What's On at Hastings ... Week 1 – Term 2

Saturday, 18th
• Uniform Shop open 9am - 12 noon

Monday, 20th
• Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
• Senior Band Workshop

Tuesday, 21st
• All students return for Term 2

Wednesday, 22nd
• Kilometre Club commences

Friday, 24th
• Public Speaking Workshop
• Senior Band Workshop
• ANZAC Day School Service - 10:40am

Saturday, 25th
• ANZAC Day March

HASTINGS HAPPENINGS
End of Term
As our busy term draws to a close, here are some of the additional activities beyond the classroom that have contributed to a well-rounded education: swimming carnival, Hello Hastings, Green Tie (neuroblastoma) mufti day, Indonesian exchange teachers' visit, Earth Hour poster competition, parent/teacher interviews, PSSA cricket games, public speaking competitions, Friday the 13th discos, choirs singing at Seniors Week concert and our dance groups rehearsing throughout the term. Everyone has earned their holiday!

New Appointment
Following interviews held at school last week, we are pleased to announce Mr Mark Taylor has been appointed to take over the vacant teaching position. He will assume teaching duties of 3D starting next term. Mr Taylor hails from Bolwarra Public School (near Maitland) and will also be bringing three daughters to join us. We would like to thank Ms Davis for her contribution to the school over the previous two years and look forward to seeing her back at our school in a variety of roles.

Star Cards
Our Star Cards are presented to students who have shown commendable habits and behaviour during the term. If your child brings home a star card this signifies a consistent effort throughout the year so far in terms of commitment and behaviour in and out of the classroom. To be eligible, a student has to achieve nine good weeks out of the ten-week term. We like to think all students are capable of giving their best on a regular basis regardless of ability.

Annual School Report
The link for our 2014 Annual School Report is above or you can look under “Our School” on the website. The report outlines our achievements from last year and should be good reading for all those who open it.

Happy Holidays everyone
stay safe - keep well
and we will see you all back at school on TUESDAY, 21st APRIL!
GUITAR GROUP
We apologize for omitting Kane Henderson and Samuel Reniers from last week’s report on the guitar group performance at our assembly. Pictured is all six of our entertainers - Jett Masters, Cameron Alford, Kane Henderson, Kai Marino, Samuel Reniers and Finn Overton with guitar teacher, Bennie Hardman.

SENIOR BAND WORKSHOPS
A reminder to all senior band members not to forget the two workshops planned for next term...
• Monday, 20th April
  wear casual clothes – morning tea and lunch provided and don’t forget your instrument!
• Friday, 24th April
  wear school uniform – bring recess and lunch as usual

KILOMETRE CLUB
As a point of clarification, our Kilometre Club is open to all students from Years 2 to 6 and any Year 1 or Kindergarten students whose parents want to walk/run with their children. Our aim is again to run around Australia (35,000km). To help us achieve this goal we would love to see as many parents as possible joining in this great community fitness project.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS
On Tuesday, audiences were treated to outstanding performances during our annual Public Speaking Finals. With this being our 6th year of the competition for Years 3-6 and our 3rd year for the Year 2 section, the standard of the presentations was exemplary. Speeches covered a myriad of topics and students amazed audiences with their confidence to present speeches, often without even the assistance of palm cards! Thank you, Mrs Davis for coordinating the event this year.

In the hotly contested Year 2 section, a three-way tie was awarded to Zake Morris, Kaelleb Morris and Drew De Silva.

In the Years 3-4 section, 1st place Judson Grieve, 2nd Mason Rosenbaum and equal third went to Charlotte Barlow and Layla Sutherland.

In the Years 5-6 section, 1st place went to Tait McIntyre, 2nd to Jesse Beard and 3rd to Kayle Enfield.

HOCKEY SUCCESS
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Lower North Coast Hockey teams: Charlie Beard, Jesse Beard, Oliver Harris, Finn Hoy, Riley Johnston and Declan Pitt in the boys team and Tegan Mainey in the girls team. They will now compete at the North Coast carnival at Grafton early next term.
It is pleasing to see so many of our students achieving this level. The hockey development over the previous three years has certainly borne fruit.