What’s On at Hastings ...

Monday, 27th
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Wednesday, 29th
- Year 4 Point Wolstoncroft Camp
- Canteen Help Required

Thursday, 30th
- Boys Vocal Workshop at Tacking Point Public
- Student Banking
- Infants Assembly - 1:40pm
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Friday, 31st
- 2014 Hastings Sports Awards
- Nominations for 2015 School Parliament due
- Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am
- Year 4 Campers return

HASTINGS HAPPENINGS
Respect - Responsibility - Initiative - Resilience
Commitment - Courage - Achievement

BOYS NIGHT IN
Thanks to the dads and sons who enjoyed their time together at our Boys Night In at school last Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning. The weather finally smiled on us allowing everyone to do “their thing” be it skateboarding, bike/scooter riding, cricket and our famous gumboot throwing competition where many strong arms were on show. Highlights also included a visit from the Fire Brigade and at night cooking damper and melting marshmallows over the camp fires. Congratulations to the following students who went home with some fantastic prizes ...

- In the Gumboot throwing competition, Dean Gallagher (Tom’s dad) won the senior division and took home a $20.00 meat voucher from Waniora Butchers. Joshua Collins won the K-2 “small boot” division and Kael Harris the 3-6 “medium boot” division with each winning a Freddo Frog!
- Sam Smith (ex-student and brother of Zachary) won a signed Newcastle Knights football courtesy of Your Life Gym in the Pass the Football competition
- Raffle 1st Prize – Soul Surfing voucher went to Sachin and Ajay Sen Gupta
  2nd Prize – BCF tent and 2 sleeping bags went to Towa Henry
  3rd Prize – Clarry Anderson toolbox went to Jaiden Burke

And many, many thanks to the following families who donated prizes ...

- Waniora Butchers (Neil is Sean Cochrane’s pop)
- BCF (Tony Maqueda – dad of Abbie & Lily)
- Soul Surfing (the Enfield family)
- Your Life Gym (the Wilcox family)
- Clarry Anderson (granddad to Ethan, Jarrah & Madeleine Burton)
INTEGRATION WORKS
Visitors to school will have seen the safety fences around sections of courtyard 1 near the canteen. The work in this area will involve the removal of the three flame trees and demolition of the large garden box near the canteen to be replaced by a disabled-access ramp. A lift will then be installed from courtyard 1 up to the main corridor. The demolition work will commence tomorrow to minimise disturbance to lessons.

THE SAME SAD STORY
We shouldn’t be surprised as the following story is worringly familiar: On Wednesday a mother from our school dropped her child off in the no-stopping zone and then drove through the pedestrian crossing while a Year 2 girl was using the crossing. A witness who observed this act of thoughtlessness has taken the number plate of the car (Qld registered) and contacted the police, prepared to make statement. We hope the fine is big enough to make this parent think when behind a wheel.

CHILDRENS’ CROSSINGS
These are part-time crossings which operate just before and after school hours, as well as other times such as school excursions and lunch times. They are highlighted by orange flags with the words children crossing on them. **When the flags are displayed you must slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing. You must not proceed until ALL pedestrians have left the crossing.** You must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after, a children’s crossing.

SURF SAFETY TALKS
All classes have attended these important survival lectures this week presented by the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council lifeguard, Grant Hudson. We hope all parents reinforce the message of “swim between the flags”!

MATHLETICS
A reminder all students from years 1 to 5 have access to this excellent maths program. Students should know their login names and passwords. If your child is in this age bracket, ask them to show you some the things he/she can do with this program.

YEAR 4 CAMP
A reminder to our Year 4 campers to set the alarm and don’t be late next Wednesday. You must be at school by 6:40am and the bus will leave at 7am sharp! The bus is due back 5pm Friday. Parents are asked **not to phone the school** on Friday to check if they are on time. As you can appreciate 70 extra phone calls will make for one extremely busy afternoon. If we hear the buses have been held up we will make an announcement at school for siblings to relay the message home and also notify parents via facebook and email.
SCHOOL SURVEYS
Each year we survey some aspect of our school to assist with future planning. This year there are three surveys for parents to complete

1. Student Learning  https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F8CSJ2Q
2. English  https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LGP7CHT
3. General Satisfaction  https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L3K3DC8

If you would like to participate in our surveys please follow the links above. It should only take a few minutes of your time to complete all three. The first 100 responses will be accepted as this is the limit for the survey software. Thank you for your time and input.

LOOKING AFTER OUR AQUARIUM
Ritchies’ Community Benefit Card program donates a percentage of the money spent by customers back to their nominated club, school or charity. Since the inception of the card our school has benefitted greatly with donations received used to create the rainforest boardwalk, the garden area outside the main office and part of the foyer refurbishment.

Donated funds are now going to be used in looking after our aquarium and we need your help to earn funds for the school. The office now has barcoded cards and key tags for parents to use when they purchase groceries from Ritchie’s IGA in Port Central. If you shop at Ritchie’s and would like to help look after our fish we can send a card or keytag home. Give us a call as all you then have to do is shop in-store and have your card/tag scanned every time you go through the checkout. It’s that easy! Many thanks to Jennifer at Aquamail who has come to the rescue of some very happy fish!

2014 HASTINGS SPORTS AWARDS
Good luck to us at next Friday’s Hastings Sports Awards presented by Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotary Club. The school’s 609 students have been nominated for a Junior Team of the Year award for their dedication, enthusiasm, participation, support to others, personal achievements and team spirit gained during Kilometre Club and their run around Australia.

FOUND
We have just completed week 3 of the term and lost property is again full of jumpers, jackets, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc. etc. etc. and all belong to nobody! As well, a pair of children’s black framed glasses (handed in last term) is still at the office waiting to be claimed. If your child wears black framed glasses please ask them if they have been wearing their glasses recently.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - ALL ORDER ENVELOPES MUST BE RETURNED
All students will have their photo taken on photo day as this gives the school a picture of every child to be used, if required, in newsletters etc. Whether you are not ordering photos or you have paid online all order envelopes must be returned as they are barcoded for the photographers to scan your child’s information on photo day. We really hope envelopes haven’t been lost or destroyed! School photos will be taken on Friday, 14th and Monday, 17th November. Envelopes must be back by Wednesday, 12th November.

If you are a parent living away from the family home and would like to order your child’s photo please contact the office for an order form.

Family photo order envelopes are also available from the office for families wishing to have a sibling photo taken.

NOW IN STOCK
Size 8 short sleeve polo shirts
LEARNING - GROWING - CARING

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thanks for Helping

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Hastings Public School's P&C presents

TRIVIA NIGHT

BOOK YOUR TABLE OF 8 NOW - $10PP

If you are looking for a great night out then look no further than our Trivia Night and the evening is back bigger, brighter and with a little touch of Royalty!

Mr Heaton is Master of Ceremonies and presents the questions and multiple choice answers on the big screen accompanied by funny clips and music videos.

Many thanks to the following businesses and families who have donated prizes for the night ...

- Spar Express (Waniora) - Jordan family
- Sandy Feet – Sen Gupta family
- Your Life Fitness - Amy and Gavin Wilcox
- Rydges Zebu Bar & Grill
- Tacking Point Tavern Bottle Shop – Brendan Flowers
- Ashmore Holiday Park
- Waniora LiquorLand
- Serenity Make Up & Beauty
- Kenny Little’s Fruit & Veg

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Garage Sale Trail ... Saturday, 25th October!

Garage Sale Trail is a national day of buying, selling, reusing and meeting the locals. This year’s event will be held tomorrow and will be the world’s biggest garage sale. To find Port Macquarie-Hastings Council’s local Sale Trail go to www.garagesaletrail.com.au and search by postcode or item type! There are over 70 sales registered within a 10km radius of Port Macquarie.

Port Macquarie Junior Cricket ...

Registrations are still open with spots available for this season in 9’s, 10’s, 13’s and Opens (U14 to U16). Also Milo cricket started yesterday - Thursday 23rd October at Wayne Richards Park (4pm to 5pm) for boys and girls 6 to 8 years of age. Register online via the PMJCC website http://www.portmacquariejcc.nsw.cricket.com.au/ or contact Mathew Fens on 0437 653 177 or email portcricket@gmail.com

Softball ...

The Camden-Haven Softball Association is seeking Under 12 boys and girls to play softball this summer. All games are played at Findlay Park (Westport High School) on Saturdays from 10am till 11am. Come along and join a team sport with your friends. Basic skills will be shown to each player with participation and fun being the main structure of the program. Interested players can contact Rowena Meers on 0409 124 166

Tennis ...

A FREE trial lesson for boys and girls, Kinder to Year 6, is being offered by Westport Tennis Club either after school or on a Saturday morning. Please contact Mark Rawlingson on 0412 834 336 if you would like to take up the offer.

ARE YOU LEAVING?

With the exception of Year 6, if you are not returning to Hastings in 2015 can you please let us know. An email will be fine but please include your child/ren’s name, current class and the new school they will be attending.