ASSEMBLY AWARDS
HB1  Brock H  Nevaeh B
HB2  Tilly W  Havana C
HB3  Elizabeth B  Jamaica T O’D
HB4  Brooklyn A  Jacob W
HB6  Charlotte L  Jasmine Y
HB7  Brock S  Charlie T
HB8  Kaylee F  Alex R
HB9  Naomi Y  Charlea K
HB10  Bailey McE  Savannah B
HB11  Hayden W  Clayton D
HB12  Kala B  Tinniel McC

Mrs Foulkes: Britanie P, Celleste B


BRONZE AWARDS: Elizabeth B
Positive Behaviour for Learning: Congratulations to Beau S from HB 8 for displaying positive behaviour and winning a $5.00 voucher from Dizzy Lizzy Country Store.

COMING EVENTS TERM 4
28/10/15  Careers Fun Day, Gold Coin Donation
30/10/15  HB11 Assembly 12.15pm
           Playgroup in the Train 11.30-1pm
5/11/15   Whole School Swimming 9.30-12pm
6/11/15   Whole School Swimming 9.30-12pm
9th Nov to 16th Nov  Intensive Swimming Program
11/11/15  Remembrance Day
13/11/15  HB10 Assembly 11.30am
17/11/15  P & C Meeting 6pm
26/11/15  Bike Day
27/11/15  HB9 Assembly 12.15pm

MECS Leadership Day
On Wednesday 14th October, six Year 5 students attended a Leadership Course run by the Macleay Education Community of Schools. Students from all Macleay Public Schools were represented on the day. The students participated in workshops and activities designed to develop self-esteem and leadership skills. A great day was had by all students involved.
Community Partnerships
Parenting Tip – From School A to Z:
This timely tip is in line with our upcoming Whole School Swimming and Intensive Swimming days.

Summer weather promises lots of swimming in beaches, rivers, lakes and pools, but with that also comes an increased risk of drowning, which peaks during the warmer months.

Home swimming pools are the most common areas for drowning.

- Keep your pool fenced and your kids supervised.
- Many organisations run water safety and swimming classes.
- Learning first-aid could mean the difference between life and death.
- Boating, surfing and rock fishing require life jackets and extra safety equipment.
- Only swim at patrolled beaches.
- Learn how to spot rips.
- Teach your kids if they get caught in a rip to stay calm and float to conserve energy.

School Banking
Thank you to Jessica, who has volunteered to take over as our new school banking co-ordinator. Our volunteers in school banking are vital in helping teach our students the importance of saving regularly. Banking day will remain on Wednesdays.

Playgroup – Friday 30th October 11.30am – 1pm
Our 2016 Kindy students will attend a cooking session in the train with Mrs Dufty on Friday. The Cancer Council NSW’s Eat It To Beat It team will be coming to deliver a 25 minute Healthy Lunch Box session for the parents and carers. Playgroup is a great opportunity for the children to further get to know the school and other children starting school next year.

This group of Kindy Club girls were all smiles on Friday 23rd.

Judy Wright
Community Partnership Officer
Judith.wright7@det.nsw.edu.au

Careers Fun Dress Up Day – Gold Coin Donation
Tomorrow, Wednesday 28th October
Students may come dressed up as what they think they’d like to be when they grow up. This is a fun way for them to start thinking about possible careers and opportunities for the future.

Selective high school placement application dates
Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2017 open on 13 October 2015 and close on 16 November 2015.

Parents must apply online at the following link:
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

What are selective high schools?
Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

If you require more information, please contact the Principal.
**Dance Group**

As part of a MECS cultural initiative, Bailey, Jayden and Thomas travelled to Sydney to take part in a Dunghutti dance group. After several weeks of practice the boys performed as part of the opening ceremony of the State Conference of the NSW Primary Principals’ conference. The event was attended by the Minister for Education and NSW Premier along with 500 principals from all around the state.

The group performed 3 dances and Bailey also delivered a Dunghutti language item. Whilst they were in Sydney the group toured University of Technology Sydney and visited behind the scenes of the Novotel Sydney Central, with a former Kempsey student.

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**What’s Gonski?**

Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

Schools can use the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students. The ways they can use the funding include:

- Reducing class sizes
- Employing additional specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy
- Providing greater assistance and support for students with disabilities or behavioural problems
- Building the skills and knowledge of teachers.

**So what is the problem?**

The problem is that the Federal Coalition Government is refusing to honour, in full, the Gonski agreements signed with NSW, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and the ACT.

It wants to end and tear up the agreements in 2017 and stop delivering to all governments the needs-based Gonski funding.

That means children across Australia will be denied the resources and the opportunities they need to get a good education.

The financial impact of this decision will be huge because the majority of the funding is due to flow from the Federal Government to schools in the final two years.

In NSW alone, it means schools will miss out on funding that could pay for four teachers, on average.

**We can change this**

Getting the right resources into schools to ensure all our children get a high quality education should be something all politicians can agree on. We need a bi-partisan commitment to delivering Gonski, in full, from all state and federal political leaders. By signing up for the Gonski campaign you can join over 145,000 other Australians who are committed to this cause and to putting pressure on the politicians to do the right thing by our kids.


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**Canteen News**

The canteen is in need of your spare plastic shopping bags. If you have some spare, please send them in to the canteen.

Do you have a suggestion for the new menu? Is there something you would like to see sold in the canteen? Let us know! We are always looking for new ideas so please share yours!

Please do your best to have your lunch orders in before recess so we can make sure your lunch is ready for you by lunch time.

*Special of the Week:*

Salmon, spinach and spring onion quiche with fresh herbs and side salad

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**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4**

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COMMUNITY NEWS
Ava Jordon competed in the North Coast zone team competition and the End of Year Kempsey Macleay Physical Culture Club competition over the last two weekends. The team performed well at zone but did not place. At the End of Year competition, Ava placed 2nd.

Well done Ava (pictured right)