What’s On at Hastings ...
Monday, 9th
• Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am
Tuesday, 10th
• CLOSING DATE for Swimming Carnival payments
Wednesday, 11th
• DUE DATE for Scripture choices (refer Page 2)
• Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm
Thursday, 12th
• Student Banking
Friday, 13th
• CLOSING DATE for Stage 2 Sport Choices
• 3-6 Swimming Carnival
• Year 1 & Year 2 Assembly (Odd # classrooms)
• Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

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

2015 Kinders
We enrolled our largest number of Kindergarten students in memory with 104 students starting yesterday. The students and their parents are to be congratulated on the fine way farewells were made. Much pre-school learning and practice have obviously taken place to produce such a pleasing group.

UNIFORM SHOP : NEW OPENING HOURS

Monday 8.30-9.30am  Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm  Fridays 2.30-3.00pm

XS bucket hats are now in stock. Polo shirts are on their way!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Mrs Brest
for today
Mrs Amini
tomorrow
CLASSES
With the arrival of our Kindergarten students, we have determined accurate enrolment numbers and confirmed we can continue with the classes formed at the start of the year. Because our Year 6 classes are over 30, if we continue to get enrolments for this grade we may have to restructure classes from Years 3 to 6.

K-2 ASSEMBLIES
K-2 Assemblies will now be held each Friday at 12:15pm. All K-2 classes will attend but awards will only be presented to students in even numbered classrooms on even weeks and to students in odd numbered classrooms on odd weeks ie.
• today, as Week 2, students in 1F (Room 4), 1H (2), 1/2S (12), 2D (10) and 2M (14) were presented with Assembly awards. Later in the term they will be joined by KA (6) and KF (8).
• next Friday, 13th February, is an odd week with students in 1B (Room 1), 1K (3), 2J (11) and 2C (13) receiving awards. This group will be joined by KD (5), KJ (7) and KM (9) later in the term.

All parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the hall but we ask for toddlers to be quiet. Kinder parents will be notified when Kinder classes will join the assemblies.

KINDER, SCHOOL PARLIAMENT and YEAR 6 GROUP PHOTOS
To help Kindergarten parents celebrate this special time in their child’s life, all Kinder students will have their photo taken by Roseneath MSP Photographers on Monday, 16th February. Students will be given an information sheet/order envelope following their photograph. This photo does not take the place of school photos that will be taken later in the year. The Year 6 group and School Parliament photo will also be taken on this day. Please contact the school by Friday, 13th February if you DO NOT want your child’s photograph taken.

SCRIPTURE and ETHICS CLASSES
It is hoped our Scripture and Ethics classes will commence in Week 5 of this term. If you want your child or children to be part of the standard scripture classes delivered by local lay clergy, no action is needed from you. The other alternatives available are non-scripture, Ba’hai classes, ethics classes and Jewish instruction. The first of these is obvious. Our ethics classes are delivered by trained parents. Ba’hai scripture classes are presented by representatives of the faith and concentrate on the unity of religion and the fourth option is presented by Mr Steve Long who is also a parent of our school. If you wish to opt for any of these alternatives, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to school.

Looking for an Opportunity to become involved at school? Why not become an Ethics Teacher!
One of our wonderful volunteer teachers has moved on, so we are looking for a parent/grandparent/community member who would like to volunteer their time and teach one or two Ethics Classes this year. Ethics Teachers facilitate discussion using training and material provided by Primary Ethics, the organisation authorised by the NSW state government to deliver ethics classes under an approved curriculum. Teaching and its required preparation would take no more than 2 hrs a week. Please contact the Ethics Coordinator Ute Morris on hastingsethics@gmail.com or visit www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more about the role and how to apply.

STAGE 2 SPORT
Surfing and Learn to Swim groups are full. For those students who haven’t yet returned a signed permission note, we must have this note even if you are participating in walking or school sport. No note means NO leaving school grounds.

UKULELE LESSONS
Ann Russell from Port Macquarie Academy of Music is offering Ukulele lessons at school on Tuesday mornings 8:15am to 8:45am for interested students. The school has 30 ukuleles which students may borrow for their school lesson but they will require a ukulele at home for practice. Alternatively, students can bring their own ukulele to school. It is anticipated lessons will cost $17.00 per week and students must commit to attending practice each week. For further information or to register please call Ann on 0412 071 162.
CANTEEN HELP REQUIRED
The kids love it when mum, dad, nan or pop volunteer in the canteen as they get to show you off to
their friends and you get to meet their classmates! The canteen urgently requires parents /
grandparents to help in the canteen. Briefly looking at this year’s roster:
• 24% of volunteers are Lesley’s family members or personal friends;
• 38% are school parents / grandparents; and
• 38% of the roster is empty!

Canteen is from 10am to 2pm, lunch is provided and the roster runs on a once a month basis so if
you can spare 4 hours one day a month we would love to hear from you. The more volunteers we get
will also allow Lesley to prepare home-cooked meals and snacks for the menu. Please contact
Lesley on 6582 2566 if you can help.

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FOOD ALLERGIES
As a follow up to our item in last week’s newsletter about food allergies, a parent has supplied the
following website address where much more information can be found:
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY ... 6th February, 2015

Class Awards

3B  Phoebe Oates  Cameron Taylor  
3D  Emali Wilcox  Ethan Burton  
3J  Hamish Hawkins  Jalin Downey  
3/4H  Lorelai Champion  Tyler McKie  
4G  Patrick Kesby  Jodie Barber  
4P  Kirra Branch  Archie Devine  
4S  Lily O’Dowd  Logan Wilson  
5H  Lochie Maxwell  Scott Hadnett  
5P  Helen Kennewell  Chad Doulas  
5/6M  Mackenzie Dawson  Patch Rudd  
6B  Tahj Burns  Cameron Elliott  
6W  Jesse Witchard  Hayden Chalmers

Maths Awards

Ava Sampson  
Jacob Power  
Phoebe Oates  
Samuel Reniers  
Ky Munro  
Kirra Morris  
Emily Field  
Ngan Tran  
Chloe Green  
Sam Kobelke  
Georgia Hawes

SMILEY ☺ AWARD

Chelsea Arnold  
6W

HASTINGS HEADLINES
Don’t forget we are happy to publish any achievements or other good news stories about anyone connected with our school. These stories can cover sporting achievements, milestone birthdays or any other newsy item you would like to share with our school community. Contact Mrs Wilson at school anytime between 8:30am and 3pm.

PARKING!
Parents are asked to please note the parking restrictions and bus zones around school. Spend an extra 5 minutes walking with your child instead of running the risk of being fined. Council Rangers and police patrol the area and will leave a ticket (or post one out) if you are parked illegally. Also, please, please, please DO NOT park in the Waniora Shops carpark. This area is for their customers only and not a convenience for parents. And, unless you have a disabled parking permit, parking in our four disabled spaces is a no-no!
We have the Kiss & Drop zone at the top of Braemar Drive that allows parents two minutes to pick up or drop off their children.

UPCOMING EXPENSES
1. Term 1 sports notes for Stage 3 (Year 5 & Year 6) will go home Monday. Students have the option of choosing Learn to Surf ($70), Intensive Swimming ($40), Water Aerobics ($40), Games at School (no charge). Students in Dance Groups do not choose a sport as dance practice will be held during sport time. Please note – payments will be collected by teachers in the school hall at recess Wednesday morning. Early payments will not be accepted.

2. Textbook fees / paper levy notes will also go home next week. Kinder and Year 1 students are charged a paper levy to cover the extra class stencils they use in lieu of textbooks. Textbooks have been purchased for your child at a discounted rate and less the GST. Textbook payments must be finalised by the end of term.
IS YOUR CHILD IN A NEW CLASS WITHOUT THEIR FRIENDS?

In 13 plus years of education, your child will eventually find themselves in a class without their close friends. It’s normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it? Tempting as it may be to request a class swap (which can be a logistical nightmare for schools and not always possible), here are some important things to consider first.

• **Don’t rob your child of this opportunity to develop social skills.** School is a place where our kids learn important social skills as well as academic ones. Finding their place and making friends in a new group is a vital skill to develop and one they’ll rely on their entire lives. The classroom is one of the gentlest places to start learning this because:

• **Teachers turn a “bunch of kids” into a team every year.** They keep an eye out for students who aren’t mixing in, and create opportunities to pair them up with different children.

• **There’s still recess and lunch to play with their mates** It’s also a great opportunity for them to learn about separating social time and work time.

• **Lots of their classmates are in the same boat.** Everyone is starting a new year, with a new teacher and a new classroom and many will be looking for new friendships too. Some kids choose a new “best friend” in every class they have, which builds a rich network of friendships over the years.

• **Children learn different skills from different classmates.** These days there are lots of opportunities for group work in class, when students team up and work through tasks together. Unlikely pairings can produce excellent workmates, who share a common language of learning and help each other along.

• **You can gently help them make new friends.** If you are able to spend some time in your child’s classroom (for example, by helping out with reading or maths groups) you’ll meet the other children and be able to suggest possible friends to your child. Your child will be thrilled to see you in their classroom and it also seems to fast track their sense of “belonging”. Encourage play dates with classmates.

If, after a couple of weeks, your child doesn’t seem to be settling in or is still anxious about their new class, by all means drop a note to the teacher or make an appointment to chat. Veteran parents and teachers tell us that more likely than not, your child will be absolutely fine and will have developed a new level of resilience from spreading their wings a little. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au)

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

**DRUMS/PIANO LESSONS**  … Limited spaces now available for individual tuition in modern drums or piano/keyboard. Beginners to advanced. Before or after school in the Hastings area. Please phone Russell Dick on 6582 3868 for further information.

**PORT COMBINED NETBALL**  … The final registration day for Port Combined Netball is Saturday, February 7 from 10am to 1pm at Sportspower (near the Shell Service Station in Gordon Street). All members of Cool Cats, Powerpuffs, Thunderbolts, Champions, Fantastics, Aztecs, Tornadoes, Sugarplums and Pixie Chicks and any new players must be registered to play. Registration costs are $100 for 8/9/10 years; $135 for those 11 and over. New uniforms cost approximately $65. For further information, please contact Mrs Heaton on 0401 236 146.

**PORT PHYSIE and DANCE 2015**  … Suitable for all ages – 3 years to ladies. Classes have resumed this week at 1 Acacia Avenue in the big yellow shed behind Lincraft. For information and timetables email portphysieanddance@live.com visit [www.portphysieanddance.com.au](http://www.portphysieanddance.com.au) or phone Donna on 0408 304 151 or Kylie on 0401 196 300.
EXTRAVADANCE STUDIOS  ...  Classes are held in Port Macquarie and Wauchope for boys and girls of all ages in Hip Hop/Break Dancing, Tap, Modern, Jazz, Performance, Classical Ballet and AcroDancer. Class numbers are limited to ensure personal attention for every student. New classes in Acrodancer, Adult Hip Hop and Ladies Fun Fitness are now enrolling. Contact Miss Amy (Henson) on 0412 856 525. You will love what they have to offer!

BASKETBALL  ...  All games are played at Port Macquarie Indoor Stadium and further information, if required, can be found on their website www.portmacquarie.basketball.net.au

Year 1 & Year 2 Mini Ball (Learn to Play Basketball) is aimed at boys and girls in Year 1 & Year 2. Mini Ball commences with registration on Tuesday, 24th February, 3:45 to 4.30pm and runs for 6 weeks. Cost is $15 to register with Basketball NSW for initial year (insurance) plus $25 for the six week season. Bring a water bottle and wear sneakers.

Year 3 / Year 4 and Year 5 / Year 6 Primary Competitions  -  Registration and games commence Friday, 20th February and is played every Friday 4:15 to 6:15pm (Year 3 & Year 4) and 5pm to 7:30pm (Year 5 & Year 6 competition). Cost is $700 per team and payable by the 4th round. Registration costs are $30 first time player or $65 returning player. Coaching will run for the first 4 weeks for 30 minutes before your 30 minute game. After that, games will be longer and further coaching opportunities will be offered at another time. Both team and individual nominations will be accepted.

PORT MACQUARIE MILO T20 BLAST AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM  ...  For 7 to 12 year old boys and girls. Registration is Thursday, 12th February from 4:45pm at Port Macquarie Adventist School, 500 Ocean Drive. Played every Thursday in Term 1, 5:15pm to 6:30pm. For further information contact Ashley Bryant on 0408 806 552 or ashley.bryant@cricketnsw.com.au

PORT MACQUARIE BREAKERS RUGBY LEAGUE  ...  If you would like to play Rugby League come on down to Amart Sports, 10am to 2pm, to sign up on Saturday, 7th, 14th, 21st or 28th February. Registration is $100 per child (discounted for subsequent family members) and includes your footy shorts and socks. All enquiries before registration to Belinda Fisher 0403 198 063 or Gail McArdle 0448 984 799.

AFL AUSKICK  ...  Auskick is for boys and girls, 5 to 9 years and is played Fridays 5pm to 6pm. Under 11, 13 and 15 years play Sunday mornings. Come & Try registration days will be held at Wayne Richards Park on Thursday, 12th, Wednesday, 18th and Sunday, 1st March. Contact Port Macquarie Junior AFL on 0403 495 903 or email pmjafl@hotmail.com

GIRL’S FRIENDSHIP CLUB  ...  For girls, 7 to 12 years will be held Monday afternoons, after school to 5:30pm at Port Macquarie Baptist Church, 18 McIntyre Close. Cost is $4.00 per week. Activities include cooking, games, crafts and conversations about God. All enquiries to Elizabeth on 6582 5938 or 0400 907 516.

SCRIPTURE CHOICES 2015

All students will participate in Scripture lessons unless an alternative option is selected. If you would like to choose an alternative religious instruction for your child (or you do not want your child/ren participating in any of the lessons) please complete this slip and return to the office by Wednesday, 11th February. Children opting out of all religious instruction will continue with class work away from the classroom.

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