What’s On at Hastings ... Term 3 - Week 8

Monday, 1st
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Tuesday, 2nd
- (Rescheduled) North Coast Athletics - Lismore

Wednesday, 3rd
- Fathers’ Day Stall
- CLOSING DATE for 3/4J & 4B Excursion

Thursday, 4th
- Kinder Paleontology Day
- Student Banking
- K-2 Assembly - 1:40pm
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Friday, 5th
- 3/4J & 4B Sea Acres Excursion
- Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am

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

MORE ART SUCCESS
Following last week’s success in Operation Art, we are pleased to announce another artistic first for the school.

The artwork of Mirren Campbell and Tait McIntyre will be on show in Nagoya, Japan!

Their work was chosen in a competition that had entries from around Australia. Congratulations to the girls and a big thank you to their mentor Mrs Davis who has tutored the girls in art technique this year. A great result!

SASS APPRECIATION WEEK
Next week is SASS (School Assistant & Support Staff) Week where we acknowledge the importance of our staff who ensure the wheels of our school keep moving.

Admin: Sue Wilson, Trish Brest, Janine Collar
Learning Support: Jeanette Chapman, Virginia (JJ) Sheaves, Paul Grant, Wayne Henson and Brian King
General Assistant: Greg Jordan
Cleaners: Yvonne Prentice, Greg Grace, Peter Cottom

Everything these people do enables our school to function as it should and provide optimum conditions for children to learn. Thanks to these fine people for everything they do!
OUR FATHERS’ DAY STALL will be held next Wednesday, 3rd September. Students will shop in class groups during the morning. Gifts are $5.00 each and students can purchase up to 3 gifts – one for dad, one for Grandad and one for Poppy! If you need to swap or miss out on buying a present, gifts will be available at the Uniform Shop on Thursday afternoon (2:30 to 3pm) and Friday morning (8:30 to 9am).

MATHLETICS
More positive news for Hastings with The Westport Club sponsoring our school to enable all students in Years 1 to 5 to participate in the Mathletics program from now until the end of 2017. For those families who paid earlier in the year to participate in the program, you may transfer your membership to another family member or family relation. The following information is from the Mathletics company explaining their program:
Mathletics is a web-based learning program which integrates home and school learning via the internet. Mathletics covers all years of schooling and is currently used in over 2300 Australian schools. Over 100,000 students access Mathletics every day. Your child has 24 hour access to Mathletics by using a unique user name and password. We recommend you spend time looking at the program so you can gain the greatest understanding of how Mathletics will benefit your child.

BENEFITS OF MATHLETICS
Live Mathletics  students compete live against students from around the world in mental arithmetic
Full K - 12 curriculum coverage revise for exams, cover gaps in learning, extend bright students
Support Centre step by step animated support for every maths concept
24/7 access learn anytime, anywhere
Teacher and Parent feedback highly visual results and guidance towards areas that need attention.

To view Mathletics visit www.mathletics.com.au Ensure pop-ups are enabled, click on “sign-in” and enter your child’s details. Away you go! Any problems please call Mathletics on 1300 850 331

FAREWELL, MRS STEEL
Today was the last day for Mrs Steel for the year as she prepares for the birth of her third child. We thank Vanessa for the great service she has given her class and look forward to sharing the good news in the next few weeks. Class KS will be taught for the rest of the year by the familiar face of Mrs Ana Amini.

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS
Congratulations to our four teams of senior students who travelled to Coffs Harbour last Sunday to compete in the regional Tournament of the Minds competition. Our four teams performed well, especially our language/literacy and mathematics teams which received honours for their efforts.

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Thanks to Mrs Price for her coaching of these teams during the team and for accompanying them to Coffs Harbour.
GRAND THEFT AUTO
We are hearing stories that some students, including Kinders, are being exposed to a video game called “Grand Theft Auto”. Parents may say the version they have bought for their children is not that involving the controversial aspects such as killing and other types of graphic violence but if a young child becomes acquainted with the early versions there is a strong chance he or she will want to extend the relationship as they get older.

PUBLIC SPEAKING UPDATE
As reported last week, Kayle Enfield competed at the regional finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition last Tuesday. Following a bit of a mix-up, Kayle was given a second impromptu topic “The Best Things in Life” and time to prepare a new speech. Kayle is to be congratulated for his Highly Commended 2nd place. Reports from the day commented on the high calibre of speeches from all 10 participants that amazed both parents and adjudicators and to expect the winner, Rowen from Inverell, to be a future politician!

HASTINGS HEADLINES
1. Congratulations to Tahlia Nadine (5H) who was part of the students’ choir at the performances of Opera Australia’s Magic Flute at the Glasshouse last weekend. Tahlia was a very tired but happy girl after her two performances she will long remember

2. The following report is from “an interested observer”
"On Monday night I had the pleasure of witnessing a netball team made up of Hastings parents, along with Trish Brest, having a blast!! Some of the parents have daughters playing and some of them are parents without daughters playing (or they just have sons!!). Some of them had no idea of the rules before they arrived but yet they went in with a great approach showing enthusiasm and great spirit. Congratulations to all involved. We look forward to reporting on the team’s progress.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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KIDS HELPING KIDS
As in previous years Mrs Collar, through her Church group, is coordinating “Operation Christmas Child”, a charitable idea in which families are asked to fill a shoe box with Christmas gifts for children in poorer nations. New gifts (not pre-loved) should be for boys and girls aged 2 to 14 years. Each box is $9.00 to send overseas and if you pay online you will be able to personally track your box to the country it is sent to. Boxes from Australia go to Vietnam, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji and Samoa. “Operation Christmas Child” boxes can be picked up from the Office and must be returned (with your $9 payment or copy of your online receipt) to school by Friday, 12th September.
ICAS WRITING and SPELLING TESTS

The results for these tests are back with some very pleasing outcomes for a number of students.

SPELLING

**High Distinction** (top 1% of the state)  George Teasdell *(this is George’s 4th HD award)*

**Distinction** (next 9%)  Audrey Greenhorn, India Nixon, Liam Jones, Matilda Lindeman, Sarah Long

**Credit** (next 10%)  Gemma Lawrence, Nicholas Saad, Lilly Carson, Sarah Johnson, Mirren Campbell, Cameron Elliott, Declan Pitt, Sierra Cummins

**Merit** (next 10%)  Cameron Alford, Jo-Anne Sherwood

WRITING

**High Distinction**  Matilda Lindeman and Sarah Long *(this is Sarah’s second HD award)*

**Distinction**  India Nixon, Tait McIntyre, Ben Moreton, Declan Pitt, George Teasdell, Sierra Cummins, Bonnie Rudd

**Credit**  Lennox Jensen, Samuel Reniers, Josie Taylor, Liam Jones, Gracie Masters

HASTINGS SECONDARY COLLEGE DAY STRUCTURE

The Hastings Secondary College Steering Committee would like to thank our community for their response to the College survey on starting and finishing times. The response was very positive with a total of 450 parents and 793 students providing feedback, as well as staff at both campuses. There was a wide range of views expressed with regard to the possible different starting times, across all stakeholder groups. In reviewing this information and issues around the day structure, the committee decided that the College will have an early starting time. Discussion and negotiations are continuing to finalise the starting time. It is anticipated that this will be around an 8.15am start and a 2.15pm finish. This option provides numerous benefits to students including:

- significantly shorter travel times for students due to dedicated bus services outside of ‘normal’ school starting and finishing times.
- an earlier finishing time allows greater opportunity for sporting, cultural and academic pursuits after school.
- increased access to TAFE courses after school.
- increased access to town resources e.g. town library.
- a longer timeframe in which students can complete homework after school, allowing time to be made available for family commitments.
- increased opportunities for students who wish to secure after school employment.

Although it is recognised that the earlier starting time will require some families to adjust current arrangements, the Committee noted that there are many schools both in Australia and internationally that have successfully implemented early start times. Busways has committed to ensuring all existing services are maintained in the new schedule.

We look forward to realising the many opportunities for students available through this innovation.

Dr. Wayne Ible
Executice Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tacking Point Nippers SLSC  …  Registrations online at [www.tackingpointslsc.com.au](http://www.tackingpointslsc.com.au)

Information sessions (with uniform shop open) will be held at Tacking Point Club House, Lighthouse Beach, on Friday, 5th September (5:30 to 7pm) and Sunday, 14th September (10am to 12 noon). After you have registered pool proficiencies will be run at Port Macquarie Town Pool on Saturday, 6th September (10am to 11am) and Sunday, 14th September (10am to 12 noon).