HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
13th November, 2015

HARLEY HOGS - SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL
The roar of the Harleys will hit the COLA at 9am on Tuesday

Dress in Christmas colours, as Santa or an elf. Wear your antlers, tinsel or flashing lights!

It will cost you $2.00 for being out of uniform

Donate a new toy (in packaging) for those children for whom Christmas is not such a happy day. Gifts can be left under the COLA Christmas Tree.

Parents wanting to join the ride are asked to meet the “Hogs” at 5 Mitchell Circuit before 8:50am.

FRIDAY, 20th
next Friday it’s a BEACH PARTY for Term 4 Discos

K-2
5pm to 6:30pm

3-6
7pm to 8:30pm

Wear your boardies & sarongs with shoes & sandals
but not your swimmers, bikini tops or thongs!

CANTEEN OPEN
Hot Food $3.00
Drinks $1 - $1.50

TICKETS ON SALE
at the canteen from Monday $4.00
or
at the door on Friday for $5.00

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

PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS
Elections for our 2016 Parliament took place yesterday with a high quality field contesting the ballot. The successful candidates will be announced in coming days with Portfolios announced at our Presentation Assembly and School Parliament Induction which will be held at school on Tuesday, December 8 commencing at 9:30am.

K-1 AQUATHON
Our Kindergarten and Year 1 students and staff were a happy but sodden group after their big Aquathon on Tuesday. Mrs Martin used her creative mind to conjure activities that kept everyone busy and wet! We had leaking cup relays, sponge volleyball, slippery slide, sprinkler hurdles and water pistol tag. Thanks to the many parents who came along to enjoy the fun.

| Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> | • Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am  
|                        | • Kinder 2016 Talk & Tour (Surnames A-L) 2pm  
|                        | • Rugby League Development Day  |
| Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> | • **MUFTI DAY** for the Harley Hogs / Salvation Army  
|                        | • First Aid for Parents - Staffroom 7pm  
| Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> | • Kinder 2016 Talk & Tour (Surnames M-Z) 2pm  
|                        | • Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm  
|                        | • CANCELLED - Student Banking  
|                        | • School Council Meeting - Staffroom 6:30pm  
|                        | • P&C Meeting - Staffroom 7:30pm  |
| Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> | • Have A Go Netball training - 8:25am  |
| Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>  | • **CLOSING DATE** - 2016 Class Placement requests  
|                        | • School Band Workshop - 9am to 12:50pm  
|                        | • K-2 Assembly 12:15pm  
|                        | Presenting Class xx - Awards to KD, KJ, KM, 1B, 1K, 2C, 2J  
|                        | • Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm  
|                        | • Term 4 Discos  |

**HELP PLEASE**

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November  
School Canteen 10am to 2pm

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Counter service at either (or both if you can) discos  

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
School Canteen 10am to 2pm  

Please contact Lesley on 6582 2566 if you can help out.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Le Hamel Village  
This important day was recognised with our school ceremony on Wednesday. Mrs Price and Mrs Hopley organised a ceremony that asked most of our parliamentarians the opportunity to play a role.  

On Monday we had Sam Jones and Gracie Masters represent the school at the Le Hamel Village service and on Wednesday Declan Pitt and Mirren Campbell laid a wreath at the Town Green Cenotaph.

2016 CLASSES

The teachers will soon commence the process of forming classes for next year. To assist in the process, if your child has a friend or friends they work well with (or don’t work well with) please contact the office or send an email to: hastings-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au  All communication will be handled in a confidential manner. We will try our best to accommodate requests but can’t guarantee these will be met. **All requests must be in by next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November.**
UNPAID TEXTBOOK LEVIES
Parents are advised school policy states “students with outstanding textbook/paper levies will be excluded from extra-curricular activities including excursions and sports carnivals/gala days, while their account remains unpaid”.

At the beginning of the year, the school purchased textbooks on behalf of all students. The textbooks were then invoiced back to families at the school’s bulk purchase cost price less GST making the books a whole lot cheaper than buying them individually. Kindergarten students were charged a paper levy in lieu of textbooks due to the extra stencils they use.

To date, we still have many families who have not paid for their child’s textbooks. With class party days coming up in December we would hate to see children miss out due to their textbook fees / paper levies remaining unpaid. Reminder invoices will be sent home next week.

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT MATHS COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students from Years 5 & 6 who scored well in this competition that is held in schools from Newcastle to the Queensland border. This year over 18,000 students sat the tests.

**High Distinction (Place getters in the Northern Region)**
- Finn Hoy 3rd
- Samuel Kobelke 5th
- Patch Rudd 12th
- Oliver Barry 20th
- Kael Harris 25th

**Distinction (top 15%)**
- Lilly Carson
- Joshua Power
- Riley Lee
- Alys Davies
- Kai Marino
- Helen Kennewell
- Jacob Tonning
- Sarah Johnson
- Nick Rudd
- Tait McIntyre
- Ben Moreton
- Gracie Masters
- Mirren Campbell
- Mackenzie Dawson
- Tim Kobelke
- Jesse Beard
- Sonya Jordan
- Max Dowler
- George Teasdell
- Matilda Lindeman

**Merit (next 30%)**
- Jordan Westcott
- Maddison Hamilton
- Lewis Cuckson
- Kayle Enfield
- Ross Charles
- Zac Mapstone
- Ashley Burke
- Lachlan Spinks
- Lily Bennett
- Bessie Mitchell
- Estelle Cassegrain
- Lochlan Cummins
- Eliza Bendall
- Ashlan Hare
- Declan Pitt
- Liana Williams
- Alani Cockshutt
- Angus Collins
- Isaac Long
- Isabella Bruce

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE SENSORY GARDEN

Mr Taylor's Class 3T did a fantastic job in the sensory garden on Tuesday afternoon. We planted some new rainforest plants, native grasses and bushes, herbs and flowers and started some nature based artworks. Thanks to Landcare and Bunnings for their kind donation of native plants and to the parents who helped with the planting.

We also installed the colourful recycled art work from Class 1B and the mosaic pavers from Class 3B. A special thanks to Mrs Harrison (Kalinda and Lachlan's mum) who worked with the classes to create these fabulous artworks.
REPORT FOLDERS
A reminder to parents to return the blue report folders to school to enable your child’s report to reach home in a good condition. Children who have enrolled since the beginning of Term 3 will be issued with a new folder. Reports will be issued on Monday, 14th December.

FOR SALE
Because of our growing numbers which includes staff numbers, we need to get a bigger fridge for the staffroom. The one we have is old but still working and would probably make a good drinks fridge for the garage. If you’re interested in making an offer, please contact the office on 6582 2566.

HAVE A GO NETBALL
Any interested girls turning eight next year are invited to attend fun training sessions for the next three Thursdays at the netball court at 8:25am. Mrs Heaton will be running these sessions which are aimed to introduce girls to the skills of netball in a fun and non-competitive way. It would be preferable but not compulsory if the girls wear joggers.

SCHOOL BAND
Thank you all for a wonderful year this year. The band has progressed to reach a very pleasing standard and I think the students are enjoying the results of their efforts.
If children other than those in year 6 are not continuing in the band program in 2016 could parents please send me a message or email to let me know as timetabling for 2016 is organised during the Christmas break. If any parents currently hiring an instrument would like to purchase one, please also contact me so I can advise costing etc.

Regards
Ann Hamilton 0416 269 296 aahamilton@ozemail.com.au

COMING UP!
Please note on your calendar the following events coming up to celebrate the end of the 2015 school year ...

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<td>• 3-6 Presentation Assembly at school 9:30am to 11am</td>
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<td>• Christmas Hamper raffle drawn at Morning Assembly</td>
<td>• Year 6 “Fabulous &amp; Fascinating” Farewell $15 Dinner / $12.00 Year Book</td>
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* Prices are still to be confirmed.
Jacqueline Voltz ... Jacqueline represented in district basketball last weekend. Her report follows: On Saturday, November 7 my team and I (the U/13 Dolphins) participated in the Seaside Classic Tournament. Our first game started at 8am and in spite of the early start we beat Taree 27 to 24. We then played Coffs Harbour and won 40-30, and took on Wycliffe to win 29-17, making the grand final against Bellingen. In this game we played our best but lost 53-18.

Georgia Flowers, Jacinta Kellett and Kamryn Murphy ... Congratulations also to Georgia, Jacinta and Kamryn who have been selected in the Hastings Valley Netball Association U/12 team for next year. The girls will play in one of the largest sporting competitions in the southern hemisphere next June when they compete in the State Age Championships in Sydney.
Write to Santa ... Children wanting to send a letter to Santa can address their letter to:

Santa
North Pole
9999

Envelopes must include a 70 cent stamp and the child’s full name and return address on the back so that Santa knows where to send his reply. Letters to Santa can be posted at any Australia Post red street posting box or over the counter at their retail outlets. To avoid any disappointment be sure to get your letters in early to give Santa time to reply. The Santa Mail website also contains tips on how to write letters, Christmas letterhead templates and fun interactive games to keep children entertained during the holidays. Visit auspost.com.au/education

Regards
Santa

National Koala Count ... Do you live in an area where there are koalas? Can you help out by joining in the Koala Count? Up until the 22nd November you can become a citizen scientist and help protect our koalas. By participating in this national survey you can help build a better picture of koala numbers and locations across Australia. Results can be entered at www.koalacount.org.au or if you have a smartphone a free GPS-enabled app called NatureMapr makes it easy to record any sightings. To get involved simply register as a citizen scientist on the website above, download the app and you are ready to start counting! You may be wondering what happens if multiple sightings of the same animal are made by different people. This is taken care of when the data is reviewed. By looking at GPS coordinates and time of day that recordings are taken, we ensure that the same koala isn’t counted twice. The only exception is that if you have multiple people in your group taking part, then only one person needs to record the Koala you’ve spotted.

The Grange Family Medical Centre ... Dr Debra King, Dr Adam King and Dr Jonathon Hoy have announced the opening of their new Grange Family Medical Centre at Suite 1, 82 Lake Road. Phone 6584 5244. New and existing patients welcome.

2015 White Ribbon Walk ... Sunday, 22nd November

- 8am bus departs Town Green - 8:30am walk commences from Tacking Point SLSC
- 9am bus departs Town Green - 9:30am walk commences from Flynns Beach
- 10am walk commences from Town Beach Kiosk

The White Ribbon Coastal Walk is a FREE community event to raise awareness about White Ribbon Day. FREE buses will depart from Town Green, taking participants to their choice of start for the walk (buses to Town Beach are not available). Registration is essential and must be received no later than Friday, 20th November. You can register online at www.pmhastingsdfv.com.au or complete a registration form from Liberty Cottage (155 Gordon Street), SNAP Printing (110 William Street) or the Telstra Shop (Port Central). Participants are requested to wear a white shirt. Unfortunately, pets are not allowed between Lighthouse and Nobbys beach. For further information contact 6584 9102 or www.pmhastingsdfv.com.au

Free Public Talk – Phonological Awareness ... Carol Baker trained as a speech pathologist in London in the mid ‘70s and has worked with children for nearly 40 years. Carol found many children who had speech problems as 3 and 4 year olds returned to her clinic with reading and spelling difficulties as 6 and 7 year olds. However, when phonological awareness training was incorporated into their speech therapy in the preschool years, most children learnt to read and spell without difficulty once they got to school. A free public talk with Carol Baker will be held at Port Macquarie Library on Monday, 30th November, 5:15pm to 7pm. All interested parents are welcome to attend. Tickets are free (a gold coin donation to cover venue hire would be appreciated) and available now. Follow the link on Eventbrite to register.