

Maclean High School

Newsletter

March 2025



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Principal's Report

March has been an eventful month at Maclean High School! We kicked off with our inaugural Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day, along with an informative night for parents and carers. Both events were well received, and we appreciate the positive feedback. We are excited to engage with our upcoming Year 7 cohort through various transition activities planned throughout the year.

Regrettably, due to Cyclone Alfred, we had to postpone the Year 7 Welcome BBQ and the Year 7 Camp. However, we have successfully rescheduled both events for early next term, with the camp taking place as early as Week 1 of Term 2.

It is important to highlight the significance of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN measures the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australia, serving several key purposes:

- **Assessment of Skills:** Evaluates student proficiency in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation), and numeracy.
- **Data for Improvement:** Provides valuable insights that help schools, parents, and education authorities pinpoint areas for enhancement in teaching and learning.
- **Accountability:** Acts as a vital tool for ensuring that schools meet educational standards.
- **Tracking Progress:** Facilitates the monitoring of student progress over time, informing curriculum development and policy decisions.
- **Informed Decisions:** Offers data that assists parents in making knowledgeable choices regarding their children's education.

A heartfelt congratulations to all Year 7 and 9 students who participated in NAPLAN. We look forward to seeing the results later this year!

Last week, Year 7 had the opportunity to participate in our annual Cultural Tours. A big thank you to our Humanities/Languages and Aboriginal Education Team for their hard work in organising this event. It was a wonderful couple of days where our Yaegl Elders and students came together to learn about our local country. Special recognition goes to our Year 12 Aboriginal Studies class for mentoring our Year 7 students during these enriching experiences.



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We are also excited to announce our first Maclean Celebrates Assemblies this month, where we celebrate the achievements of many of our students for their hard work and dedication.

Looking ahead to Week 11, we will be hosting our cross-country event, featuring a fun-filled colour run and more! Additionally, we will hold our ANZAC Assembly to honour those who have served.

It has been a busy term, and Term 2 is shaping up to be just as active. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break these holidays and Easter. Maclean High School will be involved in several community events, including the Cane Harvest Festival, the Maclean Highland Gathering, and the ANZAC Day marches and ceremonies.

We hope Mr Witchard is enjoying a well-deserved break with his family, and we look forward to welcoming him back at the start of Term 2.

I would like to express my gratitude for everyone's support during my time in the Principal's role.

Anna Carle
Relieving Principal



Netball Success

We are thrilled to share the exciting results from the recent Northern Rivers Netball Trials held in Goonellabah. Our school was represented by five talented players: Leilani, Olana, Jazz, Chloe and Freya. Each player showcased their skills and dedication throughout the trials, demonstrating the hard work they've put into their training.

We're proud to announce that four of our players successfully progressed to the North Coast Trials, which took place on March 18th. A special congratulations goes out to Jazz and Olana, who have both earned their spots on the North Coast team! We can't wait to see how they perform in the upcoming NSWCHS trial on 20 -22 May in Tamworth.

Well done to all our trial participants for their outstanding efforts! Your commitment to the sport is commendable, and we are excited to support you as you continue on this journey.

Good luck, Jazz and Olana!

Mrs Adams



Important Dates

- 1 April
 - North Coast Soccer/Football - Coffs Harbour
- 3 April
 - Tourism & Marketing Talks at Dreamworld
- 7 April
 - P & C Meeting MHS Library 6pm
- 8 April
 - ANZAC Ceremony
- 7 April - 9 April
 - NSWCHS Swimming Homebush
- 10 April
 - MHS Cross Country
- 28 April - 29 April
 - School Development Days
- 28 April - 30 April
 - Yr 7 Camp
- 30 April
 - Students Return



Kayaking

Our Year 9 and 10 students have been making waves this term with their engaging kayaking program, taking full advantage of our unique access to Biirrinba (the Clarence River in Yaygirr). This free school sport has provided an incredible opportunity for students to learn and practice in a stunning natural environment right from our school yard.

In recent weeks, students have been focussing on essential kayaking skills and safety protocols, all while enjoying themselves in a fun and supportive atmosphere. They have built their confidence on the water, learning to navigate and control their kayaks effectively.

Unfortunately, the program faced a brief hiatus due to the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Alfred. However, the enthusiasm among our students remains high as they eagerly anticipate returning to the river. The experience not only fosters physical fitness but also encourages teamwork, resilience, and a deeper appreciation for our local environment.

As the weather improves, we look forward to resuming our kayaking sessions and capturing the excitement of our students as they paddle through the beautiful waters of Biirrinba

Mr Patch & Miss Fisher



CHS Opens Football

Soccer Report: Maclean High School vs. Kyogle High School

Last week, Maclean High School hosted an exhilarating day of soccer at Wherrett Park, featuring both the CHS Opens Girls and boys' matches against Kyogle High School.

The action kicked off with the girls' game, where Maclean quickly established dominance. Right from the start, the girls showcased their exceptional teamwork, stringing together a series of composed passes that kept the ball firmly in their possession. Tasmyn and Luna were instrumental in midfield, driving the play forward and creating multiple scoring opportunities.

Defensively, Isabelle and Ruby stood out with their impressive performances, ensuring that the Kyogle attackers were effectively neutralised. The girls were eventually rewarded for their efforts when Caitlyn, having a solid game up front, found the net, assisted by the skillful Ivy. Caitlyn's excellence as a striker continued to shine as she completed her hat-trick in the second half. Despite a torrential downpour, the Maclean girls maintained their resolve, battling for every ball and clinching a convincing 5-0 victory. Isobel and Tasmyn also added their names to the score sheet, contributing to a fantastic team performance.

Following the girls' impressive win, the boys' team took to the field, facing a challenging start as they conceded an early goal. However, this setback only fuelled their determination and teamwork. Maclean quickly responded by utilising Tui's speed and precision, levelling the score and boosting team morale.

A stunning long-range effort from Logan put Maclean ahead for the first time in the match. Decoda was not to be outshone, responding with his own long-range effort which found the back of the net, leading to a 3-1 victory for the home team. Decoda displayed excellent leadership throughout the match, promoting effective communication among his teammates. Defensively, Thomas, Axel and Campbell were rock solid in the second half, ensuring that the opposition struggled to find a way through, while Bodhi was relentless in midfield, contributing to the team's overall success.

It was an exciting day of soccer for Maclean High School, with both teams delivering outstanding performances. We look forward to our next matches against The Rivers Secondary College or Nimbin Central School in the upcoming round!



Community Access Program



As part of our school's Community Access Program, a handful of eager students participated in a wonderful opportunity out at Palmers Channel this week. Every two weeks students visit a herd of horses where they are immersed in a hands-on experience to complement in-class learning about horse safety, care and communication.

Students are beginning to learn about the ways horses communicate, their body language, physical needs and, most importantly, how to be around horses safely. Today they were introduced to "Nicky" who is a retired camp-drafting stock horse with a most placid and accepting nature. Nicky enjoyed the interactions, brushing and kindness students gave her, as well as the bananas at the end of the session!

We look forward to ongoing sessions with this beautiful herd of horses and watching the students' confidence and connection grow.



Legal Aid Workshop



Recently, our Year 10 and Year 11 students had the invaluable opportunity to attend a presentation by Karina from Legal Aid, who provided essential insights into their rights in the workplace. This engaging session focused on key topics such as award wages, legal entitlements, and the newly launched Speak Up, Save Lives app.

Karina's presentation equipped students with important knowledge about their rights as young workers, whether they're employed at a café, babysitting, or working at McDonald's. She explained the significance of understanding award wages and how to identify their entitlements, ensuring that they are aware of their rights to fair pay and safe working conditions.

The introduction of the Speak Up, Save Lives app was a highlight of the session, as it offers a platform for young workers to access vital information and support related to workplace rights. Students learned how this app can empower them to advocate for themselves and seek assistance if they encounter any issues at work.

Overall, the presentation was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with important legal concepts that will benefit them in their future employment. We are grateful to Karina for her time and expertise, and we encourage all students to make use of the resources provided to ensure they are informed and confident as they enter the workforce.

Miss Fisher, Careers Adviser

Year 12 Hospitality



Students in Hospitality classes have been very busy the last few months delivering their premium coffee cave experience to staff and students at Maclean High School. Students make to order a range of hot beverages including cappuccinos, flat white, latte, mocha and macchiatos. These will be assessed in Term 2 with students making them in a time frame as part of multiple assessments during Hospitality Certificate II - Food and Beverage. As a result, this allows students to leave school with HSC and a VET qualification. Students have also implemented a loyalty card as part of our service. We have come a long way over the last 8 months and will continue to strive for excellence - Well done Year 12!

Ms Goodwin



Maclean High School's vocal ensemble are on the way to the rehearsal for tonight's Pulse Alive Festival in Sydney amongst thousands of public students from across the state. Students from 7-12 make up this highly gifted ensemble as part of the Creative and Performing Arts extra-curricular program.



Pulse Alive

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Certificate III in Sports Coaching

Our Year 11 students undertaking the Certificate III in Sports Coaching have been actively applying the skills and knowledge they've gained in the classroom with Mrs Adams by facilitating training sessions for our Wednesday sports program. This hands-on experience allows them to put theory into practice, enhancing their coaching abilities while contributing to our school community.

Throughout the past few weeks, students have taken the lead in guiding junior peers through various drills in basketball, volleyball, and rugby league. This opportunity not only helps develop their coaching skills but also fosters teamwork, communication, and leadership among our Year 11 students. The juniors benefit from the tailored training sessions, gaining valuable skills and confidence in their chosen sports.

Completing the Certificate III in Sports Coaching is a significant achievement for our students, as it opens up entry pathways to numerous university courses. Institutions such as Griffith University, Southern Cross University, and the University of Newcastle recognise this qualification, making it a valuable stepping stone for those interested in pursuing further education in sports management, coaching, or physical education.

We are proud of our Year 11 students for their commitment to both their studies and their peers. This initiative not only enriches their learning experience but also strengthens our school's sporting community. We look forward to seeing them continue to develop their skills and inspire the next generation of athletes!



CHS Opens Basketball Gala Day



Well done to the students who played in the CHS Opens Basketball gala day in Lismore on Monday 24th of February. The girls played with 4 players and lost to Casino High and won again the Rivers Secondary College. The boys beat Nimbin High School and then lost by one point to the Rivers Secondary College.

Congratulations to the 2 girls and 5 boys who were selected to play in the Northern Rivers Zone team next week at Woolgoolga.

Mr Thompson



On Tuesday 25th of February, Year 11 and 12 Ancient History students had the opportunity to interview online Sally Hurst, an Archaeologist and Palaeontologist from Macquarie University Sydney about her career and how she chose her profession. Sally gave a very candid presentation and then took questions from students. It was an amazing experience for everyone involved. Sally said "It was great to see MHS students again and answer the questions from them - including many I hadn't thought about before!"

Well done to our MHS senior students for being curious and always seeking to extend themselves.

Mrs Dehnert



Year 12 Ancient History

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Please be aware that when you request that your child's image not to be published it also means that their image will not appear in the year photographs that comes with the photograph package. Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

The catch up day for school photographs is Wednesday 9th April between 8.30 -11 am. Venue will be announced on Sentral.

One of our inclusive education classes, L Hub, have been busy learning about employment. With the help from Summerland Farm, we were able to take the classroom to the world of work, where L Hub students experienced valuable hands-on learning in a real-world setting. Summerland Farm is a social enterprise that provides employment for people with disabilities, creating a supportive and inclusive workplace. Here students gained valuable experience in a variety of roles, from assisting with garden maintenance, macadamia sorting, fruit grading and packing to working in the plant nursery. This work experience opportunity allowed students to build their capacity to work in teams, develop their confidence to communicate with different people, learn new skills and discover different kinds of jobs. L Hub teaching staff would like to thank Summerland Farm for their hospitality and helping our students develop their employability skills.



Summerland Farm Work Experience

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Touch Football

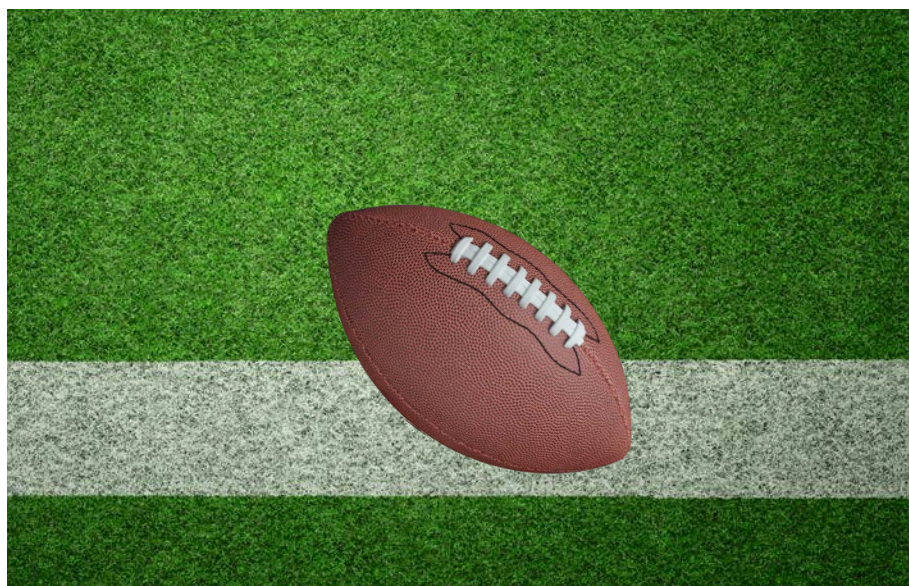
On Friday, April 22nd, the boys' and girls' open division touch football teams travelled to Woodenbong to compete in the annual North Coast Touch Football Opens Competition. This knockout-style tournament attracts teams from across the region, all vying for a coveted spot at the next level, with hopes of ultimately reaching the state titles. Beyond team success, individual players were also striving to earn selection into the prestigious zone representative teams.

The girls' team delivered a standout performance. They were short in numbers but big in heart; with no substitutes to rely on, they fought fiercely in every match. The team, Dimity, Leilani, Sophia, Alyssa, Rhianna, and Mahlia, showed a blend of skill and determination that caught the eye of the selectors. As a result, Leilani, Dimity, and Sophia were selected for the representative team, proving that heart and talent can make all the difference.

The boys were an absolute juggernaut, steamrolling through every team they faced to snatch the title of zone champions. The line up, Antwone, Peter, Vincent, Tui, Harper, Axel, Max, Logan, Cooper, Noah, Malachai, and Leon, left a trail of broken defences in their wake. With their sights now set on the next challenge, they're ready to bring the heat and show their next opponent exactly what it means to face the champs. Given their performance, it was no shock when the selectors decided to recruit half the team, picking Antwone, Peter, Tui, Vincent, and Harper to sport the representative jerseys.

Well done to all the players for representing our school so impressively.

Mrs Lowe & Mr Wythes



On March 25th, 2025, Maclean High School proudly participated in the North Coast CHSSA Swimming Championships held in Kempsey. A total of 36 enthusiastic students represented our school, showcasing their remarkable talent and commitment to the sport.

Throughout the event, all swimmers demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and dedication, embodying the core values of our school. Their efforts not only highlighted their individual skills but also fostered a supportive and encouraging atmosphere among competitors.

We are thrilled to announce that 27 of our swimmers have qualified for the upcoming NSW Championships in Sydney, scheduled for April 7th-10th. This achievement is a testament to their hard work and determination.

Additionally, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Indianna, Freya, Hayden, and Jett, who each earned the title of age champions in their respective categories. Their outstanding performances have set a high standard and serve as an inspiration to their peers.

As we look forward to the NSW Championships, we wish all our athletes the best of luck in their upcoming competitions. We are confident they will continue to represent Maclean High School with pride and excellence.

Go Maclean!

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As pictured
- Including
calculator \$69
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P & C Meetings

MHS P & C meeting will be
held Monday 7th April
6pm in MHS Library.
The AGM will be
held Monday 12th May
6pm in MHS Library with a
general meeting to follow.
All new members welcome

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Maclean Celebration Term 1 Assemblies

Date: Monday 31st March, 2025
Location: MHS Sports Courts
Stage 5 (Year 9 & 10): 10:05am
Stage 6 (Year 11 & 12): 11:25am
Stage 4 (Year 7 & 8): 12:15pm

INVITATION

Parents & Carers of
Year 7, 2025 are invited to
join us for the
"Getting to Know You" BBQ
Thursday 8th May 5-7pm
at Maclean High School
Sports Courts

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Raymond Laurie Sports Centre
Yamba, New South Wales

Tuesday 8 April

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SPECIAL GUESTS
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Aggressive behaviour will **not be tolerated**

Together, we can create a **safe and harmonious environment** for our students and staff



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Helpline Numbers/Online Resources

Kids Helpline: 1800 551800 or www.kidshelp.com.au

Lifeline: 13 1114 or www.lifeline.org.au

Headspace: 1800 650890 or www.eheadspace.org.au

Beyond Blue: 1300 224636 or www.beyondblue.org.au

Reachout: <http://au.reachout.com>

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659467

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 & Ms Tay Cone

Wellbeing & Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator (WHIN): Ms Sally Loy (0484 648 062) Further Information for the WHIN program:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/whinprogram>



The poster features a parent lifting a child into the air against a sunset background. Logos for 'livable your life your way', 'COSP', and 'Child & Family Wellbeing Hub' are at the top. A gold seal on the right says 'ACCREDITED CERTIFIED PROGRAM FACILITATORS'. The title 'Circle of SECURITY PARENTING' is in the center. Text on the left describes the program's goals: understanding emotions, learning to read needs, supporting emotional management, enhancing self-esteem, and trusting instincts. On the right, it lists '8 TUESDAY SESSIONS' on February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 8, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM, at the 'AT CHILD AND WELLBEING HUB' on 18-26 Victoria Street, Grafton NSW. It also notes that events are free with refreshments and childcare on request. A QR code and booking information (1800 289 927, LIVABLE.ORG.AU/EVENTS) are at the bottom.