WEEK 10: What’s On at Hastings ... [Link to Calendar]

Monday, 7th
- Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am

Tuesday, 8th
- 2016 School Parliament Induction - 9:30am
- 2015 Primary Presentation Assembly - 9:30am

Wednesday, 9th
- LAST DAY for Student Banking
- PARTY DAYS for
  - Kindergarten at School
  - Year 2 at WOW
  - Stage 3 at Port Macquarie Olympic Pool
- Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

Thursday, 10th
- PARTY DAY for Year 4 at Port Macquarie Olympic Pool
- Class 5/6M Night of Notables

Friday, 11th
- DUE DATE for all Hamper Donations & Raffle Tickets
- PARTY DAYS for
  - Year 1 at Jumbos
  - Year 3 at WOW
- NEW TIME
  - K-2 Assembly 1:45pm Presenting Class 2D – Awards to KA, KF, 1F, 1H, 1/2S, 2D, 2M
- Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

WEEK 11

Monday, 14th
- Dress is school uniform
- Christmas Hamper Raffle Drawn 9am
- School Reports go home

Tuesday, 15th
- Dress is school uniform
- Moving Day
- Year 6 “Fabulous & Fascinating” Farewell - 6pm

Wednesday, 16th
- Dress is casual – NO singlet tops or thongs
- THAT’S IT, for the kids!

Thursday, 17th
- Staff Development Day and
- THAT’S IT, for us!

2016

January:
- Thursday, 21st
  - Uniform Shop Open - 9am to 12 noon

- Friday, 22nd
  - Uniform Shop Open - 9am to 12 noon

- Saturday, 23rd
  - Uniform Shop Open - 9am to 12 noon

- Wednesday, 27th
  - Staff return - Staff Development Day
  - Uniform Shop Open - 12 noon to 3pm

- Thursday, 28th
  - ALL Year 1 to Year 6 students start. Returning students are to keep their bag with them and catch up with friends under the COLA. New students are asked to report to the office.

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to Ms Clarke for last Tuesday

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE during Week 11 14th to 16th December
Over the counter snacks & drinks only while stocks last
HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

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

CULTURAL CAROLS NIGHT

Thanks to the many families that enjoyed our final community presentation for the year. Many hours of rehearsal were committed by students and teachers to ensure our students could shine and, after we sorted the sound and power problems, our students did just that!

5HP SUPERHERO SYMPOSIUM

On Monday night the students of 5HP delivered powerful performances in their culminating activity of their Superhero unit. Every student presented their written projects, impressive artwork and then dressed as their superhero to present an oral account of their powers. The smiles from everyone in the audience was the best reward our presenters could receive. Thanks to Mrs Hopley and Mrs Price for their wonderful leadership of this initiative!

LEARNING - GROWING - CARING
FISH SITTING
Would you like to fish-sit one or all four of our goldfish and two (vacuum cleaner) catfish over the holidays? They were going to be safe at school until we were notified our electricity is going off for four days towards the end of January.
If you have a suitable fish bowl at home and are not going away during the holidays perhaps you will be able to help us out! Please contact the office if you can.

REPORTS
1. Our reports will be issued to students on Monday, December 14. Reports will also be posted to those parents living away from the family home. A reminder to everyone about the ranking system used in our reports related to student achievement. Students are awarded one of the following in all subjects – Outstanding, High, Sound, Basic or Limited. If your child receives a “sound” ranking he or she has met all grade requirements for the subject area. Most students at our school will receive this ranking. A “basic” or “limited” ranking indicates the student has not met all grade requirements while a “high” ranking indicates the student has achieved above grade expectations. An “outstanding” ranking is rarely given; only to students performing far above grade levels.
The situation with student effort is different. Students receive a ranking from to 1 to 5 for each subject with 1 being minimal effort up to 5 for a sustained and committed effort throughout the semester. Regardless of achievement levels, we like to think all students are capable of giving their best so if your child receives 5 for effort, he or she deserves congratulation for excellent application.
2. There is a worrying trend in some students’ reports showing an increased number of absences. For this reason we have provided an annual number of absences even though this report is for the second semester of the year. The reason for this is some of our students have had over 40 absences this year which is the equivalent of one day away a week. If this is repeated for five years that student has missed the equivalent of one year’s schooling. Most parents want their children to achieve at school. Regular school attendance is the first step to achieve this.

TRAFFIC REQUEST
A parent of our school has observed drivers waiting to pick up their children leave their cars idling. Not only is this practice polluting, and in an area where there are many children and children are more vulnerable to health problems caused by exhaust pollution, but it is also against the law (Road Rule NSW 291-1, requires that the engine of a stationary vehicle to be turned off to prevent noise, other than for stoppages in traffic or examinations due to engine malfunction) under the Road Traffic Act 1999. Think of our students, think of our air quality and think of the petrol you’re wasting!

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
Our farewell is an important milestone in all students’ careers with the night structured to ensure our students have the chance to mark the end of their primary school career, appreciate the camaraderie of their grade and reflect on their time at Hastings. The formal aspects of the night and the overall presentation are designed to be age-appropriate for 11 and 12 year olds. For this reason, we are asking parents to remember there will be times in high school when other options may be explored such as hair appointments, hired suits and dresses or hired cars. These are not in the spirit of our farewell night so it is hoped all parents will allow their Year 6 children to participate in the manner expected. Let’s remember to let kids be kids. They will have many opportunities to engage in “adult” pursuits in the years ahead.

FOUR STAR AWARDS
This week and next week many students will be presented with their Four Star certificates and badges. Any student who receives this award has given an excellent effort throughout the four terms of this year. Those students who receive a second or third badge will be presented with a blue badge.
NSW DEBATING ... Report by Matilda Lindeman (5/6M)
A very big congratulations and well done to Matilda Lindeman who was recently a member of the North Coast Primary Schools Debating Team participating in the NSW Championships. Matilda's report is below ...

The Primary Schools State Debating Championship 2015 were held between 22-25 November in Collaroy, Sydney. There were ten teams from various regions of NSW and I represented Hastings Public School in the North Coast team as second speaker. Some of the topics debated were: "We should ban combat sport"; "We should ban recreational hunting"; and "All primary schools in Australia should have 50% male teachers and 50% female teachers".

The North Coast team did really well, but were defeated in the semi-finals. This year the Northern Sydney Region took out the competition. I had a great time at the three day camp where we had the opportunity to meet new friends and fellow debaters from all over the state. I would like to encourage anyone interested to pursue debating as it is so much fun!

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**INFANTS ASSEMBLY ... 20th and 27th November**

KA  | Isabelle Williams  | Billy Brockhouse  | Evan Rowe  
KD  | Charlie Dargan    | Eva Harris        | Olivia Brown  
KF  | Charlotte Taylor  | Toby Fraser        | Kaizer Scheffer  
KJ  | Kate Delaney      | Luke Delaney      | Angus Clyne  
KM  | Jack Rumble       | Sophia Bylund      | Alyssa McNamara  
1B  | William Suosaari | Abbie Brown        | Matthew Lawesbury  
1F  | Kurt Dries        | Matthew Field      | Bodhi King-Johnson  
1H  | Max Launt         | Cody Nicholson    | Cooper Dekker  
1K  | Jarrah Burton      | Jaylen Cooper      | Tynan Forsyth  
1/2S | Kaeleb Morris      | Stephanie Dun      | Audrey Brooker  
2C  | Jaiden Burke       | Ebony Walters      | Caitlyn Thompson  
2D  | Hayden Stace       | Dylan Greentree    | Macy Partington  
2J  | Marley Carter      | Millie Geddes      | Tiger Beck  
2M  | Sienna Chalmers    | Rielan Mueller     | Justine Charles  

☆ Ella Bullock  | Lachlan Kennedy  | Tyneisha Mueller  | Rory Knott ☆

**HASTINGS HEADLINES**

Xavier Allison (2M) ... Congratulations to Xavier who was recently selected in the Football Mid North Coast Under 9 Development squad for 2106. Xavier and his team will play games throughout the year travelling to Coffs Harbour, Armidale, Taree, Forster, Tamworth and Newcastle. Good luck, Xavier!

**CANTEEN ROSTER ... Thanks for Helping**

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## 2016 REQUIREMENTS for

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### 2016 REQUIREMENTS for YEARS 3 to 6

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#### ALL STUDENTS

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#### YEAR 3 and YEAR 4

- **school hat**  
- **8 x HB lead pencils**  
- **black Artline200 felt tip**  
- **rubbers**  
- **1 SMALL pencil case**  
- **pencil sharpener (with shavings holder)**  
- **1 set of coloured whiteboard markers + a duster (old thick sock or face washer)**  
- **set of headphones (from Reject Shop etc)**

*Year 4 ONLY*  
- **calculator**

#### YEAR 5 and YEAR 6

- **school hat**  
- **5 x 2B lead pencils**  
- **rubbers**  
- **5 x red, blue & black ballpoint pens**  
- **pencil sharpener (with shavings holder)**  
- **300mm/30cm wooden or plastic ruler (not metal)**  
- **1 set of coloured whiteboard markers + a duster (old thick sock or face washer)**  
- **coloured pencils / pens / highlighters**  
- **set of headphones (from Reject Shop etc)**

- **box of tissues**  
- **5 x HB lead pencils**  
- **scissors**  
- **2 x black Artline200 felt tip pens**  
- **2 x glue sticks (NOT liquid glue)**

- **cloth library bag**  
- **flash drive / USB**  
- **A4 display folder**  
- **2 x glue sticks (NOT liquid glue)**

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