EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Yesterday, awards were presented to outstanding teachers from around the region as part of World Teachers Day. We are pleased to report Mrs Deb Baker, our Deputy Principal was recognised for her work over many years in the Port Macquarie District. Her citation reads ...

Deborah Baker’s contribution to education in the Port Macquarie area has been outstanding. At Tacking Point Public School she led many gifted and talented initiatives resulting in teams from her school competing at national tournaments. In her current school as an assistant principal and now deputy principal, Deb has continued to foster excellence, collegiality and a sense of enjoyment for students and staff. Highlights of her leadership include:

- The Kilometre Club initiative which has seen students, staff and parents improving their fitness
- The biennial cultural presentation at the Glasshouse
- Speech contests from Years 1 to 6
- Renovation of staffroom, offices and foyer to make a more inviting workplace environment

Her impact has been lasting and deep – the sign of a true leader.

*Congratulations, Deb from all of us at Hastings!*  

Billy Tea Bush Band

The students are having a wonderful day today with the Billy Tea Bush Band. This morning’s performance was fantastic and students are having a great time dancing up a storm with their buddies in the workshops.

We hope you will all unleash your inner cowboy and cowgirl, come back again this evening for the Family Bush Dance and give the children a chance to show off their new moves! The cost is only $5.00 per adult. Siblings and Hastings students who participated in the daytime workshops are free of charge this evening.

Dinner will be available from 5pm from the two onsite catering companies or you could bring your own picnic tea and non-alcoholic drinks.

**Tickets on sale at the gate**

Braemar Drive gates open 5pm – Dancing starts 6:30pm

Please come along and enjoy a great family night together!

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**XS FOOD**  
Sausage Sandwich $3.00  
Steak Sandwich $5.00

**INDIAN VEGETARIAN**  
Samosa $4.00  
Samosa Chaat $8.00  
Curry, Rice & Daal $10.00

Unfortunately MJ’s Street Food is no longer available.

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


Monday, 2nd
• Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am
• Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Commences

Tuesday, 3rd
• **DUE DATE** – Year 6 Fun Day Permission ($2.00)

Wednesday, 4th
• Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm
• Student Banking
• Kindergarten 2016 Play Session 2:15 to 2:45pm

Thursday, 5th
• Year 6 Fun Day
• **DUE DATE** – Aquathon Permission (Years K & 1)

Friday, 6th
• School Parliament sits – 9:15am
• K-2 Assembly 12:15pm
  Presenting Class 1K - Awards to KD, KJ, KM, 1B, 1K, 2C, 2J
• **HELP PLEASE** in the Canteen
• Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mrs Chapman for Sunday

NORTH COAST DEBATING
Mr Morris took Mackenzie Dawson, Matilda Lindeman and Tait McIntyre to the North Coast Debating Selection Trials at Coffs Harbour last Monday to see if the girls might be selected for the North Coast team. It was a long and testing day that was well worth it with Matilda being selected in the team and Mackenzie selected to be the reserve. Congratulations to all the girls on reaching this level and to Mr Morris for his excellent coaching.

ARTISTIC SUCCESS FOLLOW UP
Tully Lavine’s art work ‘Random Carrot’ currently on exhibition in the Operation Art 2015 display at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park has been awarded a Paw Pick Selection. These artworks are used for teacher's resource, future workshops and the Operation Art websites. Congratulations, Tully!

2016 KINDERGARTEN PARENTS
Last night we welcomed the parents of our 2016 Kindergarten students. It was a good mix of first-time and returning parents who listened to a variety of speakers and watched our usual fashion parade with our selection of stunning models. We look forward to welcoming the students to a number of play afternoons over the next few weeks.

PARENT OFFER
Craig Barnett from Port Macquarie First National Real Estate has been a resident of Port Macquarie for over 30 years and is a past parent and School Council President of Hastings Public School. He would like to offer something back to the local community. Craig is currently offering free market appraisals to any parent or teacher thinking of selling their home. If you choose to list your home with him, when your property is sold Craig will donate $500.00 to Hastings on your behalf for the purchase of new equipment! Craig can be contacted on 0423 831 370. Craig also sponsors our Hastings Hero awards each term.
YEAR 2 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM
A reminder to Year 2 students commencing the 10 day Intensive Swimming Program on Monday not to forget swimmers, towel, rash/t-shirt and thongs (packed in a cloth shopping bag). Please apply sunscreen before leaving home each morning.

SCIENCE DAY ... Report by Tait McIntyre (5/6M)
For the last few weeks, 5/6M have been working on experiments and lesson plans to teach chemistry, physics and biology. One of the most important aspects of the plan was making sure we taught the students the science behind the experiments. Last Thursday, 22nd of October 5/6M ran a 'Super Science Day' for the Year 2 classes.

We were really excited when the day came, and all fifteen experiments were ready. The experiments were - Successful or sinking bridges, Blind Ants, Balloon Blasters, Loopy Liquids, Battle of the Volcanoes, Musical Bottles, The Boats of Magic, Colours on the Mooovve, Fabulous Flying Eggs, Spin-o-copters, Luxurious Lemons and Limes, Complete and Udder Madness, Gangster Goo, Blind Spot/Sense of Touch and Elephant Toothpaste. All of the experiments were a unique experience where the Year 2 students could listen, learn and experiment.

Though it was a very long day and we were all tired, we were happy that the Year 2 enjoyed it - we certainly did too. Special thanks goes to Mr Evenden and Mr Louis, who helped a lot by doing heaps of cleaning in the afternoon. Thank you also the parents who helped out and all the teachers who kept the day running.

These are some of the comments from the Year 2 students: “It was the best day of the year!” – Rhys, “I loved everything!” – Jaiden, “It was fun!” – Aliya, “Thank you for the best day of my life!” – Briannnon.

YEAR 6 FUN DAY
Next Thursday Year 6 are supplying fun for the rest of the school to enjoy! This event is their fundraiser for their end-of-year gift to the school. Please note the change in session times.

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Dress for the day is casual clothes with sensible footwear. NO singlet tops or thongs. Apply sunscreen before coming to school as some activities are in the open. Hats are essential.

*All payments for the Fun Day must be back by Tuesday, 3rd November. Late Payments will not be accepted.*

AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT
Last week 6W participated in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count – an annual Australia wide census of birds. In total, 6W recorded 647 sightings of 33 species in the school grounds.

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The most common birds at our school are Noisy Miners, Rainbow Lorikeets and Australian Ravens.
WHOOPING COUGH
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters.

Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health.

Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation. Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Portside Preschool & Long Day Care Centre
“Your child’s education & care are our priority”
Children 2 - 6 years.
Meeting all National Quality Standards
Qualified & Experienced Teachers.
Early Years Learning Framework National Curriculum
Individual educational programs.
School readiness specialists.
Spacious park-like outdoor setting.
Govt. fee subsidies (CCB) & (CCR).

2016 Enrolments Information Morning
Tuesday 24th November 2015, 9.30am
67b Owen St, Port Macquarie. Tel: 65842422
contact@portmacquariechildcare.com

MID NORTH COAST REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP’S COMMUNITY FORUM

Topic: Will you support refugee resettlement on the Mid North Coast?

Join us for a community forum:
Saturday 7th November, 9:30am-12:30pm
CWA Tea Rooms
11 Horton Street, Port Macquarie
Morning Tea and Lunch included
Please RSVP to kyliehaddow79@gmail.com
Any questions?
Please call Julia Mansfield 0407 270 987