

MACINTYRE HIGH SCHOOL



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HOSPITALITY STUDENTS ATTEND SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

At the start of the school holidays, nine dedicated Year 11 Hospitality students travelled to Sydney to participate in the Rural Cafe at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. This initiative, part of the NSW Department of Education's Educational Pathways Program, offers students from regional and rural areas a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a bustling, real-world hospitality environment.

Throughout their time at the cafe, the students adeptly rotated between front-of-house and kitchen roles, aligning with their individual strengths and interests. They applied the skills and knowledge acquired during their practical cafe lessons at school, managing responsibilities such as food preparation, customer service, and maintaining hygiene standards. This immersive experience not only enhanced their technical abilities but also contributed significantly towards their vocational education and training qualifications.

Students worked very hard and were rewarded with free time to explore the attractions at the Royal Easter Show and enjoyed dining experiences in Sydney's central districts. Students demonstrated that "Macintyre kids can do anything" and represented the school with pride and professionalism.



TERM 2 KEY DATES

Week 6 - Week B

Monday 2 June - Ag Chemical training
Tuesday 3 June - Ag Chemical training
Thursday 5 June - Year meetings

Week 7 - Week A

Monday 9 June - Public holiday
Wednesday 11 June - HSC Booster Day @ UNE, Year 10 drama buddy reading program @ IPS
Thursday 12 June - North West Cross Country
Friday 13 June - Deputy Secretary visit, Inverell Careers Expo

Week 8 - Week B

Thursday 19 June - Principal's assembly
Friday 20 June - Athletics Carnival

Week 9 - Week A

Wednesday 25 June - Scripture, Year 10 drama buddy reading program @ IPS
Thursday 26 June - GRIT Excellence assembly

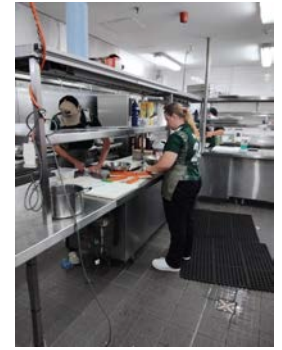
Week 10 - Week B

30 June - 3 July - Open Boys Softball @ Sydney
Monday 30 June - Working Dogs Program
Tuesday 1 July - Working Dogs Program
Thursday 3 July - NAIDOC assembly

HOSPITALITY STUDENTS ATTEND SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW CONTINUED

Congratulations to all the students involved - you have proven that with determination and hard work, you can achieve remarkable accomplishments. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Reynolds for his unwavering support and guidance- without which the trip would not have been such a success.

-Mrs Whitton



Montana and Cooper attended the Rotary dinner after their trip to Sydney, where both students shared their experiences at the Royal Easter Show. They were commended for their confident speaking, and Rotary members are excited to see how our hospitality students continue to grow over the next year.

Rotary generously donated funds to cover the students' travel expenses and is providing their coffee trailer for the school's athletics carnival. We encourage you to come and grab a coffee from the students at the carnival! This is a great opportunity to support their training while helping raise money to purchase new café and chef uniforms.



WELFARE UPDATE

★Welfare Team Update – Term 2

Term 2 has been filled with positive energy, connection, and growth across our school community. The Welfare Team has been actively working to support student wellbeing, encourage strong attendance, celebrate achievements, and create opportunities for every student to feel safe, valued, and included. We're also pleased to welcome Mrs Whitton, who has kindly stepped into the Year 11 Adviser role while Adrian Gersbach takes leave for the remainder of the term. Mrs Whitton has already made a fantastic start, and we're grateful for her contribution.

🎉Celebrating Success – Year Adviser Achievement Certificates

We love recognising and celebrating our students, and this term, our Year Adviser Achievement Certificates have done just that! Students were acknowledged for their effort, attitude, resilience, behaviour, and contributions to school life. These moments of recognition are a reminder of the incredible young people we have in our school, and we're so proud of each recipient.

📷 See photos below of some of our amazing recipients this term, congratulations to all!



🌸Yinarr Girls Group – A Beautiful Start

We're excited to share that our Yinarr Girls Group began this term, offering a space for connection, creativity, and cultural pride. Led by our amazing Aboriginal Education Officer Jane Blair and supported by Cherie Duffy (SSO), the group has quickly become a weekly highlight. So far, students have enjoyed activities such as traditional cooking, weaving, jewellery making, and cultural art. It's been a joy to see the girls thrive in this safe and empowering space.

❤️❤️❤️ Junior AECG – Leading with Purpose

Our dedicated Junior AECG met in Week 4 and is already working on some wonderful initiatives for NAIDOC Week in Week 10. Their ideas and leadership are inspiring, and we can't wait to see their creativity and culture come to life as they help lead our school's celebrations later this term.

🎁 Term 2 Attendance Prize – Let's Keep Turning Up!

At Macintyre High School, we know that every day of learning counts, and we love to reward great attendance! Students with 95% attendance or higher this term will go into the draw for a special prize.

Good news! Students who represent the school, on excursions, sports, or any other official school business, will have their attendance recorded as present and remain eligible.

Let's finish the term strong together!



WELFARE UPDATE CONTINUED...

🍷 Love Bites Program

Earlier this term, our Year 10 students participated in the Love Bites program – a nationally recognised, respectful relationships education initiative delivered to Macintyre High School students by Megan from Rural Outreach.

Love Bites aims to educate and empower young people in the areas of respectful relationships and personal safety, helping students build the skills and confidence to navigate challenging situations with care and understanding.

Throughout the day, students engaged in interactive workshops that explored key topics including:

- Respectful relationships
- Consent and communication
- Recognising and responding to unhealthy behaviours
- Legal rights and responsibilities
- Positive self-worth and boundaries

The program concluded with a creative session, allowing students to reflect on their learning through art and group discussion.

A huge thank you to Megan from Rural Outreach for delivering such a meaningful and impactful program, and to our Macintyre staff – Cherie Duffy (SSO), Rob Reynolds (Year 10 Year Adviser), Kim Smith (Year 9 Year Adviser) and Jemima McLachlan (Year 8 Year Adviser) – for their support throughout the day.

We are proud to provide programs like Love Bites that support student wellbeing and contribute to a safe and respectful school culture.



NAIDOC Week Celebrations - Week 10 🖤❤️🟡

We're already looking forward to NAIDOC Week in Week 10, where our whole school community will come together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history, and achievements. With student-led activities, performances, and reflection, it's sure to be a beautiful and meaningful end to the term.

★ A Positive Start to Term 2

As we reach the halfway point of Term 2, we want to take a moment to thank our students, families, carers, and wider school community for their ongoing support and positivity. It's been a strong and encouraging start to the term, with many highlights already and more to come.

We look forward to continuing to build on this momentum in the weeks ahead and appreciate the shared commitment to student wellbeing, engagement, and success.

— The Welfare Team



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CAPA

Year 12 Drama

Year 12 Drama students recently joined an exclusive virtual workshop with the Australian Theatre for Young People, centred on their HSC set text *Neighbourhood Watch* by Lally Katz. The session unpacked the play's surreal structure, shifting tone and complex characters, giving students practical insight from industry professionals. It sparked fresh thinking and supported both their performance work and written preparation.

This term, students are working towards devising their Group Performance and developing their Individual Projects ahead of the Practical HSC Drama Exams next term.



Year 11

Year 11 Drama wrapped up Term 1 with energy and originality. Mrs Chapple and Mr Gersbach were given an exclusive invite to the Group Devising Assessment, where students performed bold, montage-style pieces. Many explored heavy themes like domestic violence and internal struggle, developed through the unit focus on improvisation, playbuilding and acting. The performances showed maturity, honesty and strong ensemble work.

This term, students are exploring, 'Ruby Moon' by Matt Cameron. Set in a quiet Australian suburb, the play follows Sylvie and Ray Moon as they search for answers about their daughter's disappearance. The story blends reality and imagination, unpacking themes of grief, fear and identity. Students are looking at the play through the elements of production and will complete tasks in set design, costume design, promotional materials, programs or monologue performance.



Year 10 Drama

In Term 1, Year 10 Drama students explored Melodrama through the play, 'To Do or Donut', working in small groups to bring scenes to life. This term, they are building on that experience by adapting a segment of the play into a short film, learning about camera angles, shot types and visual storytelling.

The IPS Buddy Reading program also began on the 14th of May and will continue every second Wednesday (Week A, Period 5), giving students a chance to develop their vocal confidence and connection with younger audiences.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CAPA CONTINUED...

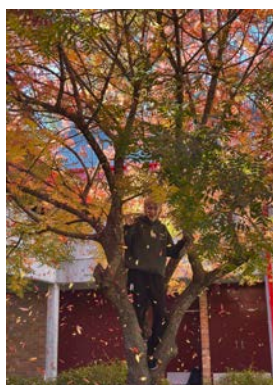
Stage 5 Drama Workshops - Armidale

At the end of last term, Stage 5 Drama students travelled to Armidale Secondary College for a full-day workshop run by the Department of Education's Arts Unit. The workshop focused on practical drama skills including movement, improvisation, and character work. Students collaborated with peers from other schools, challenged themselves through new performance techniques, and showed great enthusiasm in stepping beyond their usual classroom experiences.



Year 10 Photography

Year 10 Photography has been all about learning how to tell a story through images. Students have been exploring how a series of photos can connect to a theme or idea, using things like composition, lighting and framing to guide the viewer and build meaning. They've been encouraged to move past just taking a 'nice' photo and instead focus on what they want their work to say. Whether it's through portraits, still life or landscapes, the goal has been to create photo series that feel purposeful and connected. There's been some great thinking behind the lens and a real sense of growth in how students are using photography to communicate.



Year 7 Music

Year 7 Music classes have been learning how to compose original pieces using basic rhythmic and melodic patterns. In Term 1, students worked in small groups to write short compositions using classroom percussion instruments. These compositions were then passed on to other groups, who were tasked with reading and performing the written music.



HSIE NEWS

Stage 5 Commerce Court Visit

The Year 9 and Year 10 Commerce classes visited the Inverell Local Court House recently. The morning provided them with a glimpse into the workings of the legal system at a local level.



On arrival, students were greeted by the Sheriff, who explained the various functions of the courthouse, including criminal and civil cases, and the roles of the magistrate, lawyers, and prosecutor. The Sheriff also explained court etiquette.

Students sat in the public gallery and were able to watch quite a few cases proceed. A defendant was sentenced during the visit. It was an valuable learning experience for all.

7 HISTORY

In the past few weeks, Year 7 history students have been learning about daily life in Ancient Egypt. They studied the importance of the Nile River, the social structure, and the religion of Ancient Egyptians.

To share their knowledge, the students had to create a performance that explained mummification and embalming practices used to preserve important bodies. This project involved making props, writing a



script, assigning roles, and performing in front of the class. The students in 7R truly excelled, creating impressive props at home, including a jackal mask to honour the god Anubis and a scroll representing the Book of the Dead.

The photo depicts one student removing the organs and placing them into canopic jars. All internal organs were removed except for the heart because the Egyptians believed that the heart contained the human soul.

1. Have your jackal mask ready so you can dress up as the god Anubis. Learn the prayers and magic spells from the book of the dead. You will need to chant these over the dead body's as you work and put the jackal mask on her face
2. Wash the dead body with water or palm wine and wash the body with water
3. Use a long hook to pull out the brains through the left nostril. Throw them away.
4. Cut the left side of the stomach and remove the liver, lungs, intestines and stomach. Don't remove the heart as it contains the personality
5. Cover the internal organs with natron to absorb all moisture. Rub the dried organs with oils and resin and wrap them in linen bandage. Then push them into a canopic jar. Put each organ in the right jar.
6. Cover the body with natron for 40 days to dry. Then rub the dried skin with palm oils and ointments. Pack the stomach cavity with perfumed linen and sew up the wound.

-Mrs Bayley

SRC NEWS

Do It for Dolly Day

On Friday 9 May, Macintyre went blue for Dolly. Students were encouraged to wear blue and donate for the Dolly's Dream foundation. We raised over \$320 that will help the foundation to raise awareness and provide support to fight against bullying.



As part of, 'Do It for Dolly Day', students created message or quotes about kindness for the SRC to use to create a kindness wall. They also displayed their Macintyre pride in blue for the butterfly in the quad.

If you are interested in finding out more or need support you can visit the Dolly's Dream website at <https://www.dollysdream.org.au/>

Friday Fun Days

Every Friday during roll call, the Student Representative Council (SRC) leads engaging games and competitions, offering students the chance to earn points for their house and individual roll call groups. These activities not only foster school spirit but also encourage teamwork and friendly competition.

At the end of each term, the SRC tallies the points and rewards the top-performing roll call group with a special prize. For Term 1, Rob Roy 4 emerged victorious with an impressive 46 points. Each student in the winning group received a canteen voucher, allowing them to enjoy some delicious treats as a reward for their efforts.

This initiative is part of our broader house system, which promotes camaraderie and healthy competition among students.

The current standings for Term 2 are:



House	RC	TOTAL
FRASER	1	26
	2	20
	3	19
	4	19
	5	22
ROB ROY	1	21
	2	0
	3	19
	4	18
	5	22
SINCLAIR	1	18
	2	15
	3	21
	4	22
	5	28
STIRLING	1	19
	2	23
	3	18
	4	13
	5	17
	MC	26

ANZAC Day

Thank you to our wonderful students, leaders and staff who took part in the community ANZAC march and service. It was especially inspiring to hear past student Sophie McWhirter give the main address and speak of her experiences with Legacy, walking Kokoda, the inspiration of her father and her future goals as a history teacher.

Lest We Forget.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

In Week 4, our Year 8 Food Technology students successfully completed their assessment task, which involved designing and preparing a healthy burger tailored to meet the nutritional needs of adolescents. Working individually, students demonstrated their proficiency in food hygiene, safety protocols, and culinary techniques, all within a one-hour timeframe.

This task not only allowed students to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting but also emphasised the importance of creating balanced meals that align with healthy eating guidelines. The high standard of burgers produced reflects the students' dedication and growing competence in essential life skills.

Congratulations to all students for their hard work and impressive outcomes!

-Mrs Whitton



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Year 9 worked with Food for the Soul during Week 3. Students are learning about Food Equity, and as a task, Zoe Hannam brought in some food bags for the students to prepare. Each bag had \$10.00 worth of dried and canned foods in it. Students prepared 17 meals for Zoe to put in the freezer for recipients. Students had an opportunity to taste the food prepared, and all said that it was healthy and tasty, and they would make it at home.



Zoe explained to the students that anyone is welcome to come along to Food For the Soul at the Salvation Army Hall on a Wednesday night. Some people just come along to meet with other people and enjoy their company and a good meal. All they ask is for a small donation, whatever you can afford, even if that is nothing, it is fine. Everyone is welcome.



AGRICULTURE UPDATE

Sydney Royal Easter Show

During the recent school holidays, our enthusiastic agriculture students, accompanied by two exchange students, attended the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show to exhibit our school's sheep in both the School and Open Led Classes.

Tuesday involved the judging of sheep and schools sections, with students showcasing their animals and acquiring knowledge about the industry and collaboration. Their efforts were rewarded with a handful of ribbons, a testament to their hard work and commitment.

In the Handler Classes, Montannah represented Macintyre with distinction. While she delivered an impressive performance, the competition was fierce, and she was narrowly outdone in the class.

Beyond the showgrounds, the students had the opportunity to explore Sydney. A train ride into the city led to a day of shopping, followed by a scenic ferry tour around the iconic Sydney Harbour, offering glimpses of the city's renowned landmarks.

Thursday brought the Open Led Classes, where our team once again demonstrated their prowess, earning multiple ribbons and receiving commendations from the judges. The day was bustling with activity, reflecting the students' dedication and enthusiasm.

Friday was reserved for exploring the countless attractions of the Easter Show and preparing for the journey home. The return trip included a picturesque drive through the Blue Mountains, with an overnight stay with Mrs Snaith's parents. The team arrived back just in time to celebrate Easter Sunday, with the Easter Bunny making a timely appearance to the delight of all.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this trip possible. The experiences and memories forged during this week will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on our students.



AGRICULTURE UPDATE CONTINUED

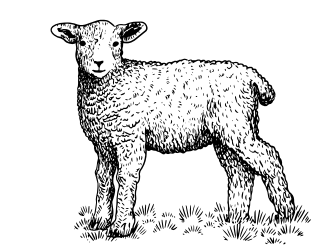
Northern Schools Prime Lamb Competition

On Thursday 8 May, students travelled to Glen Innes to participate in the Northern Schools Prime Lamb competition with 10 lambs.

There were 14 schools exhibiting from Woolgoolga, Boggabilla, Calrossy, Peel, PLC, Manilla, Tenterfield, Glen Innes, Guyra, Armidale, NEGS, Bundarra, Bingara and Farrer Memorial along with 133 lambs judged on the hoof.

Students also took part in rotating workshops on electronic ID tags, weeds identification, merino wool and fleece judging, MSA meat quality factors and junior judging. It was a very informative day for all.

On Friday, the lambs were transported to Tamworth to Thomas Foods International for the hook judging. Thanks to Elders Inverell for supporting our school with the lambs and admin involved with the competition, it is very much appreciated.



Local Land Services - Sustainable Farming Field Day

On Wednesday 14 May, our Year 12 Agriculture students travelled to Armidale to participate in the Local Land Services Sustainable Farming Field Day, held at the University of New England's (UNE) SMART Farm. This event provided students with hands-on experiences across various stations, each highlighting key aspects of sustainable agriculture. Topics covered included soil health, livestock management, and the application of cutting-edge agricultural technologies.



The UNE SMART Farm, encompassing over 3,600 hectares, serves as a dynamic platform for research and education in sustainable farming practices. It integrates advanced technologies such as remote livestock monitoring and precision agriculture tools, offering students a glimpse into the future of farming.

Our students found the day both informative and inspiring, gaining valuable insights into sustainable agricultural practices. We extend our sincere thanks to Ms Fenton for accompanying and supporting the students.

AGRICULTURE UPDATE CONTINUED

Certificate II Agriculture

During Week 4, Certificate II in Agriculture students engaged in practical training on boom sprayer calibration during their Primary Industries class. This essential skill ensures accurate application of agrochemicals, promoting effective pest control and environmental safety.



COCHLEAR AUTUMN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

During the recent school holidays, Jack Dekkers, James Paton, and Liam Snaith participated in the Cochlear Autumn School of Engineering—a prestigious four-day program designed to immerse Year 11 and 12 students in the diverse world of engineering. Now in its eighth year, this initiative is organised by Engineers Australia and proudly supported by Cochlear, the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer, and several leading universities and industry partners.

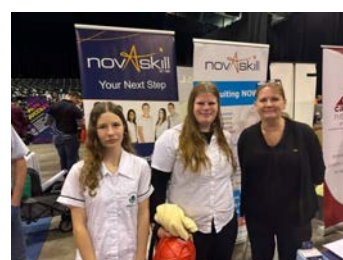


Throughout the program, students engaged in hands-on problem-solving activities across various engineering disciplines, providing them with a comprehensive understanding of the field. They had the opportunity to visit prominent institutions, including the University of New South Wales, the University of Technology Sydney, and the University of Sydney. Additionally, they toured the RAAF Base Richmond, gaining insights into real-world engineering applications.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL CAREERS EXPO

On Wednesday 14 May, Mrs Snaith accompanied a group of senior students to the Northwest Regional Careers Expo at Tamworth. This annual event, organised by the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light, is the largest regional careers expo for Years 10, 11, and 12 students in the New England area, attracting over 2,000 students from across the region.

The expo featured a diverse range of exhibitors, including universities, TAFE NSW, trade organisations, and representatives from the Australian Defence Force. Students had the opportunity to engage directly with industry professionals, gather informative materials, and explore various career pathways. The event provided valuable insights into higher education options, vocational training, and employment opportunities, equipping students with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their futures.



LIBRARY NEWS

This term our nonfiction collection has grown with a diverse range of new books covering art, pottery, engineering, science, ghost stories, true crime, gardening, design philosophy, cooking, and the magical world of Harry Potter. Many of these books are already on display, so be sure to come by and check them out.

As the weather gets cooler, our library offers a warm and inviting space for you to explore and relax. Our library doors open at 8:30am every morning and remain open during each break time. We have plenty of board games available and cosy spots. Remember, while we encourage you to enjoy the library space, please be mindful that we are a library, and excessive noise is not acceptable.

If you're working on an assignment that requires research, our library is stocked with relevant and excellent sources of information to help you. Don't hesitate to ask for recommendations and help locating relevant information.

Book Club is back this term every Friday Week B at lunch. Students have chosen to read the CBCA shortlisted book, *Wreck of Seabirds*. We look forward to lively discussions and insights from everyone involved.

Our new project space is open for bookings. You can reserve time to 3D print, use the podcast kit, film kit, and even our robots during break times. We are also running a project where students can print their own wireless mouse. The cost for this project is \$25, and interested students should see Mrs McLoughlin in the library for more details.

The 3D printer is proving to be an invaluable resource, especially for HSC students utilising it for their major artwork. A big thank you to our library tech support crew for their assistance in making this happen.

Our Library Leader Program is in full swing, with students assisting during lunch times with borrowing and returning books, as well as providing general library help. It's great to see our students taking initiative and contributing to our library community.

We encourage you to visit the library, explore our new arrivals, and engage with the many resources available. Happy reading and learning!

Book Review:

When We Flew Away by Alice Hoffman.

This fictionalised account of Anne Frank's life before she went into hiding paints a poignant picture of her experiences from ages 11 to 13 in Amsterdam. As the Nazi occupation transforms the Frank family's life, Anne is forced to navigate a world filled with prejudice, loss, and terror. Yet, amid the danger, she discovers her creativity and courage, ultimately becoming a writer who influences the world. This powerful tale serves as a reminder of resilience in the face of unimaginable challenges.



CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 13 May, we held our annual Fast Track Cross Country Carnival at Lake Inverell. Whilst we again had rain impact the event, all students were fantastic participants from our competitive runners to our walking group. Thank you to all that participated and helped out on the day.

From the event we had a number of school records broken including:

13 year girls (3km) - Grace Tickle - 15.27

13 year boys (3km) - Beau Alexander - 14.06

14 year girls (4km) - Rosie McLean - 20.51

15 year boys (4km) - Blake Baxter - 17.57

16 year girls (4km) - Scarlett Carter - 22.16

16 year boys (4km) - Oliver Jardine - 18.17

17 year boys (4km) - James Paton - 16.32



Rob Roy House Captain; Rachel Forrester being present with the MHS Cross Country Carnival Shield.

2025 Cross Country Age Champions

12 Years



Annabelle Hynes

13 Years

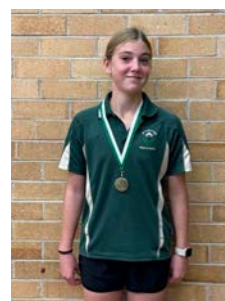


Grace Tickle



Beau Alexander

14 Years



Rosie McLean



Ben Dunlop

15 Years

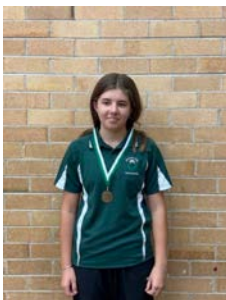


Dakota Kennedy

16 Years



Blake Baxter



Scarlett Carter



Oliver Jardine

17+ Years



Layla Ting



James Paton

A big congratulations to all of our age champions, record breakers and to Rob Roy for being the winning house of the carnival.

The final points tally from the day was:

1st place - Rob Roy on 330 points

2nd place - Stirling on 215 points

3rd place - Sinclair on 180 points

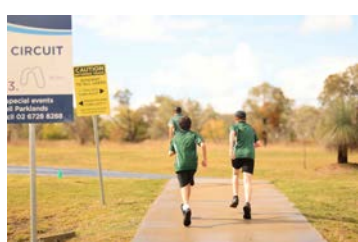
4th place - Fraser on 140 points

A shout out to the teachers that took to the track this year, Mr Kramer, crossing the line first, closely followed by Mr Lansdowne then Mr Richardson and finally Mr Fleming.

Well done to all of Macintyre for their positive attitude, active participation and sportsmanship during the event.

The top 4 students of each age group have qualified for the North West carnival. This event will be held in Coolah on Thursday 12 June. Notes have been distributed to those students that have indicated an interest in attending.

CROSS COUNTRY



Fast Track 25

I don't really want to run.
My legs say no, my heart says, "Let's have
some fun."

I don't train, I don't care,
Yet I find myself out running there.

The warm-up is quick, my shoelaces tied.
I represent my house with pride.
Hang on, though—I must admit,
I'm not sure if I'm an emu or a kookaburra,
An eagle or a goanna.
Whichever one, I'll try my best;
This Fast Track course will put me to the test.

The track is fast, the hills too long.
The rain comes down, but I feel strong.
Go Sinclair, Rob Roy, Stirling, Fraser—
Look out now, was that a laser?
A twist, a turn, to raise the stakes;
The teachers run for bragging rights' sakes.
Mr. Fleming jogs with steady pace;
Richo grimaces—a power race.
Lansdowne dashes like lightning's twin,
But it's Will Kramer who takes the win!
He soars ahead, cool as could be,
While I just try to stay injury-free.

Each step I take, I beg for rest;
My lungs say, "No," am I up for this test?
The rain keeps falling, hope grows thin—
Why did I think I'd ever win?
Yet through the pain, I reach the end,
Soaked and sore, but proud, my friend.

No ribbon claimed, no podium spot,
But I survive—and that's a lot.
Which house wins this mighty day?
No, not Fraser, I shall say (Sorry, Richo).
Sinclair and Stirling aim to be glorious,
But in the end, Rob Roy is victorious.

-Mrs Watson



Download Cross Country
photos through the QR
code.

SPORTS REPORT

Alan Tongue 10's U14 Finals - Mr Richardson

The U14s Rugby League side travelled to Tamworth on Monday 12 May for the next round of the Alan Tongue 10s competition. The boys played a total of 3 games and whilst they may not be progressing onto the next round, they played exceptionally well and in the spirit of the game. Thank you to Mr Richardson and Ms Gower for taking the boys over for the day.



NRL Country Cup

On Monday 19 May, Macintyre had four teams head down to Kamilaroi Oval to compete in the NRL Country Cup. Here's a rundown of how our some of the teams went;

Open Boys - Mr Reynolds

Our Opens Boys had games against O'Connor Catholic College and Inverell High. O'Connor didn't have enough players to field a team so it meant the first game between Macintyre and Inverell High would count to see who would progress in the country cup tournament. Our boys got off to a solid start; however, a dropped ball led to an Inverell High try. Inverell got the second try after some silky backline work but at half time the boys realised that we needed to move forward first before we could attack out wide which we did and that resulted in Macintyre scoring the next try. The boys had a very strong second half. Unfortunately Inverell scored late in the piece to win the game with three tries to one and progress to the next stage of the Country Cup. The remaining games were played with a mixture of Inverell High, O'Connor and Macintyre students on each side and full credit to the boys who played with great sportsmanship with the right intentions. Rugby league was definitely the winner on the day, they should be proud of how they played and composed themselves on the day.



The U16 Girls with coach Ms Fenton



The U14 Girls with coach Miss McLachlan

U14 Girls - Miss McLachlan

Out of three games, the girls were successful in winning one. Due to late withdrawals from other schools, the girls ended up versing Inverell High for all three games, with one win in the mix.

A massive thank you to all the coaches as well as Nathan Fenton for heading down with the students and supporting their involvement in the Country Cup.

Bill Turner Cup Soccer - Mr Gersbach

The U15 MHS soccer boys headed to Guyra for the first round of the Bill Turner Cup. It was a mild 12 degrees when we arrived, with a wind that made it feel about 5 degrees. This didn't deter the boys who were determined to get out and play. After a quick warm up, the match started with MHS scoring the first goal within 5 minutes. From this, the boys consistently controlled the game, demonstrating good skill and composure on the ball. With our solid defence, we held Guyra out all match, with the final score being 16-0. The boys played well and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the game.



SPORTS REPORT CONTINUED

Bill Turner Cup Soccer - Mr Gersbach continued

Macintyre High were hosts to Armidale Secondary College on Thursday 22 May at the Inverell Complex for the second round of the Bill Turner Cup. The boys played a strong game with a great goal by Rhyley Matterson-Smith; unfortunately, they were not able to find the back of the net again and went down 3-1 to a very strong ASC team. A massive thank you to Mr Cabitza for accepting to be the referee for the game and to Sam Burns and Cooper Fleming for being the games linesmen.



CHS COMPETITION UPDATE

Opens Rugby League V IHS - Mr Reynolds

Macintyre High played Inverell High in the first round of the CHS Rugby League knockout. Our boys played extremely well on the day considering they were a few short due to injuries and illness. Cooper Fleming and Flynn Brymer strapped on the boots for their first games of Rugby League and they played strong games.

Macintyre started the game strong scoring an early try out wide and looked to be the better side in defence and attack. Unfortunately the boys started to run out of steam as Inverell had a strong forward pack and bench.

Although the score blew out in the end, overall the boys put in a massive effort, playing 60 minutes without subs. Credit to all players on the day who managed to play in great spirits against their mates. Thanks to Inverell High for hosting us.



Open Girls Soccer Quarter Final - Mrs Woodward

On Thursday 8 May the Open girls headed down to the Inverell Complex to play Moree Secondary College in the CHS Knockout quarter final. The team unfortunately were missing a few players due to other sporting commitments, but we were able to field a team, with a few students volunteering and helping out on the day.



The game was very close. Macintyre was up 2-1, but Moree scored the equaliser just before full time. This meant we had 10 minutes each way of extra time. Each team tried their best, with Macintyre having a few good shots, but no luck in hitting the back of the net. The girls then went into penalty shootouts. Charli Tutt did a great job in goals, saving the majority on first touch, but got unlucky 2 times where the ball rebounded back into the goal. This meant after 6 shots each Moree was up 4-3, resulting in a loss for Macintyre.

The girls had great sportsmanship, showed resilience under pressure and worked well as a team. I commend the girls on their hard work and believe that they have a solid team to try again next year!

Open Girls and Boys Softball - Mrs Watson

Tuesday 6 May had the Open Girls Softball team travel to Tamworth for the CHS knockout gala day. Here they first came up against a very strong Oxley team going down 17-3, with this game being some of our girls first ever softball match. The girls improved as they moved into their second game, building their knowledge of the rules and tactics when they versed Coonabarabran. They again went down, but had an improvement in their result with a final score of 12-8.

CHS COMPETITION UPDATE CONTINUED

Open Girls and Boys Softball - Mrs Watson continued

At the conclusion of the day, the girls nominated a Players Player for the day; which was awarded to Samantha Blanck for her desire to improve, team spirit and positive participation throughout the day. The Coach's Award was presented to Charli Tutt, who was the team's catcher, for consistently showing her GRIT under pressure, game awareness and sense of fair play throughout the entire day improving as the day progressed. The Best & Fairest Award was presented to Grayce Gleeson of Year 7 for her tenacity, improvement throughout the day, including a key involvement in a double play, and positive contribution to team morale.

A massive thank you to, Henry Oliver of Year 11 for coming across with the team as coach and manager. He was instrumental in organising the fielding and batting line ups and providing encouragement and feedback throughout the day.



Our Open Boys Softball team had a bye for the first round in the CHS knockout competition and then travelled to Narrabri on Friday 16 May to verse Narrabri High for round 2. They played 4 innings, leading from the start to take out the game 15-9 at the end of the 4th innings. All our boys played exceptionally well, showing development in skill, strong teamwork and positive sportsmanship.

Key standouts were team captain Henry Oliver who took out the 3 points for the team for his leadership, exceptional athleticism including a beautiful bunt. The 2 points were awarded to Landyn Doak for his consistency and batting, with the final 1 point going to Harry Gower for all round effort in batting and fielding.

The boys will now travel down to Sydney for the state finals in Ingleburn as North West Team A during Week 10 this term.

Open Girls and Boys Tennis - Ms Rogers

The boys' and girls' CHS Tennis teams travelled to the neutral venue of Bingara on Tuesday, 20th May to contest the quarter-finals against Moree Secondary College. The team rode the maiden voyage of the school's brand new 12-seater people mover. The students were kept in thrall as Ms Rogers pointed out the various agricultural operations that her family were currently involved in along the route.

The girls' team, like the people mover, were new for MHS. None had before represented the school in tennis and some were almost as new to the game of tennis itself. Nevertheless, with power hairstyles and lucky hats in place, they approached their task with tenacity and a positive spirit and emerged victorious, 5 sets to 3. Our strategically arranged doubles pairings won two of the four sets, and almost stole a third when Kaylee Woolcott and Jacqui Paton clawed back a 2 games to 4 deficit to lose in a tightly contested tie-break.

Bella Ren and Kaylee both comfortably won their singles sets against quality opposition, and Jacqui once again showed her spirit and strong mental game in fighting out another come-from-behind win. Both Jacqui and Sammy Blanck pushed through nerves to substantially develop their game on the run, with Sammy confidently taking the lead in calling the score for her sets by the end of the day.

CHS COMPETITION UPDATE CONTINUED

Open Girls and Boys Tennis - Karen Rogers continued

In the boys' team, the brothers Doak (Patrick and Landyn) played with their usual high skill and never-say-die attitude to win both of their doubles sets. New recruits, the Nicks (Hilton and Ditchfield), followed suit. Nick Ditchfield and Patrick won their singles sets convincingly but Landyn and Nick Hilton faced a tougher task, going down in tightly fought sets against Moree's number one and two players. This tough opposition highlights, like for the girls' team, the impressive strategy, mental game and tenacity of our players. The boys won their match 6 sets to 2.

Both teams now face Guyra for the chance to play the North-West finals. I'm looking forward to another opportunity for our teams to showcase that Macintyre Kids Can Do Anything!

Open Girls Netball - Miss McKenzie

On Monday 26 May, the Open Girls Netball side travelled over the Glen Innes for the CHS Knockout gala day. They played a total of four games against Armidale Secondary College, Glen Innes High, Uralla Central and Inverell High. Whilst the girls weren't able to secure a win on the day they played exceptionally well in all games demonstrating improvements as the day progressed. All girls played with positive sportsmanship, teamwork and were fantastic representatives of Macintyre High. A massive thank you to Pauline for coming along with the team as our umpire for the day; greatly appreciated.



REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE

Rugby League - North West Teams

In Week 1 of this term, two of our students travelled to Gilgandra as members of the North West Rugby League teams, Matilda Thompson in the U18 Girls and Lincoln Sharpley in the U15 Boys. Congratulations to both students on being selected in their respective Greater Western Rugby League team.



A massive achievement by both students. An added congratulations goes to Lincoln, who was named Most Valuable North West Player at the event. The NSWCHSSA Rugby League Championships will be played in Figtree in late May.

CHS Opens Basketball

Four of our students travelled down to Sydney in Week 2 as part of the North West Open Girls Basketball team; Alice Gleeson, Tayla Hubner, Kelsie Simpson and Matilda Strahley. It was a very strong competition with the NW team losing their round games, with the closest being their second with a 55-52 loss. The play off for 9th and 10th position had the NW team up against North Coast in which the girls took out their first win with a score of 40-32, finishing 9th in the tournament. All girls played well, with a special mention to Tayla who received Most Valued Player of the North West Team. Well done to all four girls for making the NW side and playing well over the two days of competition.



REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE CONTINUED

CHS Opens Basketball continued

Following the CHS Trials the girls competed at, Kelsie Simpson of Year 10 headed to Sutherland for an extra day, after being selected, via individual nominations, to trial for the NSWCHS Under 16 Basketball Team. There were over 50 girls from all over NSW public high schools trialling for selection, with Kelsie performing exceptionally well and having a great experience.



Opens Golf North West Trial

On Monday 5 May, Year 8 student Ryan Kinnear travelled across to Gunnedah to trial for the North West Opens Golf side. Entering the day with a handicap of 17, he played well and whilst he may not have been selected he acknowledged he made improvements since trialling for the team last year.



CHS Open Girls Rugby 7s

During Week 3, Macintyre High School was well represented in the North West Rugby 7s Girls side who played at the CHS State Championships. Wet conditions saw the Championship relocated from Newcastle to Singleton each day and families did significant travel to get the girls to the fields. Thank you. Congratulations to Matilda Thompson, Alice Gleeson and Ella Gleeson who played a part in a very successful team as well as our very own Mrs Glesson who was the North West Team Manager. The girls are to be congratulated on their positive conduct and fine efforts in the team that 'gelled' and displayed a truly fantastic example of team spirit, mateship and "I've got your back" support.

Over the three days of play, the girls advanced through to the finals after winning 6 games from 8, defeating Riverina, Western on the first day but going down convincingly to Hunter - a well drilled strong side. On the second day, NW had a win against South Coast, North Coast and went down to Western Sydney, another strong side. NW defeated North Sydney on day three which put them second in points and versed the Hunter side in the finals, who had won all of their games. The girls held Hunter well at half time 5-0 but Hunter got three more tries in the second half to win 28-0, with the NW Team finishing the championships with silver and 2nd in the State - a fantastic achievement.

Whilst our girls missed out on being selected in the CHS side (which included Australian Rugby 7s players), having three (from 12) play in the NW side from MHS is incredible along with Ella Gleeson being the recipient of the North West' Player's Player Award. Well Done.



REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE CONTINUED

CHS Open Girls Hockey

In Week 3, Year 10 student Gabrielle Steinhardt travelled to Parkes as a member of the North West Open Girls Hockey side. Throughout the three day competition she played five games and came away with one win against some extremely strong teams. The NW team finished 8th in the state - great work Gabby, we hope you enjoyed the experience.



STUDENT HELPERS

Throughout this term we have had many of our students volunteering their time to assist Inverell Public School with some of their carnivals and sporting matches. Firstly, we had Matilda Strahley and Riley Alexander volunteer their time to head down to the Inverell Complex with Inverell Public School to officiate their touch football games against Ross Hill Public School.

Then on Friday 9 May, the following six students headed down to Inverell Public to assist in officiating their annual cross country carnival; Lylah Germany, Grace Tickle, Kyah Coggins, Ella Kenny, Ethan Owen and Haylee Mackay. We thank all students for being willing to help out our local primary schools, and pass on the gratitude from the staff at Inverell Public School to all students.

NEW UNIFORMS

Macintyre High have been fortunate enough to acquire some new sporting kits, thanks to our awesome P&C. We would like to pass on our gratitude and appreciation to this committee for assisting in purchasing these new kits for our sporting teams and their ongoing support and contribution to the school and our students. Your work behind the scenes does not go unnoticed.



UPCOMING

- North West Cross Country - Thursday 12 June in Coolah
- Athletics Carnival - Friday 20 June @ Inverell Athletics Precinct
- Open Boys Softball State Finals - Monday 30/6 - Thursday 3/7

SPORT FEES

Reminder Term 2 sport fees are now overdue. Payments can be made online via School Bytes or at the student office. Term 2 sport fees are:

- Basketball - \$35
- Indoor - \$60
- CWA - \$30
- Proactive - \$70 (if have gym membership only \$20 for the bus)



YEAR 12 VET CONSTRUCTION

Year 12 VET Construction Students Get Hands-On Experience at Copeton Dam

On Wednesday 28 May, our Year 12 VET Construction students had the invaluable opportunity to step out of the classroom and into the real world of trade work. The group travelled to Copeton Dam to meet with Brock Hobday from BH Wall and Floor Tiling and his apprentice Josh Marshall, to gain practical experience as they worked toward completing their tiling competencies.

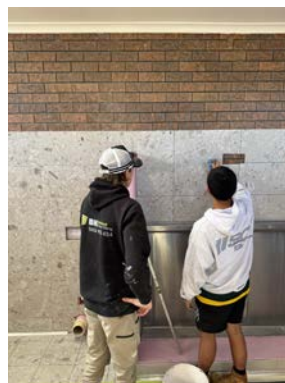
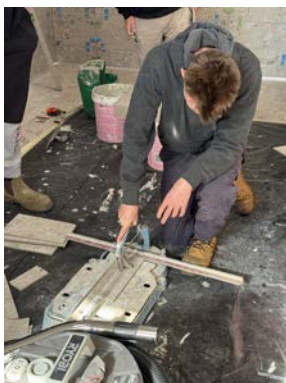


The day offered a first hand look at the complexities involved in a renovation project. Students quickly discovered that tiling is about far more than just placing tiles on a wall—it requires planning, precision, and a strong understanding of the full scope of a project. Brock was outstanding in guiding the students through each stage of the process, clearly explaining his techniques and the reasoning behind his methods. He and Josh also ensured that the students were actively involved, giving them the chance to work on the tools and engage in meaningful, hands-on learning.

We extend our sincere thanks to Brock and Josh for generously sharing their time, expertise, and patience. Their commitment to supporting young learners and potential future tradesman, provided our students with a truly authentic and eye-opening industry experience. The feedback from our students was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing surprise at just how much unseen work goes into a professional tiling job.

It was a rewarding and inspiring day for all involved, one that brought the curriculum to life and gave our students a deeper appreciation for the skills required in the construction industry.

-Mr Reynolds



ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7 2026.

IF YOU HAVE PLACED AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR AN OFFER OF ENROLMENT.

PLEASE ATTACH THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS TO THE ENROLMENT OR FORWARD TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 6722 1555

Year12 – Food For the Soul Fundraising

Year 12 are partnering with Food for the Soul (FFTS) for their Fundraising efforts this year. To help the community we are looking for food donations.

Food for the soul are creating \$10 family meal bags. The idea is a whole meal in a bag, shelf stable and serves 4-6 people for \$10.

FFTS \$10 family meal bags support local families who are struggling financially to make ends meet.

Each bag contains everything a family would need to make an easy, fast and yummy main meal to feed the whole family.

For every bag of ingredients donated to MHS, FFTS will match it.

We are looking for donations to help within our community. You can donate from the following list, bringing your items to the Maths Staffroom.

Items you can donate:

- Canned corn
- Canned carrot and peas
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Pasta
- Parmesan cheese (packet)
- Campbells spaghetti sauce with beef
- Can black beans or any beans
- Can refried beans
- Can potato's
- Cream Cheese spread
- 90 sec rice plain or flavoured
- Deb instant mash potato
- Sausage and veg stew
- Sachets gravox white or cheese sauce
- Can coconut milk
- Long life milk
- Large zip lock bags



You can also support our fundraising by purchasing:

- A raffle ticket for the chance of winning a cubby house valued at \$1200 and other great prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.
- Chocolates/lollies from participating Year 12 students.

Macintyre High School

Year 12 2025

Raffle



\$5 a ticket

or

3 for \$10



Supporting

Food for the Soul

Drawn: 25th September 2025

1st Prize: Cubby House worth \$1200

2nd Prize: Handmade Wooden Table

Other Minor Prizes