Debating Team
Congratulations to our Debating Team who competed against Stuarts Point Public School in the third round of competition. In a closely contested debate we were defeated but received very high praise for our team work and confidence. This is the first time our debating team has reached the third round of competition.

Team Excursion
Our Stage 3 students leave for Canberra this Sunday evening packing the bus at 8.30pm for a 9.00pm departure at the Tourist Information Centre. Their first stop is Parliament House and they will visit all of the attractions our Capital has on offer. We expect Stage 3 will be back at approximately 7.00pm on Friday 12 September 2014.

Our Stage 2 students are heading to the Great Aussie Bush Camp on Monday 8 September 2014. Students are leaving the school at 6.00 am and expect to return at approximately 6.00pm on Wednesday 10 September 2014.

2015 Kinder Interviews
While Stage 2 and 3 are away we will be holding Enrolment Interviews for our 2015 Kindergarten students and their parents. This is an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to meet each other, discuss their aspirations and ask questions about starting school. Interview times have been allocated to all families who have requested enrolment in Kindergarten in 2015.

Fathers Day Stall
Students appreciated the efforts of our P&C in providing a selection of small gifts for them to purchase for their dads. There were many serious shoppers looking for the right gift for dad. Thank you to P&C helpers Kim Glen and Laura Snowden who helped the students with their shopping.

Photos at School Events
Please respect everyone’s privacy when taking photos of your children at school events. Parents are welcome to take photos of their own children at events like the Book Week Parade but please only post photos of your own child on social media.

Keeping in touch
Cheryl Banks
**Kinder 2015 Interviews**

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Kindergarten teachers are available to interview parents and students enrolling in 2015. If you know of anyone intending to enrol their child, who hasn’t done so yet could you please let them know about the interviews. Appointment times are essential. The school will contact parents prior to their appointment to remind them of the time. If you haven’t yet visited the school, please take the opportunity during this week of interviews so parents and students don’t miss out on all the wonderful opportunities we provide around orientation time. If you have any questions don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Makinson

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**Up-date of Enrolment Information**

If families have changed their address or phone number, or have changed their emergency contact details, please let the office know. I’m sure parents understand that for the safety of your child we need current information.

School funding is based on the education and employment status of the school parents. We realise that this may be viewed as sensitive information by families, but it can make the difference to the amount of funds the school receives each year. So if your employment situation has changed we’d appreciate being let know and will treat it with the utmost confidentiality.

Thank you for your help with the above matters.

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**Silkworms**

It is that time of year when the mulberry trees are getting their leaves and the silkworms are hatching out for the year. The silkworms only hatch once a year in the springtime, so if you had silkworms in 2013 and carefully put your eggs away, now is the time to pick some mulberry leaves and feed your silkworms. More about silkworms next week.
Spelling - Helping Your Child with Spelling

Here are some things you can try at home with your children to help them learn this essential skill!

- The best place to learn spelling is in writing. Encourage writing often.
- Your child can learn to spell some words by sounding out each letter. Short, simple words are best to learn in the beginning. Encourage your child to write stories and to spell words using the sounds the letters make.
- Make a puzzle word by writing a word on paper and cutting the letters apart. Magnetic and felt letters can also be used for this activity. Mix the letters and have your children spell the word by putting the letters in order.
- Say a word and have your children repeat the word. Then have them write the letters that match the sounds in the word. Some words need practice and cannot be sounded out and need to be learnt.
- Find the spelling words in other places such as story books. Help your child know when the word “looks right”.
- Write the words in many places eg on paper, in a story or letter or note, in sand, on a frosted window etc. Transfer the knowledge to many settings.
- Help your child write the spelling words on a separate piece of paper in alphabetical order.
- Have your children draw pictures for each of the spelling words. Have them write the word below the picture.
- Take all the pictures and create a spelling reference book over the course of the year.
- Create a word search with your child’s spelling words. You can do this by making a grid of 10 squares by 10 squares, writing the spelling words in the grid, then filling up the other squares with random letters. Keep a list of your children’s spelling words nearby for them to reference while doing the word search.
- Together, think of ways to remember the words. For example, You HEAR with your EAR; He will be a FRIEND until the END; The ELEPHANT ate an ANT, that is why he has an ANT in him. These types of memorization tricks are called mnemonics.
- Have your children write a story using as many of their spelling words as possible. Have them illustrate their stories.
- Make a concentration game out of the spelling words and play this game with your children. Turn it into a game of snap.
- Together, use Scrabble tiles to spell the words.

Mrs Makinson
Can you tell me about the events and activities mentioned in the document? Please provide a summary in a few sentences.
DEDECORATE YOUR BIKE AND RIDE OUR NEWEST CYCLEWAY!

Decorate your bikes and come to a morning of bike riding activities to celebrate the opening of Nambucca Valley’s latest cycleway on Sunday 21 September.

Part of NSW Bike Week, the Nambucca Heads event will include local cycling group volunteers conducting bike safety checks and prizes awarded for the best decorated bikes as well as water bottles for the first 200 finishers.

NSW Bike Week is an annual celebration of cycling, encouraging people from all walks of life to get on a bike and ride – for health, for transport, for fun.

Event details
Gather at the Nambucca Plaza Shopping Centre car park, Pacific Highway, Nambucca Heads.

9.00am Local Bicycle User Group members will provide free bike checks and pump up tyres if needed. Lions Club will be selling food and drink. 9.30am Parade for best decorated bike or helmet, with prizes awarded.

10.00am Official opening by Mayor Rhonda Hoban and start of cycle to Kingsworth Estate (6km return) Guided bike rides of longer distance for both road bikes and mountain bikes will be conducted by trained ride leaders if any participants are interested.

11.00am VIEW Club and other walkers take to the track (6km return)

What you need to know
• Beginners welcome
• Suitable for mountain bikes or road bikes
• All cyclists must wear a correctly fitted helmet
• Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult
• Participants should have their bike in good working order
• Bring a water bottle

Food and drink will be available for purchase from Lions Club and local outlets

Nambucca Bicycle Users Group (NAMBUG) riders will guide road bike riders who wish to do a longer ride through Kingsworth Estate and back to the Plaza or mountain bike riders on dirt tracks to Jacks Ridge in the nearby State Forest. More information on these rides will be available on the day.

Participants are encouraged to register before the event, and find more information by going to Council’s website www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au
**North Coast Athletics Carnival**

The North Coast Athletics Carnival was finally held yesterday after a rain postponement last Friday. Athletes from our school performed well.

Liam Jones - 4th Junior Shot  
Indy Naylor - 5th 12 Years Long Jump  
Bella Ronan - 6th 11 Years 800 m  
Cheyenne Baker - 6th 9 Years 100 m

Marli Bateman was in the leading pack and coming 4th for most of the Junior 800m race but was accidentally knocked by another competitor and then suffered a knee injury and had to withdraw.

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**Macksville Ex-Services Junior Cricket Club**

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Registration Day: Saturday 4.10.14 9am at Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields or at training.  
For More Information please contact Tom Mann on 0417 497 001

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**Have you downloaded the ‘Skoolbag’ App yet?**

It is a great way to stay in touch with upcoming events, notices, newsletters and notifying the school of absences or change of family details.

Just search for our school name in the App store and download. After the app is installed make sure you click on “OK” to allow push notifications and also select “more” then “setup” to select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

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