WHAT'S ON AT HASTINGS ...

Monday, 16th:
- Parent/Teacher Interviews for 4G, 4S, 5H, 5P
- Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am

Tuesday, 17th:
- Seniors Week Concert (Panthers) – Junior & Senior Choirs Performing

Wednesday, 18th:
- Big Steps for Little Feet (2015 Kinder Classes) - Port News Feature
- Hastings Headway Presentation - Year 5 & Year 6 attending
- Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm
- School Council Meeting - 6:30pm
- P&C Meeting - Staffroom 7:30pm
- Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

Thursday, 19th:
- Student Banking
- Year 7 (2016) High School EoI forms due

Friday, 20th:
- K-2 Assembly - 12:15pm (Awards to KA, KF, 1F, 1H, 1/2S, 2D, 2M)
- Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

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

TONIGHT’S

K-2
5pm to 6:30pm

3-6
7pm to 8:30pm

Dress can be appropriate for the date or smart, casual

Tickets available at the door - $5.00

Vote for your favourite “Kiss the Pig” guinea pig!

Parents are welcome to stay at the discos to help with supervision
(but no toddlers please as they can get knocked over by older children in the dark)
EASTER CELEBRATIONS

HAMPER DONATIONS
Hamper Donations for our Easter Hamper raffle can now be left at the office. When you are out shopping please pick up something “Easter-ish” to donate. Chocolate, picnic specialties & refreshments, chocolate, games and activities for the holidays, chocolate, books to read, chocolate! All donations must be in by Monday, 30th March to allow hampers to be made up. Can we beat our 25 hampers won last year?

RAFFLE TICKETS
Raffle tickets will be sent home next week – one book of five tickets to each family. Tickets are $1.00 each and all tickets (sold and unsold) are to be returned to the office by Wednesday, 1st April. Extra books are available from the office. Please supervise your child/ren if they are selling around the neighbourhood. The raffle will be drawn following our Hat Parade on Thursday, 2nd April.

HAT PARADE
Hats are to be made at home and brought in on the day! Our Easter Hat parade is for all students in K-2. The parade will be held under the COLA on Thursday, 2nd April commencing with Year 2 at 9:30am followed by Year 1. Dress for the day is casual if you are participating and uniform if you are not.

MATHLETICS
A reminder all students from Years 2 to 6 have access to the Mathletics program at school and also at home if they can connect to the internet. The website address is http://www.3plearning.com/mathletics/ Students may test themselves and compete against other students from around Australia and the world. Parents can receive progress reports and diagnosis of their child’s maths ability. This opportunity for our students has been largely sponsored by The Westport Club for the next three years. Last year we had some students in the top 100 of the nation and we are hoping to hear more similar positive news soon.

PSSA BASKETBALL and BOYS SOCCER SUCCESS
The best of Hastings Luck is extended to Lily Maqueda and Callum Barlow following further selection in PSSA team trials during the week...

Lily
Lily has been selected as part of the Lower North Coast Basketball team and will now vie for selection in the North Coast team next Wednesday.

Callum
Callum was successful in gaining selection in the Hastings/Camden Haven District Soccer team yesterday and will now play for selection in the LNC team.

MY SCHOOL
The My School website has updated its details with our 2014 Naplan results available for parents. In addition to these results other information that may be found covers our school profile, school finances and student attendance figures.

BOYS HOCKEY at HASTINGS
Boys interested in trying out for our school's hockey team are invited to attend squad training to be held at school (under the COLA) on Thursdays - 19th and 26th March and 2nd April – 8am to 8:30am. A team will be selected following these training sessions. Boys must wear a mouthguard and shin pads for all training and games. The school will supply sticks and shin pads for the training session or boys can bring their own. Mouthguards are available at the office for $6.60 each. Boys hockey is a growing sport at our school. It is a sport that provides great exercise and develops new skills. For the past three years we have entered a team in the PSSA knockout and our first game for the 2015 competition will be early Term 2 against Tinonee Public School.

ATTENTION YEAR 6
As part of your excursion to Canberra you will have an opportunity to swim in the pool at the Institute of Sport BUT you must wear a swimming cap! “Hastings” caps are now available from the Uniform Shop for $8.00 each or you can take a cap from home/purchase elsewhere BUT no cap is no swim!
P & C MEETING NEXT WEEK
A reminder that next week is the Annual General Meeting of the P & C. The meeting kicks off at 7:30pm in the staffroom. There will also be discussion about the forthcoming fete. We’re looking forward to welcoming many of our new parents. Parents attending who were not at last month’s meeting are asked to pay a $1.00 P&C Federation membership fee on Wednesday evening.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent / Teacher interviews will be held over the next three weeks. For parents living away from the family home and would like an interview please leave a message or send an email for your child’s teacher. Times vary so please check your child’s bag for a note today or next week.

Monday, 16th March
- 4G, 4S, 5H, 5P
Thursday, 19th March
- 6W
Monday, 23rd March
- KJ, KM, 1K, 2J, 2M, 3D, 3J, 5H, 5P, 5/6M
Tuesday, 24th March
- 2D, 3B
Wednesday, 25th March
- KD, 2D, 2C
Thursday, 26th March
- 1/2S
Monday, 30th March
- KA, KF, 1B, 1F, 1H, 6B
Wednesday, 1st April
- 3/4H, 4P

The majority of interviews will be held in the school hall. Please enter via the western side hall doors. For interviews being held in classrooms parents are asked to wait quietly in the wet areas outside the room. Parents attending Wednesday interviews are asked to wait in the main foyer area.

KISS THE PIG
Fete planning is well under way and fundraising for this great event has begun! Four teachers, Mr Morris, Mrs Fieldsend, Mr Scott and Mrs Martin, have volunteered to be “guinea pigs” in the “Kiss the Pig” event. “Piggy Banks” will be at tonight’s school disco (and other family events leading up to the fete) for students and parents to drop a coin into the jar belonging to the staff member they would like to see kiss a pig at our School Fete! The most dollars wins – or depending on how you look at it – loses!

Mr Morris    Mrs Fieldsend    Mr Scott    Mrs Martin

SCHOOL FEES

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TEXTBOOK / PAPER LEVIES

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Parents are reminded school policy states students with outstanding textbook / paper levies will be excluded from participating in extra curricula activities including excursions, sports carnivals, visiting performances etc. until their account has been paid (or regular instalments are being made to pay off the amount. As textbooks have been purchased for your child it would be appreciated if all accounts could be finalised before the end of term. School Fees are a voluntary contribution which provides those “little extras” for all students and which makes education at Hastings an all-round positive experience. Reminder invoices will be sent home next week.

LEARNING - GROWING - CARING
TEN HINTS FOR CREATING RESILIENT FAMILIES

Continuing the suggestions from Andrew Fuller – Clinical Psychologist – on how to enjoy family life more.

7. **Teach the skills of self-esteem.** Families that work well together seem to praise one another a lot. Compliments are made, positive efforts are commented on. Optimism is in the air. Teaching the skills of self-praise is useful. One way of doing this is to ask questions exclusively about achievement and accomplishment. Asking questions like “How come you did so well in the test?” “What did you do?” and “Have you been doing homework behind my back?” all allow the opportunity for meaningful praise.

8. **Know how to argue.** The family unit is where we should learn how to resolve disputes fairly. Families that work well know how to argue. This seems strange because we all sense that families that work don’t have conflicts. The way parents teach their children to resolve differences of opinion with siblings provides the basis for sharing, negotiating and problem solving in the world beyond the family. While differences of opinion should be allowed to be expressed, children also need to learn they will not be able to win at any cost.

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

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**THE TACKING POINT THUNDER HOCKEY CLUB** comprises many boys from our school. Registration days are this Sunday, 15th March from 2 to 4pm and next Saturday, 21st March from 1 to 3pm. Both registration days will be held at the turf fields off Koala Street / Ocean Drive. Registration includes a hockey stick, shin pads and mouth guard. There are no ongoing costs after registration. Games are held on Saturday mornings. **COME TRY HOCKEY for 4 to 9 YEAR OLDS** will also be held at the Hockey Centre turf over the next three Saturdays – 14th, 21st & 28th March, 9am to 10am for boys and girls wanting to have a no obligation trial of hockey. These sessions are free with all equipment supplied.