



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

28 Aug

Year 12 HSC Drama Night
6.30pm MHS Hall

28 Aug - 31 Aug

EPP Aged Care Start Program

30 Aug

YES Auto Grafton TAFE

31 Aug

YES Animal Studies Grafton
TAFE

31 Aug

Year 6 Transition Day

31 Aug

One Stop Shop Year 9 Yamba

1 Sep

YES Welding Grafton TAFE

5 Sep

No payments can be made
online from 9am, Tuesday 5
September 2023

6 Sep

YES Auto Grafton TAFE

6 Sep - 8 Sep

NSWCHS Athletics

7 Sep

YES Animal Studies Grafton
TAFE



Year 9 & 10 PASS - Outdoor Education Bushwalk

Amidst the tranquility of the New England National Park's Thungutti Campground, our Year 9 and 10 Physical Activity and Sport Studies (PASS) Outdoor Education students embarked on a remarkable camp during week 5. A break from screens and routine, the camp seamlessly merged adventure with learning.

Guided by nature's paths, students traversed the Cascades, Point Lookout, and Cathedral Rock trails. Beyond unveiling scenic marvels, these walks honed skills in navigation, minimal impact camping, group dynamics, safe bushwalking, and outdoor nutrition.

The backdrop of valley panoramas, diverse landscapes, and campfire camaraderie fostered a genuine connection with the environment. Thanks to the Ebor Falls Hotel Motel, the camp even embraced a taste of sports excitement with the Matildas vs England Semi Final.

As students are now armed with newfound skills, a greater appreciation for nature, and an excitement for more adventures. The year 9 course will look to further develop these acquired skills in surfing, kayaking and more bushwalking.

- Mr Obst and Mrs Mawn

From the Principal's Desk

Student Volunteers

Many of our student's volunteer as part of their workplace hours for VET (Vocational Education & Training) courses. This may include Hospitality, Construction, Primary Industries or Sports Coaching. These are important opportunities to gain real world experience and strengthen their skills. I have had the pleasure in receiving positive feedback for the support our Sports Coaching students have provided to our local primary schools. They have represented Maclean High School with pride and demonstrated themselves to be enthusiastic, mature and responsible young adults.

"I wanted to send an email to express how thankful we were for their assistance and support on our athletics carnival day. Throughout my years of running carnivals and having high school students assist on these days, this group of students was by far one of the most efficient and cooperative." Gulmarrad Public School

"Can you please pass on our genuine thanks to those students that assisted with our carnival last week. The students were outstanding throughout what was a big day. An excellent group of young adults! I cannot give them enough credit; they were awesome ambassadors for Maclean High School"- Chatsworth Island Public School

Our Aboriginal Dancing Group were also invited to represent Maclean High School and participate in the opening of the Iluka Public School Yarning Circle. We would like to sincerely thank Iluka Public School for including our students in this special occasion.

Parent Teacher Evening

Semester 2 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the 7th of September from 3:45-6:45pm. Bookings will open this week and information will be emailed to families and made available via our school website and Facebook page. Each interview timeslot is 5 minutes in length. Should you require a longer discussion with your child's teacher please request a follow up phone call or arrange a meeting time through our front office. We value the opportunity to discuss students progress and encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Mrs Carla Taylor
- Relieving Principal



more photos from Year 9 & 10 PASS Outdoor Education Bushwalk



Leadership- Primary School

At the start of term our local primary schools hosted their annual Athletics carnivals. A total of 40 Maclean High School students volunteered to assist across Maclean Public, Gulmarrad, Yamba and the Small Schools competitions.

Students helped in officiating track and field events throughout the day to help the competitions run smoothly. Excellent feedback was received regarding students behaviour and participation, well done.



Maclean High School

Who to contact for subject related matters?

- Step 1:** Classroom Teacher
- Step 2:** KLA Head Teacher
- Step 3:** Deputy Principal
- Step 4:** Principal



Maclean High School

Who to contact for wellbeing issues?

- Step 1:** Year advisor
- Step 2:** Head Teacher Wellbeing
- Step 3:** Deputy Principal
- Step 4:** Principal



FAME - School Musical



Last week Maclean High School became known as “The Fame High School” as the musical of Fame played to audiences of all ages. Primary schools from across the Clarence Valley squealed in delight at the matinee shows, while adults and students alike danced in the impromptu mosh pit during the live band’s original song. The show was an incredible success with around 450 people attending the night performances and around 300 primary students from 5 schools during the school matinees. With many audience members attending more than one show we knew we had struck a nerve for our audiences. The incredible joy from the performers and audience alike at the end of each show was worth the many many hours of work it took outside school hours to rehearse and perform.

The star moments included Tyrone Jackson played by Deron Wilson leading the singing and dancing of ‘Dancing on the sidewalk’ with his on stage love interest Iris Kelly played by the incredibly talented vocalist/dancer Sabrina Bowly. Juxtaposing these upbeat scenes were the soulful ballads of Katherine Moore and Sumira Mahoney playing Miss Sherman and Carmen Diaz. The comedic “Mabel’s prayer” sung by the hardworking and talented actor and vocalist Ava Young being supported by the Maclean High School dance ensemble was also a highlight for many. The teachers of Fame played by Ebony Johns, Alora Mahoney and Daniel Causley created a sense of realism and connection between students and teachers that mirrored situations Mr Mitchell and myself found ourselves in throughout this process of directing this musical. The all-round professionalism and versatility of Jazmyn Adey and Ethan Moore in the roles of Serena Katz and Nick Piazza as they showcased their vocal, dancing and acting skills alongside Mitchell Sanna’s outrageous comic timing as Joe Vegas was a crowd favourite every night. The surprise talent of the show was the elite football player turned songbird, Yasmin Elabbasi playing Grace Lambchops Lamb as she featured in the trio singing the title song, “There she goes/Fame.” While Kieran Karstens delighted the crowds as the voice of reason playing the part of Schlomo Metzenbaum vocalist and pianist.

We are so delighted with the reactions of all involved in rehearsing, performing or viewing the show including parents, community members, school staff, P&C members and students it would be impossible to not think about what’s coming next.

- Melissa O’Neill
Director/Producer of Fame Junior the Musical

Student Representative Council

On Friday 18th of April we dressed up in our PJ's to raise money for The Pyjama Foundation which raises awareness and help for kids in foster care. We wore our PJ's and watched short films on picnic rugs and cushions in the quad at lunch. With the donations and the money from the movie snack stall we raised a whopping \$200 in half an hour and it is all going to children in foster care. The SRC would like to thank you all for supporting this fundraiser and for participating in such an important and fun day.

This Term the SRC has collaborated with the staff to implement a new system to improve the state of the toilets. The most common complaint the SRC received was regarding the safety and state of the toilets. Many students were nervous about using the bathroom which was regularly vandalised.

To address this issue, the toilets are now supervised during break time and closed during class time. Our student survey indicated that the majority of students were happy with this change because the bathrooms were cleaner and safer. While checking in at the attendance office to use a toilet during class is inconvenient, it has been a good compromise to ensure our bathrooms are user-friendly and well looked after.

We'd like to thank the teaching staff for using their own time to do the extra supervisions and to the administration staff for the extra challenge with monitoring toilet passes. We acknowledge you are doing this to make our school a safer place.

The SRC works hard to listen and respond to suggestions that come our way, so please chat to us if you have any ideas on how to make the school a better, happier place.



Health Pathways Excursion

Students from Year 10, 11, and 12 had an engaging day exploring potential healthcare careers at Southern Cross University. The event provided a platform for those interested in healthcare professions to delve into various pathways. Attendees had the opportunity to discover fields such as Aged Care, Community, Disability Care Work, Sport & Exercise Science, as well as Registered & Enrolled Nursing.

The highlight of the event was the Q&A panel featuring experienced health professionals, allowing students to gain insights directly from those in the field. Moreover, students had the chance to interact with representatives from TAFENSW and Southern Cross University, discussing potential educational pathways and study options.

This event empowered our students to envision their futures in healthcare and equipped them with valuable information to make informed decisions about their career aspirations.



August Clarence Valley Shoppingworld Junior Sports Person of the Month

This is Jett Burke, Jett is the August Clarence Valley Shoppingworld Junior Sports person of the month. In May, Jett won a silver medal in the 15 years 100m butterfly at the NSW CHS Swimming Championships. After qualifying fastest for the final in a time of 1:02.98, his final effort of 1:02.64 was only 0.13s behind the winner!

Jett also reached the final in the 50m freestyle (8th), 100m freestyle (8th), 200m freestyle (10th) and 100m breaststroke (10th) at the championships, and was part of Maclean High's 16 boys 4x50m relay team who finished 14th.





Transport NSW Apprenticeship

This week, our Career Class 10C and the Year 11 Work studies class had the privilege of hosting a representative from Transport NSW who shared valuable insights about various apprenticeship opportunities. The upcoming deadline for applications is this Sunday, and it's an excellent chance to join the NSW Government Apprenticeship & Traineeship Programs for the FEB 2024 intake.

The available apprenticeships encompass a wide range of fields and expertise:

- Civil Construction Apprenticeship
- Bridge Construction Apprenticeship
- Road Designer Engineer Traineeship
- Painting and Blasting Traineeship
- Heavy Diesel Mechanic
- Electrical Apprenticeship

These programs offer an exceptional opportunity for motivated individuals to kick-start their careers with the NSW Government. All students who will be 16 by February 2024 can apply. The visit has provided our students with a clear path towards securing a promising future through these exciting apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities.



I need to collect my child early

What you need to do:

If you need to collect your child early from school, to reduce disruption during class time, it would be appreciated if you could send a note to school with your child to present at the attendance office before school.

If I'm sick at school

What you need to do:

- Let your teacher know that you feel sick
- Your teacher will write you a note to present to the attendance office
- The office will call your parents/carers to take you home



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>

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 12 September 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 5 September 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will at 1pm on Wednesday 6 September 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal.
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

Spriggy Schools

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!

Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

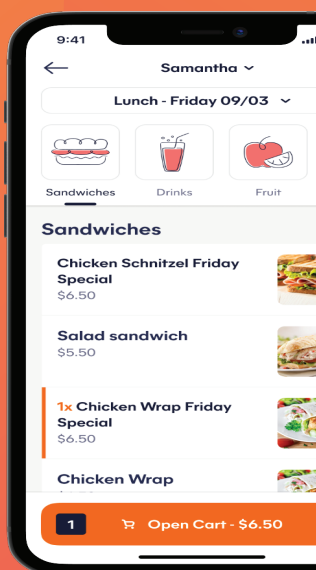
- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time



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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

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)