barnook Community Centre, Clarence Way, Baryulgil
Wednesday 5 July 2023	Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation Birrigan Gargle LALC Clarence Regional Library	NAIDOC Community Day – 10.00am – 2.00pm - Raymond Laurie Sports Centre, 78 Angourie Road, Yamba - Free lunch, workshops, and cultural activities. Iluka Library – Cupcakes Morning Tea – 10:30am - 11:30am Grafton Library – Vintage Film Club – 10:30am - 12:30pm
Thursday 6 July 2023	Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service Clarence Regional Library Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation	NAIDOC Community Day - McKittrick Park, South Grafton 10.00am – 2.00pm Free lunch, workshops, stalls, fun activities, photo booth, services and more. Stall holders call Tracy Duroux on 0490494848 Grafton Library - NAIDOC Story Time 10:30am & Morning Tea for our Elders 11.00am Maclean Library – Origami Boomerangs & Cupcakes – 10:30am - 11:30am Screening of “Sweet as” – Yamba Cinema, 13 Coldstream Street Yamba 4.45pm Email Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation for ticket Information on office@mudyala.org.au
Friday 7 July 2023	Clarence Regional Library	Yamba Library - Cupcakes Morning Tea & Kids Colouring Activities – 10:30am - 11:30am
Friday 14 July 2023	Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation	NAIDOC Golf Day – Maclean Golf Club – 9:30am start Cost \$50 – covers green fees, lunch, shirt, and prizes (Book at Maclean Golf Club – 6645 2183)

2023 NAIDOC WEEK EVENT PARTNERS



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Works notification | 26 June 2023

School Infrastructure NSW and Public Works are managing the repair and remediation of buildings and grounds at Maclean High School.

July break construction activities

Flood remediation work will continue over the July school break from **Monday 3 July to Friday 14 July 2023**. The entire school will be closed to the public during this time.

Work to be undertaken during the July school holidays are:

- General construction works.
- Non friable asbestos removal as per a previously issued Works Notice dated 6 June 2023 (see below).

During remediation and repair works at Maclean High School, asbestos containing material was found in window corking and the building cladding of Blocks B and D.

Licensed asbestos contractors will enter the site via Woombah Street and will work between 19.00 pm and 05.00 am.

The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The area is cordoned off within an unoccupied building worksite and safety measures have been implemented, including air monitoring, PVA spray applied to the sheets, and dust suppressed with water. Thorough HEPA vacuuming of the remaining structures will be undertaken. The buildings will remain out of bounds to students and staff until remediation is completed.

These areas will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

All asbestos-containing material will be removed in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

Testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated. The construction contractor will receive a clearance certificate following remediation.

There may be some noise associated with works. We will make every effort to minimise noise impacts by, for example, turning off machinery when not in use.



The health, safety and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

All construction works will be undertaken within the fenced off construction zone.

Work hours will be **Monday to Friday 7am to 5pm, and Saturday 7am to 5pm.**

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.





Seatbelt safety reminder

In light of the recent tragic event in the Hunter Valley, we are reminding students to wear seatbelts whilst traveling onboard buses, if a seatbelt is available.

We are asking your help to encourage students to correctly use seatbelts, in the interest of safety for our young travellers.

Seatbelts double the chance of survival and reduce the risk of injury in a road crash.

By law, all passengers must use the seat belts in any bus that is fitted with them.

Bus drivers ensure passengers are made aware of the need to wear seat belts when travelling on the bus, however it is the student's responsibility to use the seatbelts and buckle themselves in.

As a reminder, please see the correct instructions below on how to wear a seatbelt properly:

For a seatbelt to work, you should adjust it 'low, flat and firm':

- low – placed on your hips to fully secure your body weight
- flat – no twists, turns or folds
- firm – regularly pull the belt firm to remove any slack.

It would be a great assistance if you can help by talking to your students about wearing their seat belts on the bus without being asked. If there is a seatbelt on their seat, they need to buckle up.

If a student needs help fastening their seatbelt whilst on the bus, please remind them to ask for help from the person next to them or nearby, or a sibling or friend.

Teachers who supervise bus loading zones can also play a positive role by reminding students to sit down and click clack. Additionally, positive reminders for students to wear seatbelts during assemblies and via your school's online channels are great ways to reinforce this messaging with parents and carers.

Under the [Transport for NSW Student Code of Conduct](#) for students travelling on buses, failing to wear the seat belt properly adjusted and fastened if one is available is a Category 1 - Unacceptable Behaviour offence. Penalties for Unacceptable Behaviour include a warning (first offence), up to 2 weeks suspension (second offence) and up to 10 weeks suspension or permanent suspension may apply for further offences (subsequent offences).

For more information on how to travel safely see the Transport for NSW's Student Code of Conduct [here](#). Or, if you would like more information or materials to assist with this messaging, please contact Busways' at infoline@busways.com and we'll be happy to help.

Thank you for your support.

Busways Customer Experience team



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Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659467

Parent Line NSW: 1300 1300 52 or www.parentline.org.au

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.

Wellbeing Health In-Reach Nurse: Mrs Sally Loy (Work No: 0484 648 062)