What’s On at Hastings … Term 2 - Week 6

Saturday, 31st
- Boys Night In!
- Big Band Blast - School Band performing

Sunday, 1st
- Boys Night In - Family Breakfast

Monday, 2nd
- Year 6 Canberra Excursion - **5:30am Departure**
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Tuesday, 3rd
- **CLOSING DATE** for Kinder & Year 1 Excursion payments

Thursday, 5th
- Kindergarten “Sea” Excursion
- Year 1 Sea Acres / Shelly Beach Excursion
- Student Banking
- Infants Assemblies
  (Kinder & Year 1 - 1:40pm : Year 2 - 2:25pm)
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Friday, 6th
- **CLOSING DATE** Athletics Carnival payments
- North Coast Cross Country
- Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am
- Year 6 return - 6pm

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

THIS DRIVEWAY IS FOR
STAFF PARKING and DELIVERY VEHICLES ONLY
NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

Please use designated footpaths
to enter / leave school grounds

This sign now appears on all driveway entrances to our school. For the safety of all - please do not take shortcuts through the carparks or use the new disabled ramp to enter / leave school grounds!
ROAD SAFETY

1. On Walk Safely to School Day last Friday we almost suffered a tragedy when one of our young boys narrowly avoided being hit on the Yarranabee Road crossing. A witness, who was visibly overcome, reported she saw a car perform the impossible when the driver shouldn’t have been able to stop because our student ran across the crossing without first stopping and looking. The school has stressed to the students the importance of stopping at the crossing, looking and checking before they cross. Could all parents please reinforce this message tonight with their children.

2. Well done to all the students, parents, and little brothers and sisters who walked safely to Hastings Public School last Friday. Over 120 students received a “I walked safely to school” sticker for their efforts, that’s about 1 in 5 kids at our school. School staff and P&C members worked together to organise and run the event, in addition to the Kilometre Club initiative that is being run at school each morning to promote active and healthy kids.
A group of families from the Calwalla area walked to school together. Nearly 40 participants (dressed in blue uniforms) were quite obvious as they walked along the sealed footpaths, using the children’s crossings at Kennedy Drive and Yarranabee Road.

3. Our new modifications to the lower carpark off Braemar Drive have attracted parents who want to walk through the gates and use the new walkway. Unfortunately this practice has to stop as these gates are not meant for pedestrian traffic, cars only. We ask all pedestrians coming into the school from Braemar Drive to either use the lower rainforest entrance or the gate near the pedestrian crossing. Part of our future maintenance program will see the path to Braemar Drive widened to make things easier for all, especially parents with prams, and a double gate installed.

KILOMETRE CLUB

Our wonderful Kilometre Club will wind up for this term on Tuesday with stunning results. It is hoped by then, the students, parents and staff will have managed to run the equivalent of the distance around Australia in five weeks. Thanks to the huge number of students and parents who joined in to make this one of our best initiatives. Apart from the improvement in fitness levels of everyone, we have seen a reduction of 33% in the number of students referred to planning room for the corresponding period in 2013. Congratulations to the 99 runners who earned their marathon certificate and to our top runner, Liana Williams who so far has run an astonishing 130 kilometres.

We pass on our thanks to Prime News for the great coverage Kilometre Club received on Tuesday night’s news. The link for the segment was uploaded on the school’s facebook page on Tuesday evening and by this morning the link had been shared by many parents and viewed a staggering 4,434 times. If you missed the news report it can be found on our fb page or at https://au.prime7.yahoo.com/n1/video/-/watch/23892364/kids-get-running/

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

A reminder we are accepting enrolment applications for our 2015 Kindergarten classes. If you have children at school, live outside our zone and intend to enroll a Kindergarten child, you must complete a non-local enrolment application. These are available at the office.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Because of a number of factors, our school’s dance items will now be on Wednesday, 18th June, not Thursday, 19th June as previously advertised. To enable all parents the chance to attend the dance festival, we will move our School Council and P&C meetings to the following Wednesday – 25th June.

KOORI KIDS MERCHANDISE

Supporting National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week in July we currently have Koori Kids stationery packs for sale at the office for $3.00 each. The pack includes a ruler, pencil, sharpener, eraser, glue stick and a wristband. The items cannot be sold separately. Students are permitted to wear the wristbands to school for the remainder of this term.
YOUTH LEADERSHIP COURSE
Our speechcraft program for students in years 5 & 6 concluded on Monday afternoon with the students presenting their skills to family and friends in a showcase meeting. Our ten budding leaders have honed their leadership and speaking skills during the eight-week after-school program and impressed everyone who attend last Monday’s meeting. Thanks to Mrs Dagmar Brenne and Mr Michael Maybury of Port Macquarie Toastmasters Club for running this fine program. Pictured are ...

Back row  Mr Michael Maybury, Jesse Beard, Lochlan Cummins, Mrs Dagmar Brenne, Ben Moreton, Charlie Martin
Front row  Tait McIntyre, Mackenzie Dawson, Tegan Secomb, Taylor Burbridge, Meredith Charles.
Absent  Natasha Cropper

BOYS NIGHT IN!
Final reminders for our dads for tomorrow and Sunday  ...
1. Leave your mobile at home - you won’t need it!!!
2. Braemar Drive gates will be open from 1:30pm to give you early access for setting up. It’s pedestrian entry only with all parking on the street. Please bring your ticket.
3. Don’t forget your:
   • tent, sleeping bag, pillow, chair/s etc.
   • warm clothes, beanie, wind/rain jacket (weather forecast is a cold night with a chance of rain)
   • non-alcoholic drinks, snacks and nibblies (to sustain you throughout the night!)
   • a torch for spotlighting
   • scooter / skateboard and helmet  NO HELMET = NO RIDE
   • good clean jokes to share around the camp fire
   • $1 and $2 coins for the little extras on sale during the night and for breakfast Sunday morning
4. Fire Brigade & SES demonstrations commence 4pm. Please be set up by 3:45pm
5. Breakfast (egg & bacon rolls) will be served at 8am - $2 each

and finally, this is a P&C fundraiser. We hope you enjoy your night “locked in” and thank you for supporting our school.

LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM
At Hastings we provide many programs to assist children develop their social skills. These programs have proven to be very successful, however our resources are limited and we would like to build our resource base. If you have any old lego, board games, construction toys and/or playdough equipment that your children do not use any more, Mrs Wall would gladly welcome your donation. Please ensure the games are complete & playdough equipment is clean.

BIG BAND BLAST
Our senior school band will be performing as part of the Big Band Blast on Saturday, 3:30pm on the lawn near the Police Station. If you are down on the Town Green please stop and show your support.

LOST
A pink Smiggle drink bottle with a picture of a dog on it was taken from our Lost Property tub last Wednesday by someone other than the rightful owner. If you took this drink bottle please return it to the office.

AMENDED PERMISSION SLIP
A note for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 students to attend a Port Macquarie High School / Mosman High School combined band performance at Port High was sent home yesterday. Please note on the permission slip the date should read Thursday, 12th June, 2014 not Tuesday, 12th.
**CANTEEN ROSTER ... Thanks for Helping**

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**ENVIRONMENT FRIENDS**

Congratulations to all members of the Environment Friends group, led by Steve Long (Sarah and Isaac’s dad) who have made great progress this term clearing out a large amount of Morning Glory (which was threatening to run out of control) and learning about some new weeds including Climbing Nightshade, which requires the berries to be stripped from the plant and the roots dug out. Many regular workers put in a big effort, using their lunchtime to care for the rainforest we all love.

**YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION**

Set your alarm for Monday morning as you must be at school 5am for a 5:30 departure and the coach won’t wait! We are wishing Year 6 students and staff safe travels and a fabulous week of fun for their excursion to Canberra next week. All medication including Panadol, travel sickness tablets etc. (except for asthma sprays) is to be secure in a clip-lock bag clearly labelled with your child’s name and dosage instructions and handed to Mrs Ping before boarding. Asthma medication must be kept with the child. Students are to wear their school uniform on the bus as their first stop is Parliament House. Remember to pack your woolies as Canberra’s weather forecast is a very chilly 2C most mornings. Expected arrival time back at Hastings next Friday is 6pm. Please DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL on Friday to check their ETA. If we hear of any change to arrival time we will email families and post information on our facebook page.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Information for our Athletics Carnival went home during the week. All Years 3 to 6 students will compete in 100m age races and novelty events with the option of 200m and 800m for our more competitive runners. Year 2 students, who turn/have turned 8 this year, can attend the carnival but will only compete in their 100m age race. Please only send your Year 2 student to the carnival if they are a competitive runner. It is a long day for one event!

**Parent Helpers ...** We all love to watch our kids participate at sports events however, to make the day a success, parent help is required at the carnival cooking the sausage sizzle and/or serving at the oval canteen - sausage sandwiches, cold drinks and snacks will be on sale. All parents attending the carnival are asked to assist even if it is for only 30 minutes. A roster will be drawn up so the more parents we have helping the less your time is required. Please return the slip below to the office (or email your details) by next Friday.

**K-2 Athletics Carnival ...** For our younger students, the K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 30\(^{th}\) July from 9am to 12:30pm. Details will be sent home closer to the date.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - CANTEEN HELP**

I am able to assist at the Athletics Carnival canteen ...  

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