What’s On at Hastings … Week 11!
Friday, 11th (tomorrow) • Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am
• Easter Hat Parade - Under the COLA 9:30am to 11am
• Hamper Raffles drawn
• Canteen Treat Day
• THAT’S IT for Term 1!

and Term 2
Friday, 25th • Anzac Day March
Saturday, 26th • Uniform Shop open 10am to 12 noon
Monday, 28th • Staff Return – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 29th • Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9am
• All students commence Term 2
Thursday, 1st • School Finals Public Speaking Competition
Year 2 – 9:20am Years 3 & 4 – 10:15am Years 5 & 6 – 11:20am
• Student Banking
• Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3:15pm
Friday, 2nd • Premier’s Debating Workshop – Laurieton
• Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am
Sunday, 4th • Ironman Course Marshalling
Wednesday, 7th • Mothers Day Stall

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

Thank You, Miss Rosskelly
Tomorrow is the last day 3R will be taught by Miss Katrina Rosskelly as Mr Karl Morris will be taking over the class from the commencement of Term 2. Mr Morris comes to Hastings from Scone Public School and fills the vacancy left following the departure of Mrs Curtis at the end of last year.

We thank Miss Rosskelly for giving her class an excellent start to their time in primary school and look forward to seeing this fine teacher back at Hastings soon.

Class 3R will be known as 3M from next term.
END OF TERM
As another busy and productive term draws to a close we thank all concerned for working together to achieve the best for the students of our school. Next term will be a busy one with Naplan tests, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals, a visit from the Questacon Science Circus and preparations for our Showcase Concert at the Glasshouse in Term 3.

ANZAC DAY MARCH
With ANZAC Day falling on the last Friday of the holidays, for those families whose children wish to march with the school along Horton Street the following is provided:

- assemble near the Bean Tree Café in Horton Street from 9:30am
- wear school uniform including your hat
and
- if wearing medals, these are to be worn on the right

Because of the crowded nature around the Town Green memorial, parents of younger students are asked to collect their child or children at the conclusion of the march rather than at the end of the service which can be a trial for younger children in terms of space and duration.

RECYCLE ROBBIE WIN! ... (Report by Leah Zvirzdinas – mum of Ben Whitehair)
Port Macquarie’s ‘The Lost Plot’ Community Garden had their grand opening last Sunday. As part of the celebrations, community groups were invited to build a scarecrow. Our very own Class KD proudly made “Recycle Robbie” and entered the school section. The day was a lot of fun and well supported by the local community. Costa Georgiadis from ABC’s Gardening Australia was there and judged the scarecrows. KD won a vertical garden for Hastings Public School for their scarecrow. Well done, KD!!!
For more information about the community gardens or how to get involved wwwthelostplot.org.au”

RECYCLING RAFFLE WINNER
Congratulations to Lani Roughley whose name was drawn out last week as the March winner of the $20 Toyworld voucher. There have been some amazing efforts in collecting and those students should not be discouraged as all tickets remain in the box for next month’s draw.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION
A reminder to our Year 6 students heading to Canberra - full payment must be made by Wednesday, 14th May. In another bit of Canberra news - due to our itinerary the buses will now leave at 5:30am not 7am as previously notified!

STAGE 3 BALI DAY
A parent thank you to our Stage 3 teachers following Bali Day on Monday - “my 10 year old was so inspired by the Bali Day cooking lessons that he desperately wanted to cook dinner Monday night. It is the first time he has wanted to cook and the family enjoyed nasi goreng”!
### SCHOOL FEES

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### TEXTBOOK / PAPER LEVIES

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### SWIMMING RESULTS

In two outstanding swims Mitchell Chandler has put himself into the top ten swimmers of his age in the state. Mitch has come 6th in the state in breaststroke and 9th in freestyle!

### STAR CARDS

This week many students will be bringing home Star cards which tell parents their children have performed to their best in the class and playground. We allow children to have an "off" week so in our 11 week term, students who receive ten ticks on their teacher’s class list for great weekly effort should have their "one star card" to show their parents. Students who acquire four star cards by the end of the year will be presented with our Four Star badge.

### RESTOCK SUPPLIES

If your child was required to purchase pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks etc. at the beginning of the year can you please re-stock their pencil case over the holidays.

### BOOK CLUB THANK YOU

Many thanks goes to Tina Sharp (mum of Sarah) who recently gave up a whole day to process Term 1’s Scholastic Book Club orders. We would not be able to run Book Club without her time and effort.

### MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mothers’ Day Stall will be held Wednesday, 7th May. Students will shop in class groups during the morning. All gifts are $5.00 each and students can purchase up to 3 gifts. If you need to swap a gift or miss out on buying a present, gifts will be available at the Uniform Shop on Thursday afternoon (2:30pm to 3:15pm) or Friday morning (8:30am to 9:30am).

### HASTINGS NETBALL

With the resumption of the Hastings Valley Netball competition it is pleasing to see over 50 of our girls participating in teams Port Combined teams along with many Hastings teachers as coaches and lots of Hastings parents as loyal supporters.

### MORE MATHS IDEAS

Multiplication: Younger children are introduced to this concept by making groups e.g.

**Here we have 3 groups of four.**

\[ 3 \times 4 = 12 \]

**Here we have 4 groups of 3.**

\[ 4 \times 3 = 12 \]

This concept is later extended with the insertion of the multiplication sign and an answer.

\[ 3 \times 4 = 12 \quad 4 \times 3 = 12 \]

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Easter Hamper raffle and/or purchased or sold raffle tickets. There will be many happy winners tomorrow!
THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported last Friday’s mufti day. We raised $645.20 which has been deposited into the bank account for Weekend Sunrise “dollar4drought” / Radio 2GB’s “For the Bush” campaign. Dressing up is a lot of fun and our students certainly enjoyed the day. Port News has given our school excellent coverage in the Wednesday, 9th April paper.

Like all good farming communities everyone gathered together again for Friday night’s discos. Many thanks to the parents who were able to stay and help with supervision, dance skills and canteen.

STAY SAFE THESE HOLIDAYS

School holiday time is a great opportunity for families to have conversations with their children about road safety. Here are some important tips for families to talk about.

• Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children should hold an adult’s hand up until they are eight years old.
• Stop, Look, Listen, Think!
• Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
• Help your child exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
• Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Thousands of families will be on the roads setting off on road trips these holidays. As more people use our roads, it increases the risk of road trauma! Here are some useful road safety tips to make sure your family’s journey is a safe one:

• Set off on a long trip feeling refreshed. Sleep well before travelling.
• Drive at times you’d normally be awake. Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours.
• Observe the speed limit and drive to the conditions. Take your time and enjoy the scenery.
• Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
• Secure your mobile in a fixed cradle mount and operate hands free or via Bluetooth only.
• Pack some quiet activities for the children such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

Visit the Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW for more information about keeping safe on or near roads http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/index.html

On the subject of road safety, staff carparks are not to be used by parents dropping off or picking up their child/ren (except if they are sick or injured). There is a “Kiss & Drop” zone in Braemar Drive or park on the street and walk your child to the gate.

Have a happy & safe Easter, everyone
and enjoy the holidays!