What's On at Hastings ...

Friday, 13th
• 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Monday, 16th
• Kindergarten start & finish times 9am – 3pm
• Kindergarten, Year 6 and School Parliament Photos
• Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am

Tuesday, 17th
• Port News Feature – “Big Steps for Little Feet”

Wednesday, 18th
• H/CH District Swimming Carnival - Port Macquarie
• Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm
• School Council Meeting - Staffroom 6:30pm
• P&C Meeting - Staffroom 7:30pm

Thursday, 19th
• AFL Promo Day
• Student Banking

Friday, 20th
• K-2 Assembly - 12:15pm
• Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

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

PHOTOS - Monday & Tuesday
Kindergarten and all Year 6 are to wear their biggest smiles on Monday when Roseneath Photographers will be at school to take Kinder, Year 6 and School Parliament photos. Order envelopes will be handed to students on Monday following their photo. All orders must be back by Monday, 2nd March. These photos do not take the place of official school photos which will be taken in September.

On Tuesday, the Port News photographer will be here to take Kindergarten class photos for their “Big Steps for Little Feet” feature. Parent permission on their child’s enrolment form will cover the permission required for publishing names and photos in the Port News. Please phone or email the school before 3pm Monday if you wish your child to be withdrawn.

HASTINGS HELLO DONATIONS
Donations of cupcakes, cakes, slices and biscuits are wanted for our Hastings Hello afternoon to be held Friday, 27th February – 3pm to 5pm. If you are one of our budding chefs now is the time to show off your skills. We are also asking parents to consider nut/dairy/gluten free options when baking. All donations must have ingredients listed and can be left at the office on the day or brought in on the afternoon.

Parent assistance is also required with supervision and on the BBQ. If you can help, please phone the office or email the school with your name and mobile number.

The canteen will open from 8:40am to allow students to purchase snacks to take to the pool.
P&C MEETING
The first meeting for the year of our P&C Association will take place next Wednesday in the staffroom at 7:30pm. If you are a new parent to our school, these meetings are a good opportunity to meet other parents and play a role in your school. The meetings are held in a round table format giving everyone the chance to contribute. A $1 annual membership fee will be collected on the night.

NEW BELL TIMES
We have introduced new bell times to give students 25 minutes at recess, and then two 25 minute sessions at lunch. Bells will now ring at 11:25am (end of recess); 12:50pm (start of lunch); and 1:15pm (second half lunch)

3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our swimming carnival will be held tomorrow. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and we ask parents to please ensure they apply plenty of sunscreen on their child/ren before they leave home and pack a bottle in their bag for reapplication during the day. Hats and a shirt that covers shoulders are a must! Joggers should be worn. NO singlet tops or thongs. Parents who have offered to help with time-keeping are asked to meet Miss Bourne at the pool around 9:15am.

The school canteen will open early tomorrow morning to enable students to purchase snacks to take with them to the carnival. Lunches must be brought from home. Frozen water bottles are recommended. The pool kiosk will be open but stocks may be limited.

The day’s events will commence 8:30am with the timed 200m medleys. From 9:30am the timed finals of the 50m freestyle will commence starting with 8 year old boys, 8 year old girls, 9 year old boys, 9 year old girls etc. After recess it’s Junior, 11 Years, Senior Boys/Girls 50m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly events. Following lunch all age 100m finals and the junior and senior boys/girls 4 x 50m relays. A busy, busy day!

If the weather is a bit “iffy” in the morning please DO NOT phone the school to inquire if the carnival is on or off. Send your child to school prepared for both – attending the carnival or staying at school. It doesn’t matter if they are in house colours for the day.

Congratulations to our 2015 House Captains & Vice Captains who will lead the War Cries at tomorrow’s carnival …

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BAND CAPTAIN
Our band kicked off proceedings for the year last Friday and we are pleased to report Mrs Hamilton and Mr Rugers have introduced the position of Band Captain. This person is responsible for leading the band, assisting with music and helping organize equipment. The student chosen to take on this leadership role is Paige Morrah. We wish Paige well with her duties.

UKULELE LESSONS
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, ukulele lessons are now available at school on Tuesday mornings 8:15am to 8:45am. Students may borrow one of the school’s 30 ukuleles but will require their own for home practice. Lessons are $17.00 per week. For further information or to register please call Ann Russell on 0412 071 162.

ETHICS CLASSES
We are looking for parent/grandparent volunteers who would like to train to become Ethics teachers at school. Ethics classes are held on Tuesdays, run for around two hours and are offered to students in Kinder to Year 6. Please refer to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact our Ethics Coordinator Ute Morris on hastingsethics@gmail.com if you would like further information.
NEW - NEW - NEW and RELOCATED!

A NEW SHELTER
Pictured is the new shelter near the Year 1 rooms that was paid for by our wonderful P&C and subsidised by Telstra’s “Kids Fund” a foundation where Telstra employees can apply for funding on behalf on their child’s school, sporting club etc. This area has proved very popular with our Year 1 students who now have a shaded area to eat their lunch and participate in class activities.

NEW ADDITIONS
Thank you everyone for your patience and acceptance of the inconvenience during the renovations over the past four months. We are pleased to announce the additions and renos are complete! The photos below show some of the new additions and improvements around our school.

NEW PLAYGROUND AREAS
As our numbers have grown we have opened areas of the playground not previously used. The two areas in question are the top play equipment and grass near the Year 1 rooms and the netball court which is available for Stage 2 students. The use of these areas has given all students adequate room to play handball, running games or sit quietly with friends.

TABLE RELOCATION
And the Year 2 lunch area now has three picnic tables relocated from the COLA. This move gives these students more seating options at lunch. The tables are very heavy and it is a big thank you to Paul Gee from Bunnings and Craig Leech from Pace Hiab Services for donating their crane and lorry to lift and move the tables.
Canteen News ...

Thank you ... A big thank you to the many parents who contacted the canteen and offered their time to be a canteen helper. Your time is truly appreciated.

Positions vacant ... The above days remain free if any of our other parents can help between 10am and 2pm, once a month. Please contact Lesley – 6582 2566 or email your name, phone number and preferred day to hastings-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Emergency roster ... We have one parent on the emergency roster so another one or two parents / grandparents who are “drop everything and come” kind of people who can assist when a rostered parent is unable to come will also be much appreciated.

Thanks for helping

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Invitation to Year 5 and 6 students and families

Hastings Secondary College leadership team extends a warm invitation to Year 5 and 6 parents to discover the extensive opportunities available for your child through our new college structure.

You and your child in Year 5 or 6 are invited to attend Port Macquarie Public School on Wednesday 25th February 2015 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in Mrs Pilcher’s room.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation, have some refreshments and meet other prospective parents and care givers.