What’s On at Hastings ...

Monday, 24th
- Kinder 2015 Orientation Walk & Talk (Surnames A-L) – 2pm to 2:45pm
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Tuesday, 25th
- CLOSING DATE for Year 6 Fun Day Payments
- Canteen Thank You Lunch - 1:30pm

Wednesday, 26th
- Kinder 2015 Orientation Walk & Talk (Surnames M-Z) – 2pm to 2:45pm

Thursday, 27th
- CLOSING DATE for Year 6 Port High Orientation Payments
- Student Banking
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Friday, 28th
- Year 6 Fun Day
- Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am

HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

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

2015 CLASSES
Our numbers continue to grow and we expect to start next year with 26 classes. To ease the pressure on our main playground, it has been decided to open two areas of the school. Our 2015 Year 6 students will be able to use the top playground above the library and the Stage 2 classes (years 3 & 4) will use the grassed area below the netball court as their eating area and then may use the netball court and surrounds as their play area. Students from these grades don’t have to use these areas for play but the option is available for them.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE
At their meeting last Wednesday the School Council allocated funds to support an extensive playground renovation. This is the result of the surveying of the school community by Danielle Blenkhorn throughout the year. Danielle has sifted through the many comments and framed many proposals that will give our students more playground area along with some unique additions such as an amphitheatre, sensory garden and music garden. We will keep everyone informed of this exciting project as it proceeds.

DETOURS
We have been informed some students may not be spending money given to them by parents for the intended purpose of lunch orders. A number of students have been spotted detouring via shops on the way to school and arriving with lollies. This is not good for their teeth, concentration throughout the day or their long-term physical health.
WESTPORT CLUB MATHLETICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who scored very well in the recent Mathletics competition conducted by the Westport Club:

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<td>Riley Lee</td>
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<td>Oliver Walton</td>
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As the top-scoring representatives in stages 1 & 2, Kai Marino and Tom Gallagher were invited by The Westport Club to compete at the interschool competition today. An account of their performance will be in next week’s newsletter.

YEAR 5 GALLIPOLI ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Next Monday a number of Year 5 students will sit for the Port Macquarie R S L Anzac Centenary competition. The students will have an hour to write an essay entitled “What Gallipoli means to me”. Our winner will be chosen by staff and his/her entry will then be judged by a local panel next year along with entries from all schools in Port Macquarie. The winner of this final stage of the competition will receive $500 and read their entry at the Anzac Day ceremony on the Town Green next year.

THE PERFECT CUBBY HOUSE!

We have a large cardboard box 930w x 735d x 915h which is too good to destroy as it would make the perfect cubby house. The box is free, comes with an optional timber pallet and you will have to pick it up! Please contact the office if you would like it.

ATTENTION YEAR 2 BUS TRAVELLERS

The Department of Transport NSW advises free travel is only available to students in Years 3 to 6 if they reside outside a 1.6km direct radius or 2.3km walking distance. If you live within this zone but would like your child to travel to school by bus in 2015 you will have to apply in writing to the Department of Transport NSW, School Travel, PO Box 871, Newcastle, 2300. Your letter is to be mailed directly to Newcastle and should include your child’s name, school attending, school year in 2015, direct walking distance to school and any other relevant information such as medical conditions and safety issues associated with unsuitable pedestrian infrastructure - lack of footpaths, crossing main roads etc. to help with your application.

If your child is currently in Year 2 and has a bus pass they will not automatically renew the pass for 2015.

YEAR 6 FUN DAY

Year 6 are supplying the fun for the rest of the school to enjoy! The Year 6 Fun Day will be held next Friday, 28th November and for those parents who have returned the full note with their payment (and not just the tear-off slip) details are:

• wear casual clothes with sensible footwear. NO singlet tops or thongs.
• apply sunscreen before coming to school as some activities are in the open
• hats are essential

All payments for the Fun Day must be back by Wednesday, 26th November.
Late payments will not be accepted.
STUDENT PAYMENTS
We know family life is busy but we would really like the assistance from all families with this one! When you are returning payments for whatever activity please keep sibling payments AND/OR each activity payment separate and return the permission slip and payment to your child’s class teacher.

Money is collected in class each morning and sent to the office. Each child’s permission note and money is checked, marked off and a receipt issued. Our cashier job is made much harder when we have completed all receipts for a class only to get a couple of grades over to find sibling or activity payments enclosed for a class/activity we have already finalised.

CANTEEN THANK YOU LUNCH
Our canteen volunteers will be thanked for their support next Tuesday with a luncheon in the school hall from 1:30pm. If you have volunteered in the canteen this year and your invitation hasn’t made it home please give Lesley a call by 2pm Monday.

SPORTS UPDATES
Tennis Scholarship ...
The West Port Tennis Club is offering two tennis scholarships for 12 months valued at $1140 to students of our school. Any student from 5 to 12 is eligible to apply but must meet the following conditions:

1. Able to commit to weekly practice sessions
2. Able to compete in five Junior Development tournaments
3. Able to participate in junior competitions on Saturday afternoons
4. Accept the coaching staff provided by the West Port Tennis Club
5. Be subject to review at three monthly intervals during the term of the scholarship.

This offer is a competitive scholarship. If you are interested in applying, please contact the school for details. Closing date to lodge the application is December 20.

Netball ...
We have 13 Hastings girls playing Netta next year in the Saturday competition. We need five more players to form two full teams. If your daughter turns 8 in 2015 and is interested in playing netball, please contact Mrs Heaton on 0401 236 146 by Friday, November 28. She will be happy to answer any questions. The first 5 students/families to make contact will be allocated these spaces.

Speaking of netball, this Sunday from 9am Port Macquarie Rotary is painting the Macquarie Park Clubhouse and cleaning graffiti off the toilets. If you and your family can spare an hour to help it would be greatly appreciated.

Cricket Trials ...
Congratulations to Jesse Beard, Sam Jones and Ben Stewart who have gained selection in the Hastings/Camden Haven cricket team. The boys will now compete for possible selection in the Lower North Coast team to be held early next year.

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property is pretty full. If it has a name on it, it will be returned but if it hasn’t, at the end of term, clothing will be passed on to the uniform shop and containers binned!

CANTEEN ROSTER ...

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LEARNING - GROWING - CARING
HASTINGS HEADLINES

Congratulations to Holly Campbell (3/4J), India Nixon (3/4J) and Michael van Hoorn (6S) who recently completed their first music exams. The group take before-school lessons at school with Port Macquarie Academy of Music and achieved outstanding results ...

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Ben Moreton (5/6J) and Tom Moreton (4W) take after school lessons with the academy and also received outstanding results in their exam ...

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Accommodation Wanted ... The students of Charles Sturt University, Port Macquarie are looking for suitable accommodation to help them settle into their studies throughout 2015. If you have a spare room, granny flat or even an empty house to rent out then please consider registering your space on the CSU off campus accommodation register, https://csu.studystays.com/. If going online is too troublesome, or if you have any questions, then please contact Clara Koch on 6582 9358 or ckoch@csu.edu.au with details of the space that you would like to rent out.

Piano & Flute Lessons ... Piano and flute lessons 2015. All levels, all ages. Learn, have fun and play with confidence and support. Hastings school area. Please phone Kerrie Daley on 0412 312 012 for further information.

Acoustic Guitar & Keyboard Beginner Groups ... Qualified teachers from Port Macquarie Academy of Music will continue to offer affordable beginner tuition for keyboard and acoustic guitar and bookings are now open for 2015. Lessons are held at school before 9am one day a week. Students are required to bring their instrument to school on lesson day. For further enquiries or to register please contact Anne at Port Macquarie Academy of Music on 0412 071 162.

Free Dental Check Ups for your Child ... Lake Innes Medical and Dental Centre is offering a free dental check-up for your child/ren and families can take advantage of the offer over the holidays and book in for the dental treatment under the Medicare Dental Benefits Scheme. If your child is aged 2-17 and your family meets the means test you could be entitled for up to $1000.00 per child dental care which could include basic essential dental treatment such as check-ups, x-rays, fillings and extractions. Please phone 6581 3131 for an appointment. Waiting times are minimal.

SAVE THE DATE

Hastings Public School

CAROLS by the RAINFOREST

FRIDAY 12th December

FACE PAINTING
$2

GLOW CANDLES ~ WANDS ~ HEADBANDS
$2 each

CHOIR PERFORMANCE

BBQ & COLD DRINKS

SPECIAL VISIT by SANTA CLAUS!!

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