HASTINGS Public School

NEWSLETTER 27th March, 2015

Term 1 - Week 10

What’s On at Hastings ... [link]

Saturday, 28th
• P&C Election BBQ
• DUE DATE for Easter Hamper donations
• Parent/Teacher Interviews for KA, KF, 1B, 1F, 1H, 3D & 6B
• Stage 3 Australia Day
• Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am

Monday, 30th
• DUE DATE for Easter Hamper donations
• Parent/Teacher Interviews for KA, KF, 1B, 1F, 1H, 3D & 6B
• Stage 3 Australia Day
• Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am

Tuesday, 31st
• CLOSING DATE for ICAS entries
• Public Speaking School Finals
  - Years 3 & 4: 11:25am
  - Years 5 & 6: 12:10pm
  - Year 2: 1:40pm

Wednesday, 1st
• DUE DATE for raffle tickets
• Year 6 and School Parliament Photos
• Parent/Teacher interviews for 3/4H, 3J & 4P
• Dance Elite Workshop & Auditions
• Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

Thursday, 2nd
• HELP REQUIRED at the Canteen for Treat Day
• Hockey Squad Training - 8am
• Easter Hat Parade - 9:30am
• Hamper Raffle Drawn - 10:45am
• Canteen Treat Day
• Student Banking
• That’s it for Term 1!

OUR EASTER CELEBRATIONS will be held on THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL

Parents are asked not to take their child/ren home following the Hat Parade.
The day is a normal school day with a lot of fun right up until the bell rings at 3pm.

HAMPER RAFFLE
Keep your donations coming in as we try to beat last year’s 25 hamper prizes.
To allow time for hampers to be made up we ask for all donations to be in on Monday. Raffle tickets must be back on Wednesday.
Thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C in this fundraiser by donating, buying and / or selling.

HAT PARADE
Hats are to be made at home and brought in next Thursday morning! Our Easter Hat parade is for all students in K-2. The parade will be held under the COLA commencing 9:30am with Year 2, followed by Year 1 and Kindergarten.
Dress for the day is casual if you are participating and uniform if you are not!
STATE SWIMMING
Our boys held the North Coast banner high on Wednesday and Thursday as they competed at the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush. Congratulations Kayle, Mitchell, Sam & Jesse on your remarkable achievement in reaching this level of competition.

Mitchell completed the carnival with a 7th place finish in the State in the 11 Years Boys 50m Backstroke and finished in the top 20 in the State in his other four individual swims.

The Senior Boys relay should be very proud of themselves coming 19th out of 35. As Mitchell is a swimmer, Kayle a surfer and Sam & Jesse both cricketers this result is made even better knowing they beat schools with four competition swimmers. An absolutely fantastic!

KILOMETRE CLUB
Our Kilometre Club re-starts again next term with the aim to improve the fitness levels of our Years 2-6 students. The scheme is voluntary and open to all students from Years 2 to 6. Commencing Wednesday, 22nd April, from 8:30am to 8:50am each morning, students may run/walk the kilometre course and get their Kilometre Club card stamped by the teacher on duty. The course is on school grounds and takes in a section of our rainforest path. This means the Braemar Drive rainforest entrance will be closed in the mornings but open in the afternoon. Thanks to Simone Berry, Barbara Sherrin and Lisa Carter for volunteering to run this scheme each morning. Parents are always welcome to assist (please contact Mrs Baker) or join the kids and participate in the run! Students may wear their joggers to school every day if participating.

DEFENCE FORCE FEEDBACK
Last year many of our students participated in the post card scheme, sending messages to our servicemen and women on duty in and around Afghanistan. Below is an excerpt from a letter from Captain Justin Jones of the HMAS Success:

“I would like to thank your school and the students for taking an interest in the ADF members currently deployed on operations. The support provided by family, friends and the general public is outstanding and your contribution is greatly appreciated. The messages of support written by the students are encouraging and insightful and have been warmly received by the crew. Receiving mail is one of the most eagerly anticipated events during our current deployment and the cards have made a contribution to enhancing morale in Success. Whilst modern communications have made it easier to stay in contact with families and friends it does not substitute for receiving a letter or card in the mail.”

If families wish to find out more information about the HMAS Success they may visit the website: www.navy.gov.au/hmas-success-ii

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ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE
Congratulations to the boys from the guitar group who entertained the 3-6 Assembly last Friday. The four boys, Cameron Alford, Kai Marino, Jett Masters and Finn Overton did an excellent job with Cameron showing great skills singing two songs. Thanks to their tutor, Benny Hardman for the great leadership of this group.

BIKE SAFETY
It has been brought to our attention some boys who ride their bikes to school are placing themselves in danger by riding their bike across the crossing on Kennedy Drive. To give cars adequate time to stop, riders should dismount and walk their bikes across all crossings.

EARTH HOUR EDITION
Our Environment Ministers, Matilda Lindeman and Angus Collins have introduced the Earth Hour Poster Competition to promote awareness of this important global event. Congratulations to the winners ...

1st - Jamison Sawtell
2nd - Mirren Campbell
3rd - Amelia Cuckson

We are supporting this event as last year, for one hour, Sydney made a powerful statement about the greatest contributor to global warming – coal-fired electricity – by turning off its lights. Over 2.2 million Sydney residents and over 2,100 businesses turned off their lights, leading to a 10.2% energy reduction across the city. What began as one city taking a stand against global warming caught the attention of the world. Earth Hour will be observed this Saturday night from 8:30 to 9:30 pm. See what you can do to help by contributing to one or all of the following:

- prepare and share a meal that does not use ‘energy’ to prepare eg a salad
- go for a night walk
- try some astronomy fun ... what can you see in our night sky
- how about a candlelight bathtime?

INTERSCHOOL CHESS CHALLENGE 2015
We have been invited to compete in the first heat of the Interschool Chess Challenge at Westport Public School on Wednesday, 29th April. This tournament is run as an individual event, with the winning school determined by adding the 4 highest scorers from each school. The tournament is a 7-round Swiss competition meaning all players play 7 games and no-one is knocked out of the tournament. Chess clocks will be used and there will be a short demonstration on the use of chess clocks before the start of the tournament. The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game. Trophies will be awarded for the top scoring players (1st to 5th Place) and to the top 3 placed schools in each heat. All participants in the tournament will receive a certificate of participation.

The top 3 schools from each heat will qualify for the Regional Semi-Finals, held in Term 3. Cost is $11 per child and may be paid online “Payment Options – Other / Chess; eftpos or cash to the office. If you wish your child to participate in this competition please ask him or her to pick up a permission note from the office.

ATTENTION YEAR 6
Look your sparkly best and wear your biggest smile on Wednesday as your Year 6 group and School Parliament photos will be taken. Students participating in the Dance Elite workshop are to bring their grey skirt/shorts to change into for the photo.

PS – NO joggers!

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING
Easter usually brings a change in the weather so if you are sorting out wardrobes over the holidays please keep the school fete’s Pre-Loved Clothing stall in mind. Donations must be clean, stain-free and in good condition. Donations can be left at the office from next term. Many thanks to Janet Alexander who has put her hand up to coordinate the stall.
LIBRARY NEWS

• With the end of Term 1 approaching, Kinder and Year 1 do not borrow over the holidays, so all Library books must be returned next week.

• Our Library now subscribes to the World Book Web and the subscription allows us to give our families access to this valuable reference source at home. To access the World Book Web ...
  1. go to www.worldbookonline.com
  2. Username hastings1
  3. Password hastings1
  4. Save your user name and password for faster log in by clicking “Remember my ID and password”
  5. Enjoy!

NETBALL NSW SCHOOLS CUP
On Wednesday, 17 Year 5 and Year 6 girls participated in the Netball NSW Schools Cup. Hastings entered a team in the competitive draw and a team in the non-competitive division.

Our non-competitive team: Charlotte Mansfield, Tahlia Nadine, Sarah Johnson, Maddi Hamilton, Kelsey Forrester, Lilly Carson, Isabella Bruce and Jasmine Hyde played teams from Lake Cathie, Wauchope, Port Primary, Westport and Beechwood Public Schools coming away with four wins and a draw.

The competitive team: Kamryn Murphy, Jacinta Kellett, Eloise Amini, Maddy Burton, Eliza Bendall, Georgia Flowers, Alice McIntyre, Jasmine King and Carly Cocking also had a successful day finishing with three wins over St Josephs (Port Macquarie), St Peters, and Tacking Point primary schools and a loss to St Josephs (Laurieton).

Congratulations to everyone on your great sportsmanship on and off the court and many thanks to the parents who help manage the teams, umpired and cheered the girls on!

IRONMAN VOLUNTEERS
Sunday, May 3 will see our town host the Australian Ironman competition. This competition draws athletes from around the country and the world.

As we have done in previous years, our school has been asked to provide volunteers to act as marshalls on the course. We have usually been allocated a section of Pacific Drive for the bike leg. The marshalls’ role is to set up and maintain barriers and let people know when it’s safe to cross the road. If you can devote part of this to help our school, please email your name, contact number, preferred time/s and favoured location (usually a T intersection on Pacific Drive) to Craig.Suosaari@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

For every station we cover, the school will receive a donation from Ironman Australia. Money raised will assist P&C projects such as the sensory garden and playground upgrade.

Without volunteers this race cannot proceed so think of our school and our town as this event contributes significantly to our immediate economy. While the competitors may finish the race feeling sore - you as a volunteer will have that warm feeling that comes from knowing you’ve benefited our town and our school.

CANTEEN ROSTER 

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Thanks for Helping

Can you help on TREAT DAY?
Please contact Lesley if you can
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

INFANTS ASSEMBLY  ...  13th and 20th March, 2015

KA Cade Kilgour  Louis Dimmers  Evan Rowe
KD Zoe Tanner  Nate Castelli  Olivia Brown
KF Madison Hopley  Kaizer Scheffer  Gordon Smith
KJ Kate Delaney  Luke Delaney  Kohan Kovac
KM Rubi Roser  Edward Redfern  Lily Rodgers
1B Eli Collins  Taylee Miller  Sofire Waters
1F Flinders Bean  Kyale Peell  Skyla Donald
1H Koby Atkins  Harvey Cuckson  Liliana Crispim
1K Kacie Payne  Kyson Stratton  Ellen McManus
1/2S Ajay Sen Gupta  Cameron Carson  Audrey Cassegrain
2C Levi Fel  Timothy Lawrance  Ebony Walters
2D Taya Spells  Macy Partington  Emmi Patterson
2J Jaidan Hare  Tiger Beck  Tully Lavine
2M Jamie Knott  Tyneisha Mueller  Cruz Cordell

STARS of the ASSEMBLY

Jasmine Morgan  Hunter Stevens  Jessica Dun  Max Launt

ONLINE PAYMENTS
Parents are now able to make school payments online. On the school’s webpage www.hastings-p.schools.nsw.edu.au you will find a $ Make a Payment link

A minimum of $10.00 is applied for all payments. Click and complete all information to make your payment. If you are paying / part-paying ...

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<td>Year 4’s 3 day 2 night camp to Point Wolstoncroft Sport &amp; Recreation Centre will be held from Wednesday, 25th to Friday, 27th November. Cost will be approximately $320 per child. Information will be sent home next term but if parents would like to start paying off please complete the payment information under “Payment Options – Excursions / Year 4 Camp”</td>
<td>Full payment must be finalised by Wednesday, 13th May. Payments can be made online under “Payment Options – Excursions / Canberra”</td>
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LEARNING - GROWING - CARING
KICKSTARTING TERM 2  
Saturday, 18th  • Uniform Shop open 9am - 12 noon  
Monday, 20th  • Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)  
Tuesday, 21st  • All students return for Term 2  
Wednesday, 22nd  • Kilometre Club commences - 8:30am  
Friday, 24th  • ANZAC Day School Service  
Saturday, 25th  • ANZAC Day March  

ANZAC DAY MARCH  
For students wishing to participate in the Town March along Horton Street to the Town Green on Saturday, 25th April the following information is provided:  
• assemble near the Beau Thai Restaurant on the corner of William and Horton Street from 9:30am (look for the Hastings banner and staff members)  
• wear school uniform including your hat  
and  • if wearing medals, these are to be worn on the right  

Because of the crowded nature around the Town Green memorial, parents of younger students are asked to collect their child or children at the conclusion of the march rather than at the end of the service which can be a trial for younger children in terms of space and duration.

COMMUNITY NOTICES  
Aquatic Angels  ...  Intensive learn to swim classes based on The Royal Lifesaving Swim and Survive methodology will be run by Aquatic Angels during the holidays 13th - 17th and 20th - 24th April. Skills and knowledge they teach in the Swim and Survive programs provide all learn to swim kids with strong foundations in swimming, survival and basic rescue skills. Spaces are limited for this program. For further enquiries please contact Kylie on 0416 818 548.  

Hastings Baseball Inc  ...  Calling for registrations in the winter competition. Seniors play Sunday afternoons beginning 19th April at Blackbutt Park Wauchope. Juniors “Liveball” will play Sunday mornings beginning 24th May also at Blackbutt Park. T-Ballers (5 to 10 years) will play Sunday mornings alternating between Port Macquarie & Wauchope beginning 24th May. Registrations will be taken at Blackbutt Park 1pm to 3pm tomorrow Saturday 28th March. Further registration days will be advertised on Facebook: Hastings Baseball Association. Names can also be emailed to info@hastingsbaseball.com.au  Phone enquiries Rose 6585 2076  

Beginner Acoustic Guitar & Keyboard Groups  ...  Subject to sufficient interest, qualified teachers from Port Macquarie Academy of Music will be offering additional classes at Hastings (8:15am to 8:45am) on Wednesdays in Term 2 in the music room. Term fees are nominal and students are required to bring their instrument to school for the lesson. These groups are designed as a ‘taste tester’ to gauge student interest and commitment. Enrolments close at the end of this term – 2nd April. Call Anne 0412.071162 for more information and registration.  

Attention Super Spellers  ...  Shine Australia, the makers of MasterChef, Junior MasterChef and The Voice are looking for the nation’s brightest spellers to take part in a spectacular spelling and language competition to be broadcast on National television. Contestants must not be turning 14 on or before 31st December, 2015 and must have turned 8 by the 21st March, 2015. Further information at https://wordplay.castasugar.com  Applications close on 17th April, 2015!  

Ability Links NSW  ...  Ability Links is a new and different approach to supporting people with disability, their families and carers in their communities. Ability Links assists people, aged 9 to 64 years, to live the life they want to live as equal and valued members of their local community. For further information on how to become an Ability Linker visit www.midcoastcommunities.org.au phone 6516 1920 or visit their office at Level 1, Bourne House, 10-12 Short Street, Port Macquarie.