TAKE A BOW, HASTINGS
you are all simply stars.
AND WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!

Yesterday was another great chapter in our school’s history with our students shining on stage. Thank you to all the families who supported our students and staff in bringing this huge enterprise to the Glasshouse stage. **And from some very proud parents** ... ★ Fantastic! What a night....My boys music not playing didn't make a difference, they went all out like little troopers!! Well done to all shows! ★ Awesome night guys! Thanks for all the hard work you put in. ★ Our kids are lucky to have such great teachers. Was a joy to watch, well done Kids. ★ Thank you all so very much. What an opportunity you gave them and how much did they enjoy it! ★ Well Done Very Proud!!! ★ Amazing - all the teachers and kids should be so proud! ★ Just wonderful! An awesome atmosphere...so nice to see everyone enjoying themselves - well done Hastings ★ Fantastic night!!! Thank you!!!!! ★ Such a great night, the staff & all of the kids should be so proud of themselves! ★ Every member of staff should be so proud such a sensational production graced the stage today! Superb effort by all onstage and especially behind the scenes! Bravo! ★ The development and growth for participating students knows no bounds: life memories were made tonight x ★ Well done! ★ I understand why it's held every second year - but it's kinda sad that was my family's last Glasshouse event with Hastings Public School. Thank you for such a wonderful evening and all the time and effort in today's performances. I really enjoy watching the Creative Arts of this School. ★ Was just awesome what great performances by the all kids ★ Wow!! A fantastic show from start to finish. We thoroughly enjoyed viewing such a high quality production. Thank you to all those talented buzzing performers and passionate creative staff for a wonderful evening of entertainment. ★ Public education on show & at its best! You should all be very proud today ★ I had tears in my eyes throughout most of the show. Either from laughing so hard or from feeling so proud!! From K-6, all the kids put on such a great show. Well done Hastings kiddies & teachers, you have set the expectations high for all future Showcases!!

We would like to thank Xerox Business Centre in Horton Street for printing our programs and to Darryl Nash from NashysPix who is donating back to the school $5.00 for every photo sold *(order envelopes have been sent home today).*
What’s On at Hastings … Week 10!

Monday, 15th
- Year 2 Sea Acres Excursion
- Gold Week for 5B, 5H & 5/6J
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm

Tuesday, 16th
- **CLOSING DATE** for Gindaja - $4.00

Wednesday, 17th
- School Council - Staffroom 6:30pm
- P&C Meeting - Staffroom 7:30pm

Thursday, 18th
- **CLOSING DATE** for Musica Viva - $2.50
- Student Banking
- Uniform Shop open 2:30pm to 3pm
- **CLOSING DATE** for NashysPix photo orders

Friday, 19th
- Uniform Shop open 8:30am to 9:30am
- Gold Fields Day - 5B, 5H & 5/6J
- Canteen Treat Day
- THAT’S IT! for Term 3

and to Start Term 4

Saturday, 4th
- Uniform Shop open 10am to 12 noon

Monday, 6th
- Public Holiday

Tuesday, 7th
- EVERYONE commences Term 4

HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

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

BEING AWARE
We had an incident where a student from our school had misunderstood travel arrangements and was left waiting on a street. A well-meaning parent offered the boy a lift home but he refused, remembering the messages he had been taught since a toddler about not going with people he didn’t know. Eventually the parent persuaded the boy to get in the car which caused consternation all round. If any parent is placed in that awkward situation, our advice is to bring the student to the office so as parental contact may be made.

FEDERATION of P&C NEWSLETTER
The following notice was in a recent P&C Newsletter and may be of interest to some families.
“Parenting a child with a disability comes with exceptional challenges. How do you know what’s best and what works? University research is currently being undertaken to learn more about your child’s experience as well as your own. Let us know whether you’re getting enough parenting support and share with us the types of support you would like to receive. To have your say and find out more about the Triple P parenting program go the My Say website [www.mysay.org.au](http://www.mysay.org.au)

P&C Meeting
The next school P&C Meeting will be Wednesday night, 7:30pm in the staffroom. As with all meetings, all parents are welcome to attend.

We are very happy to introduce this beautiful young lady as Miss Zoe Mae Steel
Born 2:51pm Wednesday - 4.5kg and 56cm long
Congratulations Vanessa, Geoff, Thomas and Zara from all of us at Hastings!
NAPLAN RESULTS
Our results in both grades showed our students scored above the state averages in all areas as evidenced below. (The state mean is a combination of public and private schools while the DEC mean is of the public schools in NSW)

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A full account of our NAPLAN achievements will be included in our annual school report which will be issued next year. Thanks to all families in supporting the school, working with us to equip our students with the necessary requirements to become contributing and functioning members of our society.

GOOD TALKERS ARE GOOD READERS
A recent study has confirmed the fact good reading skills follow speaking skills. The message is clear to all parents – engage your child or children in discussion as often as possible. One of the best places for this to occur is around the dinner table. American president John F. Kennedy credited his linguistic ability with having to compete with his eight siblings each night around the dinner table, trying to get a word in.

Switch off the TV and make regular dinner time a fond memory where parental values are imparted, the events of the day are recounted and family bonds strengthened.

ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS
Our students have again performed strongly in these tests with the following pleasing results:

High Distinction (top 1% of the nation) Lilly Carson, Tait McIntyre, Sarah Long

Distinction (next 9%) Amelia Cuckson, Charlie Gaudry, Jaimie Menzies, Matilda Stewart, Gemma Lawrence, India Nixon, Thomas Moreton, George Teasdell

Credit (next 25%) Lauren Johnston, Sarah King, David Charles, Josie Taylor, Holly Campbell, Lennox Jensen, Lily Maqueda, Nicholas Saad, Charlotte Mansfield, Hannah Stewart, Lochlan Cummins, Mackenzie Dawson, Matilda Lindeman, Isaac Long, Gracie Masters, Declan Pitt, Abbie Maqueda, Meredith Charles, Sierra Cummins, Michael Van Hoorn

Merit (next 10%) Brooklyn Baird, Imogen Lunn, Evan Pitt, Axel Lindeman, Reese Menzies

Congratulations to Sarah Long who has gained her 4th High Distinction.

EISTEDDFOD RESULT
Congratulations to our Year 3 speaking group that competed on Wednesday at the Port Macquarie Eisteddfod. In a high-quality field our group was placed second, reproducing their “Noni the Pony” and “Boneyard Rap” items that they presented last night at the Showcase evening.

STAGE 2 and STAGE 3 SPORT
Because of the storm on Wednesday, we have again rescheduled sport for Stage 2 and Stage 3 to next Wednesday. Fingers crossed for fine weather as we have run out of weeks!
LEARNING - GROWING - CARING

PLAYGROUND DUTY in CANADA
It is still officially summer in the northern hemisphere but Mrs Flood has sent us this photo taken while on playground duty at her school in Canada on Wednesday. In her email she mentions the playground was full of snowmen and giant snowballs and it looked fabulous. Naturally, of course, there is always the ‘stray’ snowball that connects to the least expecting!!

Our question is … if you get hit by a snowball instead of a soccer ball do you go to the office for ice!?

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our booking for next term’s school photos has been rescheduled. Photos will now be taken on Friday, 14th and Monday, 17th November.

EVENTS and EXPENSES
We try to keep expenses to an absolute minimum but occasionally everything happens at once and the beginning of Term 4 is no exception! Some notes will go home next week and others will go home early next term but all require payment early in Term 4 so to help families budget please expect notes for:

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CANTEEN ROSTER ... Thanks for Helping

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Flynn's Beach Nippers ... Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club will hold nipper registration days and proficiency swims for the upcoming surf season over the next two weeks. Registration and pool proficiency swims will be held at Port Macquarie Olympic Pool (normal pool entry costs apply) on Saturday, 13th and 20th September, 12 noon to 4pm. Ocean proficiency swims will be held at Flynn's Beach on Sunday, 14th and 21st September at 9:30am sharp. To register and pay on-line before the day visit [www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au) Cost is $55 per child (plus $55 for one adult). All enquiries to nippers@pmslsc.com.au

Soccer Coaching Clinic ... Football Mid North Coast will be holding a school holiday coaching clinic on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 23rd, 24th and 25th September, 9am to 12 noon at Wayne Richards Park. Cost is $125.00 with all players who attend receiving 9 hours of quality coaching by accredited staff; fruit and drinks each day and a BBQ on the last day only. Please email larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com for further information and/or registration. Registrations close Friday, 19th September.

Sancrox/Thrumster Rural Fire Brigade Open Day ... Saturday, 13th September – 10am to 2pm at Bushland Drive, Sancrox. Lots of fun, hands-on activities and fire truck rides! A sausage sizzle will run from 11:30am.