



**TERM 1 WEEK 3 Tuesday 12th February 2019**

### Enrol Now at the Family School



**We are still accepting enrolments for the 2019 school year.**

### Principal's Report

Congratulations to all our new Kindergarten students who have successfully completed their very first week of education at Macksville Public School. This is a huge achievement and all their families should be congratulated as well. Well done also to the Infant's Staff and Year 6 buddy students for all their hard work in ensuring each child had a safe happy transition to big school. Good luck to all the students participating in our school swimming carnival tomorrow. Try your best and keep smiling! This is always a good way to approach all competitive events. The weather of late has been extremely hot and I am sure a dip in the pool will be very refreshing. Good luck to the boys who are trialling for the P.S.S.A cricket side as well.

Thank you to all the students and families who are respecting our school uniform policy. Staff are working hard to ensure that Macksville PS students wear their uniform with pride. If you need to purchase hats or need help with uniforms, contact the school office and ask for assistance. The first Parents and Citizens meeting for the year will be held in the School staffroom on Monday evening at 6.00pm. Come along and support the students at your school.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at our welcome back to school breakfast this coming Friday. Come along and have a bacon and egg burger and a chat with us.

**~ Anthony Buckley - Principal**

### COMING UP ON OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

- 13th** MPS Annual School Swimming Carnival
- 15th** Community Breakfast - Open Classroom until 10am  
MPS Pre-School Playgroup
- 18th** P&C Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- 19th** Aboriginal Parent & Community Meeting 1pm
- 21st** Netball Trials at lunchtime
- 22nd** MPS Pre-School Playgroup

#### MARCH

- 1st** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 8th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 15th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 22nd** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 25th-29th** Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
- 29th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm

#### APRIL

- 5th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 12th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm

#### MAY

- 3rd** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 10th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 17th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 24th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 31st** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm

#### JUNE

- 4th-5th** Macksville Public School Photos
- 7th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 14th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 21st** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm
- 28th** MPS Pre-School Playgroup - 9.30 until 12pm



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## Macksville Public School Annual Swimming Carnival TOMORROW

Our school swimming carnival is tomorrow, Wednesday 13th February. We welcome all families to come along and cheer their children on. Spectators can pay at the gate on the day, at a cost of \$2.50. The pool canteen will be open for purchases. Please ensure that children have applied sunscreen before coming to school. Please ensure that children have a hat, towel, water, lunch and recess, a plastic bag for wet clothes, sunscreen to reapply and if possible a rash shirt.

## House Colours

Please feel free to send your child to the sports carnival in their sport house's colours.

**Maher—Blue**

**Pope—Green**

**Reid—Red**

**Smith—Yellow**

## This Week at MPS



**Next P&C Meeting**  
Monday February 18th @ 6pm  
in school staffroom  
All parents welcome!

### Community Breakfast

We invite all our families to come in for breakfast on Friday 15th February. Come in and enjoy a bacon and egg burger from 8am and have a chat with us!

Classrooms will be open until 10am, pop in and meet your child's teacher and check out the amazing work they have done so far.

## School Canteen Roster

**Wed 13th** Glenn Robinson  
**Thur 14th** Glenn Robinson, Dave Flack  
**Fri 15th** Dave Flack  
**Mon 18th** Therese Laverty, Belinda Hayes  
**Tues 19th** **CANTEEN CLOSED**



## News from the Canteen

Our school canteen is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.  
**Closed on Tuesdays.**  
We are seeking volunteers for the 2019 school year. If you are able to help, please contact the school on 6568 1800.



# Library

Welcome back! Library has started and books are being borrowed! Please ensure that your child has a library bag to keep their books safe, with your child's name clearly marked on it. The Library sells library bags for \$3, made by our lovely Colleen.

Library days for classes are:

Monday K Purple, K Orange

Tuesday K/1 Navy, 1/2 Honey, 6 Emerald, MC Silver

Wednesday 3 Cyan, 4 Lime, 6 Sapphire, 5 Crimson

Thursday 2 Ruby, 2/3 Aqua, 4/5 Mauve, 5/6 Violet

**Book Club:** Book Club has started for 2019. Order forms went home last Thursday and are due back this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure that completed order forms are returned to the Library with correct money, name and class on the order form. Alternatively you can use the **LOOP** app called '**Book Clubs LOOP for Parents**' This app is an easy way for parents to order and pay for their child's book club order. Just follow the instructions on how to set up your LOOP app today.

## Tablet Robotics

This term our students have the opportunity to work with Tablet Robotics during library lessons, using BlueBot, Dash and LEGO WeDo. Robotics offers an excellent tool for building and sustaining STEM interests because children are constantly challenged to solve real-world problems that require critical thinking, collaboration, and innovation using tools that are relevant to them.

During library lessons, students will be completing various mini challenges by building and coding their robot to complete the task. I look forward to seeing their designs and sharing them with you. Below are some pictures of students exploring how to use the robots.

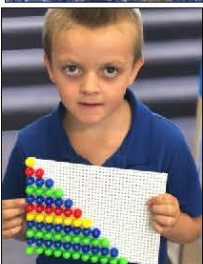
~ Sarah Pade - Librarian/Teacher





# Fun learning in K/1 Navy

Welcome to school Kindergarten and a big welcome back to our Year One students. Mrs Hazelwood is so excited to be your teacher this year. It is wonderful to see how quickly students are settling into the routines of their school and classroom. Well done K/1 Navy!



**K-1 NAVY**





# IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

## Voluntary School Contribution

This year the Voluntary School Contribution at Macksville Public School is \$40 per child or \$100 per family. This increase is the first we have had for a number of years and was approved by our school P&C Association.

The Voluntary School Contribution goes towards ensuring your children are provided with work books and some general stationery. Please pay your child's Voluntary School Contribution at the office in cash or cheque (no eftpos available) or if you would like to make an online payment please head to our website [www.macksville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.macksville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) and follow the instructions under the make a payment tab.

## Get involved in the School Banking program



School Banking

Macksville Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2019 are: Scented Stackable Highlighters, Snowy Origami Set, Icicle Slapband Ruler, Yeti Fluffy Notepad, Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards, Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual



Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

### Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

**1. Online,** Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

**2. In branch,** visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

### **School Banking day is MONDAY commencing MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2019!**

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

## APPLY NOW AT ONE OF OUR NAMBUCCA VALLEY PRESCHOOL'S



### Alphabet Long Day Care College

We welcome all children, families and greater community to experience and contribute to our service program. Open 5 days from 7:30am-6:00pm for ages 2-5 years, offering a school readiness program for our pre-schoolers. National winners in the Australian Child Care Week Awards 2013, 2014 & 2018. Enquiries: 6568 3742

### Eungai Preschool

Come for a visit, and explore our specialised early childhood educational program with diverse learning opportunities specifically designed for 2-6 year olds. We welcome children of all ability levels with developmental support embedded into every aspect of our curriculum.

Enquiries: 6569 9347

### Nambucca Heads Preschool

Fees range from \$40 - \$56 for 2 days with 2 year old positions available for \$40 per day on Fridays. Monday-Thursday hours are 8.30am-4.00pm and Fridays 8.30am-3.00pm. Come and see our friendly staff and experience beautiful environment.

### Macksville Preschool

Macksville Preschool Childcare Centre provides care and early education for children aged 18 months – 5 years. We embrace the diversity of our community and environment and provide dynamic, holistic programs which nurture the individual child.

### Giiguy Gamambi Preschool

We are a nurturing and welcoming environment where children, families, and teachers come together to learn, grow, and build community. 5 days a week, \$12 per day, meals provided 3 days per week, bus transportation available, qualified educators, quality educational preschool program

Apologies to Alphabet Long Day Care College who was omitted from this list last week.

# IAN FLARRETY—MUSIC TEACHER

PHONE 6568 3921

Anyone wishing to have Music Lessons please fill in the note below and send into the school office.

## PERMISSION NOTE FOR MUSIC LESSONS


Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to learn \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_


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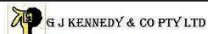
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