HASTINGS
Public School

NEWSLETTER
16th May, 2014

What’s On at Hastings … Term 2 – Week 4

Monday, 19th
• CLOSING DATE – Questacon Science Circus
• Cross Country
• NC Hockey – Grafton
• Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Tuesday, 20th
• ICAS – Computer 9am

Wednesday, 21st
• Questacon Science Circus - Kinder & Year 1
• Book Club TODAY ONLY

Thursday, 22nd
• Questacon Science Circus - Years 2 to 6
• Student Banking
• Infants Assemblies
  (Kinder & Year 1 - 1:40pm : Year 2 - 2:25pm)
• Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Friday, 23rd
• CLOSING DATE – Boys Night In
• Walk Safely to School Day
• HVCS Big Band Rehearsals at Hastings
• Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am

CANTEEN HELP REQUIRED
The canteen seeks parent help on
Wednesday, 21st and Thursday, 22nd May.
If you can assist please phone
Lesley on 6582 2566.

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

THINK ABOUT IT
Your school has paid over $13,000 in text books that have been given to all students. We could have withheld the books from individual children until each family had paid but this would not have been to the educational good of some children. We are now in debt to over $7,000 because many families have not paid for their children’s books. We are asking all families that have outstanding accounts for textbooks to finalise these as soon as possible.

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Please note school policy states students with outstanding textbook / paper levy fees will be excluded from extra-curricular activities including visiting shows, excursions, sports knockouts and gala days while their account remains unpaid. Reminders have been sent home.
NEWSLETTER CHANGE
As we are in the computer age, this will be the last printed version of our newsletter given to students to take home. Starting next week, the newsletter will be sent electronically to all the email addresses we have on file. A small supply of newsletters will be available from the office for collection if necessary. All notes that require a parent signature and return of money will still be printed and sent home via students.

NAPLAN TESTS
These tests were successfully conducted in Years 3 & 5 this week with a minimum of fuss and pressure. We look at the Naplan program as an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of part of our educational program and see if there are any aspects that need additional attention. Thanks to our parent community for your support.

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

CROSS COUNTRY
The school’s Cross Country Carnival will be held at school on Monday. This year, parent permission is not required for participation as the carnival will incorporate the Kilometre Club track so students will not be leaving school grounds. The carnival will run in two stages:

• Students who turn 11, 12 or 13 years of age this year will compete in a 3km race (3 laps of the Kilometre Club track) commencing 11:20am;
• Students who turn 8, 9 or 10 years of age this year will compete in a 2km race (2 laps of the Kilometre Track) commencing 1:40pm.

Participating students may wear their sports shorts and house colour t-shirt or their school sports uniform to school on Monday. Students who may need asthma medication must carry it with them.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist. Please meet Mrs Baker near the COLA prior to the event. Your time is very much appreciated.

BOYS NIGHT IN
Don’t forget to book your camp site by next Friday for the Boys Night In on Saturday & Sunday, 31st May & 1st June. Due to safety it is TENTS ONLY for those sleeping over - NO cars, camper trailers, caravans etc. will be allowed on school grounds. All cars are to be parked on the street as it is pedestrian access only. The Braemar Drive gates will open at 1:30pm and be locked from 3pm. For families arriving after 3pm the rainforest pedestrian gate will be open until 5pm. Don’t forget to bring your snacks and drinks (no alcohol). A BBQ dinner is included in your cost and the aim of the night is fun, fun, fun!

LOST
A school jacket was left on the climbing equipment over a week ago and has not been seen since. The jacket is clearly labelled “Brayden Davies” on the inside lining. Parents are asked to please check the jumpers, jackets and hats their child is wearing and if it has someone else’s name on it to please wash and return to the office.
100% ATTENDANCE

Several weeks ago the growing number of partial and full day absences was mentioned in the newsletter. Parents are asked to please try and make doctor / dentist appointments outside of school hours and unless your child is not well (we don’t want germs shared) please send them to school every day. Congratulations to the following students who gained “100% Attendance” for Term 1:

KD  Blaire Eades, Alyssa Hocking, Breanna Walls, Benjamin Grummitt, Isaac Lavis, Kyson Stratton, William Suosaari, Austin Weir, Bailey Wilson
KF  Frida Aaso, Brooke Camozzato, Ruby Zimmer, Koby Atkins, Ajay Sen Gupta
KJ  Jarrah Burton, Jaylen Cooper, Kayden Crew, Bowen Hansen, Lachlan Hodge, Cedar Thompson
KM  Summer Rumble, Archie Branch, Cameron Carson, Harvey Cuckson, Bailey Partridge
KS  Maddox Styles
1B  Kiki Marino, Tarj Galbraith
1D  Sofia Mansfield, Macy Partington, Ashley Bell, Drew de Silva, Hayden Stace
1H  Jamie Knott, Xavier Allison, Rhys Mainey, Corey Tonning
1S  Kyla Roach, William Schurink
2C  Ella Smith, Sofia Williams, Bailey Burgess
2G  Cooper Alexander
2M  Lauren Johnston, Matilda Stewart, Jacob Kruk, Julian Reed, Taylor Wade
2P  Jaimie Menzies
3D  Matilda Harley, Charli Lobb, Lily Maqueda, Riley Grange, Dylan Hampton, Hamish Teasdell
3M  Lealiki Scheffer, Charlie Beard, Sachin Sen Gupta, Oliver Walton
3S  Zaya Barnes, Faith Fotheringham, Molly Partington, Kane Henderson, Ryan Keena
3/4J  Tyler McKie, Alexander Merrick, Nicholas Saad, Lilly Carson, Alys Davies, Georgia Flowers, Charlotte Mansfield, Alice McIntyre, Ross Charles, Kai Marino
4B  Carly Cocking, Lillie Lamont, Teagan Mainey, Reece Menzies, Jamison Sawtell
4W  Jazmin Harris, Mia Zimmer, Lewis Cuckson, Thomas Moreton
5B  Chelsea Arnold
5H  Isabella Champion, Sonya Jordan, Tahj Burns, Riley Johnston
5/6J  Gracie Masters, Ashlan Hare, Tait McIntyre, Cameron Elliott, Declan Pitt, George Teasdell, Abbie Maqueda, Charlie Martin
6P  Brodie Knott, Aidan Mainey
6S  Aidan Dunk, Caleb Terawskyj

BOOK CLUB

Brochures for Term 2’s Book Club were sent home during the week. Due to the time it takes to collate Book Club and the security of your payment orders will only be accepted next Wednesday, 21st May. Orders will be collected in class following Wednesday’s morning assembly and sent to the Library. Orders sent in early will be sent home and orders received after 9:30am will not be accepted.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Next Friday, 23rd May is Walk Safely to School Day. Students are invited to walk with family and friends from Calwalla Park on the eastern side of the school zone. The walking group will leave the playground at 8:25am and walk via Calwalla Crescent, Kennedy Drive, Palmview Place and Yarranabbee Road using the new footpath and children’s crossings on the way to school.

Students who usually walk this way are asked to meet at the playground from 8:20am and walk under the supervision of P&C members. Other students who usually get dropped off at the school gate are encouraged to be dropped off at Calwalla Park too, or meet the group at the Kennedy Drive crossing at 8:30am. Parents, grandparents, younger brothers and sisters, babies in prams and dogs on leads are most welcome.

All students will be given a Walk Safely to School Day sticker that will allow one lap to be marked off their Kilometre Club card when they get to school.
HASTINGS HEADLINES
The very best of Hastings luck to Margun Carless (Darcy’s mum) who is the NSW State Representative in the 2014 Qantas Best Home Cook competition. The Australian finals are on this weekend at the Noosa International Food and Wine Festival and will see Margun cooking for the judges today and for 500 guests on Saturday.

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE
Our school has registered to participate in the 2014 NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students, more active, more often!
Over a ten week period commencing next Monday 19th May with our Cross Country, our school will be monitoring physical activity we do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport.
What we do outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award for our school. It’s not hard! Any daily physical activity of moderate to vigorous intensity can be used to accrue time. Moderate activities could be as simple as brisk walking, bike riding with friends, skateboarding, lawn bowls, playground games, yoga and dancing.
Vigorous activities are associated with such activities as Australian Football, netball, aerobics, soccer, running, fitness circuits, dance, hockey, martial arts, cross country running, kilometre club, active after school activities, swimming laps and training for sport.
Each student will be issued with a Challenge log book to record their physical activity and will be recorded on a classroom chart. Remember to include all the activity you have completed outside of school hours when recording it.

The challenge will conclude in Term 3 where all data will be collected, collated and sent back to the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. Many of our staff are also competing in the Staff Challenge.

We look forward to our school continuing to get fitter and healthier through this fun experience.

CANTEEN ROSTER  ...  Thanks for Helping

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

KRMAS Self Defence Course  ...  KRMAS is offering a self-defence course for men and women of all ages on Saturday, 7th June 1:30pm to 4pm. Cost is usually $99.00 but is being offered for just $30.00. Spaces are limited and bookings close Thursday, 29th May. To book your spot call/text 0407 248 648 or email pmqdojo.office@krmas.com.au

Barrel Room Banquet  ...  Raising funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter service, Cassegrain Wines Barrel Room Banquet will be held on Saturday, 28th June. The night offers a 3 course meal with Cassegrain wine on each table, live music and special guests. Tickets are $95 per person or $900 for a table of ten. Limited seats are available. To book your tickets please go to http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/events/barrel-room-banquet
For further information contact Kylie Morris, Community Liaison Officer on 0429 818 627 or kylie.morris@rescuehelicopter.com.au

Art & Craft Sale  ...  Local, handmade & affordable pottery, leatherwork, lapidary, weaving, spinning, knitting, woodwork and art. Saturday, 31st May (9am to 3pm) at Port Macquarie Art & Craft Centre, at the roundabout, corner Gordon Street and Lake Road. All enquiries to Fran on 6582 2499 or Heather on 6583 2736.