What’s On at Hastings  …  Week 10

Saturday, 29th
- Working Bee

Monday, 31st
- Disco tickets on sale
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm
- Speechcraft - 3:30pm

Tuesday, 1st
- 4B, 4W, 5/6J Interviews

Wednesday, 2nd
- KF, 3D, 3S Interviews
- KD Interviews
- Student Banking
- Infants Assemblies
  - Kinder & Year 1 - 1:40pm
  - Year 2 - 2:25pm
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Thursday, 3rd
- CLOSE for Playground Surveys
- Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am
- Schubert 7s Rugby League Gala Day
- Farmers’ Friends Mufti Day
- Term 1 Discos

Friday, 4th
- CLOSING DATE for Playground Surveys
- Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am

Easter Hamper Raffle Tickets
A book of 5 raffle tickets has been sent home today to each family. Please supervise your child if they are selling around the neighbourhood. All tickets, sold/unsold, must be returned to the office by Wednesday, 9th April. The hampers will be drawn following the Easter Hat parade on Friday, 11th April.

Easter Hamper Donations
Easter Hamper donations are a little slow so please make this weekend the weekend to buy something extra to donate to our Easter Hamper raffle. From Monday all things perishable (and non-perishable) can be sent in.

Our aim is to have the biggest and best hampers yet! All donations must be in by Wednesday, 9th April.

GETTING READY for
TERM 2!

Friday, 11th
Term 1 concludes

Friday, 25th
Anzac Day March

Saturday, 26th
Uniform Shop open
10am to 12 noon

Monday, 28th
Staff Development Day
(Pupil Free)

Tuesday, 29th
All students commence
Term 2

WORKING BEE
TOMORROW
8am to Lunch

BYO
wheelbarrows, shovels, spades, pitch forks, gardening tools and a raincoat.

Wear protective clothing.

Bring insect repellent and a water bottle!

All the family welcome to come and “pitch” in.
The kids can spread after dad has shovelled!
**ETIQUETTE**

**Office Etiquette**  
In a school of over 600 students it is hoped everyone appreciates they cannot have immediate access to the principal or deputy principal but there have been situations over the previous weeks when confidential matters are being discussed in these two offices when parents have suddenly arrived at the door wanting to have a chat.  

**ALL** parents **MUST** stop at the office first to see if Mrs Baker or Mr Heaton are available. There will be no exceptions and parents who forget this simple rule will be reminded by the office staff and the executive. A “STOP” sign has been erected near the corridor to these offices in case people need further reminders.

**Parent/Children Etiquette**  
We all know from time to time children may have a falling out/disagreement/argument with a friend or classmate. If this happens and you feel your child has been wronged please do not confront the other child or children, especially at school. Nothing inflames a situation more than a parent speaking to or admonishing other children who are not theirs. Please contact the office and allow the school executive to resolve the matter.

**Internet Etiquette**  
For a while we have warned parents of the dangers of a number of social media outlets. The easiest solution to avoiding bullying issues via the internet is to not allow children access to these sites but this seems to be beyond the control of some parents. As a result, we have to advise if your child is the victim of on-line bullying there is little the school can do if the transgression takes place away from school. The only advice we can offer is to compile evidence and take it to the police.

**Disabled Parking Etiquette**  
Parents are also reminded that the use of the disabled carpark at the northern entrance of the school is only permitted after parents have met with the principal and approval has been granted. Those parents who have been allowed to use this area for mobility reasons are asked not to reverse out of this area as vision is limited going up the slope and many families use this area each day.

**Toilet Upgrade**  
Thanks to the P&C for organizing the repaint of the outside toilets this week, giving these facilities a fresh new look. Air fresheners and deodorizers in the cisterns have also been installed to make these important parts of the school as pleasant as possible.

**Braemar Drive carpark**  
Work commences next Monday on the staff carpark off Braemar Drive to create a disabled car spot. This work will involve extensive excavation over a number of weeks meaning this area will be off-limits to all members of our community without the permission of the worksite supervisor.

**Lunch Orders**  
**- All lunch orders are to be written out at home!**  
Orders are to be **clearly** written on a paper bag in either blue or black pen and don’t forget to include your child’s name and class. Orders are to be taken to the canteen on arrival at school. Money is kept secure if bags are folded in half then in half again. If you do not have a paper bag, use an envelope. Please do not send your child to school to ask for Lesley or our canteen helpers to write out your child’s order.

**PSSA Football (Soccer)**  
Congratulations and continuing good luck to Joni Ransley and Brodie Knott who have both been selected in the H/CH District PSSA Football (girls and boys) teams to participate at the Lower North Coast team trials to be held on Monday, 7th April.
FRIDAY, 4th APRIL ... is a day on the farm!

Come to school dressed in your favourite farming clothes (overalls or jeans, a shirt & hat),
PAY A GOLD COIN for being out of uniform and help us support the
NSW Drought Appeal & buy a hay bale or two!

and after a hard day’s work it’s time to
RAZZLE DAZZLE the night away at the Term 1 Discos ...

INFANTS K-2
5pm to 6:30pm

PRIMARY 3-6
7pm to 8:30pm

The canteen will be open during both discos selling
HOT FOOD $2.50 and COLD DRINKS $1.00

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• School discos are for our students only.
• All students must be picked up from the school hall at the concluding time. Do not ask your child to meet you at the car.
• Parents are most welcome to stay and help supervise but please NO toddlers / pre-schoolers. If you can assist please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office by Wednesday.
• Tickets will be sold at the canteen window each morning next week (8:40am to 8:55am). Pre purchased tickets are $4 each or at the door on the night for $5.00. Only pre-purchased tickets will give your child a chance to win a Lucky Door prize (don’t forget to write their name and class on the back of the ticket BEFORE the night).
• Glo items will also be on sale during the night - $1 to $2 each
• Please ensure your child’s spending money is secure in a bag or wallet. K-2 students may put their money in an envelope, with their name clearly on the front, and give to Mr Heaton for safe-keeping until canteen time. Nothing spoils your child’s night more if they lose their money!

HASTINGS HEADLINES

Congratulations to Hugh Sharp and his effort in last weekend’s Relay for Life. Hugh set himself a goal of walking 50 laps (20km) and fundraising $20. He smashed both goals - walking 60 laps and raising $50 for the NSW Cancer Council. This included some of his own pocket money and support from the school office ladies. Additional funds of $42.20 were also raised during the Miss Relay competition where ‘Eugenie’ was the youngest entrant. Hugh achieved ALL of this after he was graded for his yellow belt at Tai Kwon Do on Saturday morning. Well done!
MORE MATHS IDEAS

2D Shapes – quadrilaterals. Some basic facts for young and older students and parents trying to help with homework!

A quadrilateral has four sides and four angles. The sum total of the four interior angles will always equal 360 degrees.

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* All interior angles are equal  
* Two sets of parallel lines |
| Trapezium | * At least one set of parallel lines                   |
| Parallelogram | * Opposite sides are equal  
* Opposite angles are equal  
* Two sets of parallel lines  
* Squares and rectangles are parallelograms |
| Rhombus  | * All sides are equal  
* Opposite angles are equal  
* Two sets of parallel lines |
| Square   | * All sides and angles are equal  
* Two sets of parallel lines  
* A square is a special type of rectangle with all sides equal |

 Thanks for Helping ... 

Canteen

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IMPORTANT NOTICE – RESEARCH IN THE SCHOOL

The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Selected students and parents/carers will receive an invitation from the school to take part in focus groups to be held in coming weeks. If you wish to take part, please return the consent form included with your invitation to the school. For more information, please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS NOW OPEN MONDAY AFTERNOONS 2:30 TO 3PM  
as well as Thursday afternoons (2:30 to 3pm) and Friday mornings (8:30 to 9:30am)
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 Year 3 & 5 students from our school will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) This program has the support of all state and territory education ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools and parents on individual and whole school achievement, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement which will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure every student’s privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

- Tuesday 13 May: Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) & Writing
- Wednesday 14 May: Reading
- Thursday 15 May: Numeracy (number, algebra, function and pattern; chance and data; measurement and space). The numeracy tests do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors.

In 2014, as in previous years, the writing task will be a common task for all students. The 2014 writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period. Wherever possible, schools will organise for students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments usually provided in the classroom may be permitted. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students. Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and if necessary, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer but this is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

PLAYGROUND SURVEYS

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, P&C are doing research to look at ways the school community could improve our school playground and landscape. We are asking students, parents and teachers to share their ideas in their own online survey.

Students, use this weblink: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hastingsplay1

Parents and carers, use this weblink: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hastingsplay2

The survey will stay open until next Friday, 4th April.
TOMORROW’S WORKING BEE

We hope most of our 320 families will be able to give a little time at tomorrow’s working bee. The areas to be covered and our priorities for the morning include …

1. Demountable gardens - dig over existing soil, fill with compost, plant.
2. Rainforest track - pack up ends of bridge with soil (so there is no drop) and spread mulch on track plus a general tidy up. This is in readiness for the Kilometre Club which starts straight after the holidays.
3. Clean out the sand pit. Sand has been ordered and can be delivered and tipped straight in once it is clean.
4. Ponds near the front door. If anyone is skilled at getting the pumps to work, that would be great!

Everyone is most welcome to help – including the kids! Please bring your own tools, gloves and don’t forget the Aerogard!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Computer Capers … Computer Capers is a school holiday program for students interested in ICT including moviemaking, Greenscreen, animation and Minecraft. The programs are suitable for children in Years 2 to 7 and will run between Monday, 14th and Thursday, 24th April. Each day is broken into two 3 hour sessions and students can enrol for the morning session, afternoon session or stay for the day. The cost is $20 per session or $35 for the day. A snack and drink will be provided. Students staying the day must bring a packed lunch. For further information visit [www.computercapers.com.au](http://www.computercapers.com.au) or email computercapers@gamil.com

Soul Surfing … Easter – a time to surf! Come and join Soul Surfing’s popular Vacation Care surf lesson program. Monday to Friday - 9am til 3pm. Two surf lessons and beach activities from $45 per day with multi day savings. Our Intensive surf lesson course of 5 days x 2hr lessons from $120. Also general and private lessons daily. Come and have fun in the most glorious time of year to hit the waves! Warm water and calm winds. Call Corey or Loren on 6582 0114 or email corey@soulsurfing.com.au

Under One Sky … Hastings Choristers present a World Premiere “Under One Sky” to be held at Port Macquarie Uniting Church on Sunday, 30th March at 2pm. The concert will feature Sydney Grammar School Preparatory Schools’ Choirs, Bel Canto, Cantorus and Cantabile in a celebration of multicultural Australia. Tickets available at The Glasshouse Box Office - $25.00 Adult, $20.00 Concession and $10.00 school students.

Futsal Clinics … An invitation is extended to boys and girls of all age groups to attend the futsal clinics to be held on Wednesday, 23rd and Thursday, 24th April. Four x 3 hour sessions available. Futsal (Mid North Coast) have secured the talented Brazilian coach (English speaking) Vinny to share his knowledge of the indoor and outdoor game of football at these clinics. For further information or to secure a place please contact Alison 0412 191 923 email alison.fazzolari@hotmail.com

SCHOOL DISCO HELP

Name: ___________________ ___________________ Phone: ___________________

I would like to assist with supervision at the:-

☐ INFANTS DISCO – 5pm to 6:30pm  ☐ PRIMARY DISCO – 7pm to 8:30pm