

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We held our annual Athletics Carnival on Friday 20 June, in ideal conditions. The weather was spectacular, the students were enthusiastic, colourful and active participants and the cheer squads for their houses and peers were outstanding. Whilst the turnout may have been fewer than an average school day, those that showed up were exceptionally positive and tremendous representatives of Macintyre High and showcased the true spirit of sportsmanship. Thank you to all that participated and helped out on the day to make the whole school event a complete success.

Participation, athleticism and friendly competitiveness were all on show throughout the day, with a few key standouts including the following school records being broken;

Beau Alexander in the 12/13 year old Discus; 28m (previous record was 27.41m set in 2002)

Conna Bownds in the 15 year Shot Put; 16.91m (previous record was 14.46m set in 1998)

Conna Bownds in the 15 year Discus; 40.97m (previous record was 38.65m set in 2019).

In the AWD division; Bella and Georgia Griffin set the benchmarks for the 16-19 year old girls in the following events;

Bella Griffin - Discus; 12.89m

Georgia Griffin - Javelin; 12.22m and Shot Put; 6.70m







TERM 3 KEY DATES

Week 1 - Week A

Monday 21 July - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 22 July - Students return for Term 3

Tuesday 22 - Friday 25 July - State Volleyball in Sydney

Wednesday 23 July - Year 10 My Futures Day, Fast 5 Netball, U16s Girls Rugby 7s Secondary Schools Tournament, Year 10 Drama buddy reading program at IPS

Thursday 24 July - Year 8 Elective
Expo evening, Year 10 into 11 parent
information evening, Year 10 My
Futures Day, Netball Cup
Friday 25 July - Texas Show, CHS
Schools Knockout U18s Girls Rugby
7s

Week 2 - Week B

Monday 28 - Thursday 31 July - Open Boys Softball in Sydney Tuesday 29 July - Friday 1 August -Robocup competition in Newcastle Tuesday 29 July - Check-in assessment Wednesday 30 July - Check-in assessment Thursday 31 July - SRC induction

assembly Friday 1 August - North West

Athletics in Tamworth

Week 3 - Week A

All week: EKKA, Snow Trip, Education
Week

Wednesday 6 August - Year 10 Drama buddy reading program at IPS

Week 4 - Week B

Thursday 14 August - Education Week assembly

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CONTINUED

We again held our Macintyre Gift race - the Champion of Champions 100m Sprint. This is a handicapped event of the fastest boys and girls in the school over 100m.

In the boys event, the line up was; Byron Perrett (16 years) - Om handicap Sam Paton (15 years) - 4.5m handicap Zak Hubner (14 years) - 6.5m handicap Tom Taylor (17 years) - 7.5m handicap Tazman Clark (12/13 years) - 8m handicap

It was a tough competition for the boys, but Sam Paton was victorious in the end.

For the girls we had the following line up; Jacqui Paton (17 years) - Om handicap Abby Blackburn (15 years) - 0.5m handicap Montana Murphy (16 years) - 1m handicap Lexie Horwood (14 years) - 2m handicap Sophia Jerrard-Blair (12 years) - 3m handicap Scarlett Ting (13 years) - 5m handicap

It was a very close finish in the girls race; however, Scarlett Ting was able to hold on to take out the event.

The final house points tally from the day (after some final checks and balances were made) was:

1st place - Roby Roy on 918

2nd place - Fraser on 667

3rd place - Sinclair on 663

4th place - Stirling on 565

Our 2025 Age champions (who will be presented with their medallions next term at an assembly);

12 years - Sophia Jerrard-Blair and Zackary Hudson

13 years - Grayce Gleeson and Tazman Clark

14 years - Lexie Horwood and Benjamin Dunlop

15 years - Abby Blackburn and Lincoln Sharpley

16 years - Alice Gleeson and Byron Perrett

17 years - Jacqueline Paton and Damon Martin

A big congratulations to all of our event winners, record breakers and to Rob Roy for being the winning house of the carnival. Those students that achieved close to or above the qualifying distances or times will now have the chance to progress to the North West Carnival to be held in Tamworth on Friday 1 August.





ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CONTINUED

































































WELFARE UPDATE

★Welfare Team

As Term 2 draws to a close, it's wonderful to pause and reflect on all the moments that have brought our school community closer together. Over the past term, the Welfare Team has continued to focus on student wellbeing, celebrating achievements, strengthening relationships and creating opportunities for our young people to thrive. We are so grateful for the ongoing support and partnership of our families and community, it truly makes a difference.

Supporting Wellbeing – SSO Programs

Our amazing Student Support Officer, Cherie Duffy, continues to deliver a range of supportive programs that help our students build skills, confidence and resilience. Recently, students have been taking part in Love Bites Junior with Emma Waters from Outreach, an early respectful relationships program that helps young people understand positive friendships and communication. Students have also been engaging in Seasons for Growth, which provides gentle support for young people going through changes or challenges, and our RAGE boys groups, which give students practical tools to better understand and express big feelings in positive ways. These small group programs help our students feel heard, connected and empowered, and we are so thankful to Cherie and our partner organisations for providing these opportunities.













Telebrating GRIT Award Winners

We love celebrating students who show perseverance and determination, even when things get tricky! This term, our GRIT Award winners have been recognised for showing true resilience and courage in their learning and school life.

Well done to all students who have demonstrated such a strong commitment to giving their best and never giving up, you inspire us all!





WELFARE UPDATE CONTINUED...

****** Hands of Hope

This term, our students took part in the Hands of Hope Art Project, an inspiring initiative from the Inverell Community Violence Prevention Team that reminds us all that "We say no to violence." Through this creative project, our students added their colourful handprints and messages to show their support for healthy relationships and to help raise awareness about the impacts of domestic and family violence. It's a powerful reminder of the kind, safe and caring community we're all working together to build. We are so proud of the thoughtful way our students embraced this project.











🏅 Year Adviser Certificates – More Students Shining Bright

Our Year Advisers have continued their wonderful work recognising students through our Year Adviser Achievement Certificates. It's always special to see students acknowledged for their effort, attitude, kindness and contributions to school life. We are so proud of our students and their dedication!











Year 7 and 8 Camp

A friendly reminder to our Year 7 families that Year 7 and 8 Camp is just around the corner! Camp is a fantastic opportunity for students to build friendships, grow confidence and create memories to last a lifetime.

If you haven't done so already, please make sure camp deposit payments are finalised as soon as possible so your child doesn't miss out. If you have any questions about payment or camp details, please don't hesitate to reach out to the office or your child's Year Adviser.



★ Thank You – Wrapping Up Term 2

As we wrap up Term 2, we'd like to thank every student, family, staff member and community partner for your continued support and care. It's been a term full of learning, connection and growth, and we look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed and ready for an even better Term 3. Have a safe and happy break!

- The Welfare Team

SMALL SCHOOLS HIGH POTENTIAL COLLECTIVE 2025 ART EXHIBITION

The Small Schools High Potential Collective are a group of four small, rural schools -Niangala, Yarrowitch, Upper Lansdowne and Murrurundi that are working together to support every student to achieve their educational potential.

The NSW Department of Education's High Potential and Gifted Education policy has been developed to optimise student growth, wellbeing and achievement across 4 domains of potential: social-emotional, physical, intellectual and creative.

This year the theme for the exhibition was "Small".

Warner Blair and Layla Ting assisted Mrs Gilmour as part of NAIDOC week in the judging of the virtual exhibition.

Artists Michael Reid, Rebecca Nixon, Sean Andrews and Matthew Royan joined the guest judging panel.

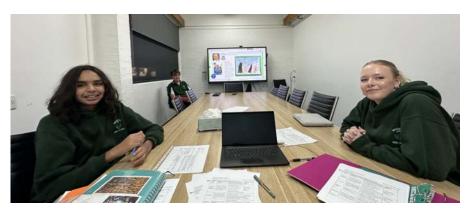
The judging criteria identified HPGE students through the key focus areas of artmaking task. When judging the students work, we considered if they had displayed the theme/concept/skill/and originality in a developed or highly developed way.

The artworks were so diverse from 2D watercolours, colourful drawings and photographs to complex 3D sculptures and mixed media artworks.

It was amazing to see how each student has interpreted the theme of "Small" into their artwork. It was a wonderful experience to be a part of.

-Mrs Gilmour





NAIDOC WEEK FLAGS

Congratulations to our students who had their artwork selected for the NAIDOC week street flags.

We can't wait to see them on display



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

In Week 5, our Year 10 students embarked on an enriching journey of work experience, exploring diverse career paths and gaining invaluable insights into the professional world.

From nurturing young minds in preschool settings to delving into the mechanics of Sherman tank engines, and even stepping behind the microphone for radio announcements, our students embraced a wide array of roles with enthusiasm and curiosity.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the exceptional businesses and organisations that welcomed our students, generously sharing their expertise and providing supportive environments for learning and growth. Your commitment to mentoring the next generation is truly commendable.





































CHS COMPETITION UPDATE

Volleyball Success at CHS Knockout!

On Friday 30 May, our boys' and girls' volleyball teams travelled to a chilly Armidale to compete in the CHS Volleyball Knockout—and what a day it was!

The boys team faced Quirindi, Armidale Secondary College, Guyra, and Inverell High in the pool matches, taking out each game in straight sets. In the semi-final, they continued their winning streak with a solid two-set victory over Farrer. The final saw them up against Oxley, where they powered through all three sets to claim the title.



The girls team also had an impressive run, competing against Coonabarabran, Oxley, Quirindi, and a combined Warialda/Boggabilla team. Like the boys, they dominated their pool matches with clean two-set wins. In the semi-final, they defeated Armidale Secondary College in straight sets. The final against Inverell High was a nail-biter—each team took a set, but our girls held their nerve to take out the third and secure the win.

MHS were the overall champions on the day! Congratulations to all players—you represented our school with pride, determination, and fantastic teamwork. Your efforts were outstanding, and I couldn't be prouder.

A huge thank you to Mr Gersbach for his dedication and coaching, and to Brooke for driving the bus and coaching the girls.

We now look forward to seeing both teams compete at the CHS State Championships in Week 1 next term. Go MHS!

-Miss McLachlan

Opens Tennis

Both the girls and boys CHS Tennis teams had very successful campaigns this year, making it through to the North West Finals.

All players competed with their usual grit to overcome Guyra High School in the semi-finals, played at the neutral ground of Glen Innes. The boys were convincing winners 8 sets to nil. The girls team demonstrated supportive teamwork to achieve a 6 sets to 2 victory.

For the finals, the teams had to part ways for the first time this season. The boys travelled to Farrer Memorial Agriculture High School and the girls also had an away match against Gunnedah High School. All players were proud and excited to be playing the finals and relished the challenge of a potentially much tougher match. They all agreed with the truism espoused by Landyn: "the only way you get better is by playing those better than you".





CHS COMPETITION UPDATE

Opens Tennis continued

For the girls, Bella Ren was unable to make the trip to Gunnedah and was replaced by super-sub Ruby Dunlop. After diligently studying others' sets, Ruby played with natural skill and determination to give the team a great shot at winning despite the loss of our number 2 player. Kaylee led the team bravely, toughing out 2 wins from 3 sets. Jacqui and Sammy continued their impressive progression with Jacqui achieving another singles victory to add to the tally. Despite eventually succumbing 3 sets to 5, the girls were gracious in defeat and focused immediately on their plans to go one better next year!

The boys travelled to Tamworth to play Farrer in the Zone finals. Despite facing a very experienced and well trained opposition, the boys played with the utmost sportsmanship and used the opportunity to build their skills and enjoyed the fact that they had reached the finals. Although they were convincingly beaten,





moments of potential shone through and the boys were commended by the Farrer coach during the reverse doubles. Well done boys on making it to the Zone finals in the CHS competition.

Thank you to Mr Gruenfeld for stepping up and accompanying the boys over to Tamworth on their finals mission and to Ms Rogers for all of her work in coordinating and managing both the boys and girls throughout their CHS knockout campaign.

Waratah Shield - Rugby Union

On Wednesday 18 June our Open Boys Rugby Union side travelled down to Tamworth for the Waratah Shield Gala Day hosted by Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. Whilst their games were limited due to late changes to team attendance, the boys played exceptionally well, finally getting a union run.

A big thank you to Mr Lansdowne for volunteering to be the teacher representative for the boys, but even more so to Terry Gleeson. Thank you for stepping in with your union knowledge and skill to coach the boys on the day as well as drive the bus. Your time, expertise and efforts are extremely appreciated.



REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE

CHS Opens Touch

Over three days, Tayla Hubner and Matilda Strahley travelled to Blacktown as members of the North West Open Girls Touch football team for the CHS Carnival. They played nine games and whilst they may not have won these, the team played exceptionally well, with great sportsmanship and teamwork showing improvements as each game progressed. The girls had a great experience and enjoyed the tournament overall.



REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE

North West Cross Country

During Week 7, a number of Macintyre students travelled down to Coolah to compete at the North West Cross Country Carnival. These student included; Beau Alexander, Annabelle Hynes, Dean Turner, Xander Baxter, Kyah Coggins, Charlotte Dennis, Bella Hann, Zak Hubner, Ivana Lane, Rosie McLean, Blake Baxter, Abby Blackburn, Dakota Kennedy, Orion McGuire, Oliver Jardine and Tori Underwood. There were mixed results with many students finishing in the top 30 of their age group and many making improvements on previous years or making it for the first time - so well done to all who were able to attend.

Of our competitors, Blake Baxter and Annabelle Hynes qualified for the CHS Carnival, finishing sixth and fourth respectively in their age group, with Rosie McLean placing 7th and being first reserve for her age group. We wish Blake and Annabelle the best of luck when they head to Sydney next term.

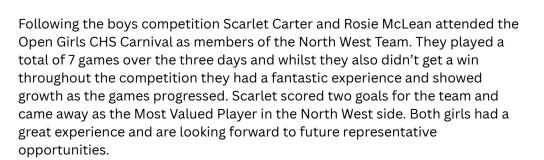
NW Tennis - Kaylee Woolcott

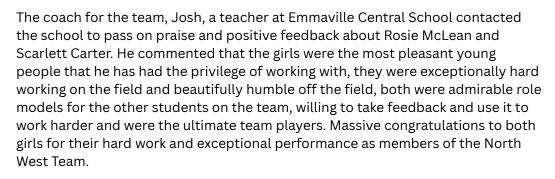
On Friday 13 June, Year 8 student, Kaylee Woolcott travelled across to Tamworth to trial for the North West Open Girls Tennis Team. She played a number of games in the trials, finishing as the first reserve for the North West team under tough conditions.



CHS Opens Soccer

Cooper Fleming travelled to Blacktown for the CHS championships as a member of the North West Open Boys soccer team. Over the three day competition he played a total of 6 games and whilst the team was unable to come away with a win, he played exceptionally well in the back line and the team worked well together and showed improvements as the games progressed. It was a fabulous experience and Cooper thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.









REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE

CHS Rugby League

Matilda Thompson travelled to Figtree in Week 5 last term as a member of the Greater Western U18 Rugby League Side. The team won 2 out of their 3 games, finishing 2nd overall after going down to a strong Sydney West side in the final game. Tilly played exceptionally well throughout the tournament, thrived in the experience but was unlucky in being selected in the CHS team this year. An awesome achievement nonetheless Tilly.



Rugby 7s Representation

Ella Gleeson of Year 11 was selected to represent the NSW School Girls 7s Barbarians team at the NSW All Schools Trials, which took place on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June at Forshaw Rugby Park, Sydney. The Barbarians squad is made up of players from both CHS and CCC programs. From these trials that were held over two days, Ella has been successful in being selected in the NSW U18 Rugby 7s 2nds Team. She now has the opportunity to play at the Australian Schools Rugby Union Championships and Australian Junior Rugby Nationals held on the Sunshine Coast in July.



Congratulations Ella and we wish you well for your future in Rugby.

OFFICIALS

IPS Athletics Carnival

On Friday 27 June, 16 of our Year 10 PASS students headed over to the Athletics Precinct to assist Inverell Public School with their athletics carnival. Thank you to the following student for volunteering to help out on the day and being exceptional representatives of Macintyre High School: Ruby Dunlop, Alice Gleeson, Scarlet Carter, Lincoln Sharpley, Byron Perrett, Nate Dennis, Will Pye, Riley Dennis, Oliver Jardine, Chloe Drysdale, Montana Murphy, Matilda Strahley, Tayla Hubner, Tytrell Munro, Ajarni Anderson and Chlouie Jones.

IPS Touch Officials

Inverell Public made it through to the quarter finals in their CHS knockout competition and again called on Macintyre to assist in supplying some officials for their games. Thank you to Matilda Strahley and Tayla Hubner for heading to the complex on Monday 23 June to officiate the games for IPS. Also, on Wednesday 25 June, the following Macintyre students were requested to officiate the primary school North West Touch Football trials; Zak Hubner, Riley Alexander, Blake Baxter, Beau Alexander and Ruby Rogan.



NSWPSSA Basketball Girls Championship

Riley Alexander was selected to be an official at the NSW PSSA Basketball championships in June. Over the three day event, he refereed a total of 10 games and was a fantastic ambassador for Macintyre. Well done, Riley on being selected for this opportunity.



TUESDAY SPORT - CYCLING

This term Macintyre introduced cycling to the sport choices, offering a change from the usual selection. The focus was on mountain biking and Mrs Gleeson and Mr Gruenfeld attended a clinic in Armidale to receive their MTB Foundation Coaching qualifications to allow them to take students off the sealed bikepaths and the criterion track and onto some gravel tracks.

Students actively looked at bike inspection, adjustment, and maintenance. They also worked collaboratively to build skills using an impromptu obstacle course at school and the challenging terrain of the Lake Inverell loop, which features a challenging hill climb and plenty of rocky terrain. On our last ride we checked out the new pump track near Lion's Park. Some students found the skills needed for this compact circuit more challenging than others, but despite some scrapes and scratches, everyone had fun trying to complete multiple laps without pedalling once.

The camaraderie and inclusion that grew during the term was wonderful to see as students swapped bikes, tried Mr Gruenfeld's dual shock MTB, and generally encouraged eachother; with a bit of friendly rivalry thrown into the mix.

Eventually the school would like to find the means to take students to the Inverell MTB Park to allow students to challenge themselves and build greater skills, and allow some variety in our week to week rides.









YEAR 10 DRAMA BUDDY READING PROGRAM

The Year 10 Drama buddy reading program continues at Inverell Public School every second Wednesday. The little kids are always buzzing with excitement, and our students have been absolute superstars with them. This program continues to be such a powerful and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Our big kids stepped into the role beautifully – connecting with the younger students, showing care and patience, and quietly building their own confidence and communication skills along the way!











MC3

MC3 Students Explore Farming and History in Our Local Area

MC3 students recently enjoyed a hands-on learning adventure, visiting Evergrow Hydroponics Farm at Little Plain and the Wing Hing Long Museum in Tingha. At Evergrow, students explored innovative farming techniques and even cooked their own delicious pizzas using some fresh, locally grown ingredients. The experience highlighted sustainable agriculture and the joys of farm-to-table cooking.

The next day, students stepped back in time at the Wing Hing Long Museum, discovering the rich history of Chinese immigration and settlement in Australia. The museum, once a bustling general store, now serves as a fascinating time capsule of shop life before it was closed in the late 90's. Students enjoyed scones and tea while reflecting on the cultural contributions of Chinese Australians.

Since the visits students have used the days to write about their experiences using various 21st century recount techniques such as a blog.

MC3 Students would like to thank Alison, Steve and all the Museum volunteers that made both days fun and educational. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to a generous member of our school community who also made a thoughtful contribution towards the excursion. Your kindness and support have made a meaningful difference, and we are truly grateful. It's gestures like these—often unseen—that help enrich our students' experiences and strengthen our school spirit. Thank you for being part of what makes our community so special.

-Mrs Appleby







AGMENTATION WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 24 June, a group of enthusiastic students took part in an Agmentation Workshop, where they collaborated to tackle real-world industry challenges in protected cropping using AI technology. Throughout the day, students worked in teams applying critical thinking and creativity to develop innovative solutions.

Students are now invited to join other schools at the UNE Smart Farm next term, where they meet with industry experts and compete for a cash prize.





YEAR 9 ENGLISH

This term, 9T English has been studying A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. For their in-class assessment, students were given the opportunity to construct an additional scene, either to perform live in front of their peers or to present as a podcast.

The class has produced incredibly creative scripts, including:

- A fairy council scene where Titania and Oberon debate the ethical use of love potions
- A honeymoon adventure in Crete where Helena and Demetrius encounter the Minotaur, which breaks the love potion's effects
- A therapy session where Helena explores her insecurities
- A backstory for the Indian Boy, whose mother dies and whose guardianship sparks a custody battle in the fairy kingdom
- A fight scene in the woods where Demetrius uncovers Puck's meddling and demands a duel

I've been so impressed with the creativity, engagement, and enthusiasm students have shown in approaching this complex text.

A special mention to Toby H and Toby G, who constructed props and choreographed a duel using Shakespearean swordplay tutorials.

-Mrs Bayley

YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

I'm excited to share the attached photos from the Year 9 Food Technology Assessment cook. Red five Kitchen was filled with energy as our Year 9 students worked hard on their assessments. They've been diving into the topic of Food Equity, and it's been wonderful to see them fully embrace it. They cooked up some amazing dishes using ingredients they had on hand or budget-friendly items.

It was great to see everyone finish up their cooking in the double period and then gather together to enjoy the delicious food they made. It was truly a fun and communal experience!
-Mrs Whitton



















IMPORTANT UPDATE: NEW PROCESSES FOR EXCURSION PERMISSION NOTES

We would like to inform you of recent changes to how permission notes for school excursions and activities are managed.

Sentral Parent Portal

The Sentral Parent Portal continues to be your primary platform for:

- Managing student attendance
- Booking parent-teacher interviews
- Accessing academic reports

PARENTS

School Bytes Parent Portal

We have now transitioned to using the School Bytes Parent Portal for handling excursion permissions and payments. With this system, you can:

- Receive email notifications containing links to online permission forms
- Provide digital consent for your child's participation
- Make any necessary payments securely at the time of consent



This streamlined process allows you to manage permissions and payments efficiently, even for multiple children, all within a single portal.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

<u>Year 12 - Food For the</u> <u>Soul Fundraising</u>

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.

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.

Bring any donations to the Maths staffroom please.

Items you can donate for the \$10 meal in a bag:

Food

- 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

