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

HASTINGS HERO
ANDER BECK

Congratulations to Ander Beck (5W) who is our first Hastings Hero for 2016. Ander’s citation reads ...

About a month ago Ander was woken late at night by their dog growling at someone breaking into their home. Keeping calm Ander woke his mum, explained what was happening and without being asked, called 000 giving clear and precise instructions while his mum confronted the intruder who was refusing to leave.

Congratulations, Ander for showing immense maturity and bravery in a frightful situation.

Our Hastings Hero awards are proudly sponsored by
Craig Barnett of First National Real Estate (0423 831 370)

THANK YOU
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Thanks to the many parents, students and friends who came along to our Hello Hastings last Friday. It was a lovely, relaxed afternoon where new families met our older families and everyone went home with smiles on faces. Thanks to Adam Rumble for his wonderful organization that ensured everything flowed smoothly. Our winners of the Jelly Bean Guessing Competition were Oliver Knowles (KB) with a correct guess of 753 and Ruby Williams (KA) with a correct guess of 269.
PARKING PROBLEM PART ? (we have lost count)!

These pictures show the damage done to the property of our neighbours in Waniora Parkway by parents of our school who are parking on the grass and not the road. We know those who caused the damage did not do this deliberately but your thoughtless actions have resulted in this damage. If you wouldn’t want this to happen to you, then don’t do it to others! The Council Ranger has been contacted and was patrolling the area on Thursday. We’ve been told the fine is close to $200.

MATHLETICS
Our school has again received $4,000 sponsorship from the Westport Club to participate in the Mathletics program which is designed to provide individualized maths activities for students from years 2 to 6 and extend their mathematical skills. If your child or children are in these grades, they have a user name and password that will enable them to access this excellent program at school and at home. If you’re unsure of what’s involved in this great maths opportunity please contact the school for direction. The Mathletics website may be accessed at www.mathletics.com Each week we will present awards to our top K-2 and 3-6 students who have used this program. This week our awards went to Ashton Murray of 2S and Luke Stubbs of 3H as the best users of the program. Luke has amassed an amazing 29529 answers since we began this program.

MOBILE DENTAL VAN SERVICE
Last year many parents signed up for their children to be seen by this service but organizational difficulties arose that meant this had to be postponed. We are pleased to advise this service will be operating at our school in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term. The large state-of-the-art clinic will be provide free assessments and one-one education to every student; they will also provide fully bulked billed services, including a scale and clean, fissure sealants, fluoride applications and further treatment as required. They also offer prevention packages to students in private health funds who do not qualify for the Medicare CDBS scheme with NO GAP payable. Families who submitted forms last year do not have to repeat the procedure. All information has been kept. If your child or children are new to the school or are in Kindergarten and you would like them to use this service, please collect the application forms from the office. If you have any questions regarding eligibility and what the program offers, please contact the AMDC directly on 9761 4700.

SPENDING MONEY AT SCHOOL
Our younger students and newer families are sometimes unsure of the regulations around spending money for the canteen. All Kindergarten children are allowed to use the canteen services. The following rules are stressed, especially with our Kindergarten students to minimize problems:

1) don’t ask others to buy things for you
2) don’t take money that belongs to others
3) don’t give your money to anyone except the servers in the canteen
4) don’t buy for others
5) don’t share food or money

SHAVE FOR A CURE
Ander Beck is shaving his head for the Leukaemia Foundation’s Shave for A Cure.
If you would like to sponsor Ander his link is gofundme.com/remsh2c
SHOWCASE AT THE GLASSHOUSE
The Glasshouse Showcase will be held on Thursday, September 15. This year we will be showcasing the talents of our students and staff from years 3 to 6. We are hoping the whole school community will enjoy the lead-up and the performance. Parents will be informed soon if their child’s class or grade will be performing. There will be a matinee and an evening performance to give families the maximum chance to attend.

OFFICE ETIQUETTE
In a school of over 680 students it is hoped everyone appreciates they cannot have immediate access to the principal or deputy principal but there have been situations over the previous weeks when confidential matters are being discussed in these two offices when parents have suddenly arrived at the door wanting to have a chat. **ALL parents MUST** stop at the office first to see if Mrs Baker or Mr Heaton are available. There will be no exceptions and parents who forget this simple rule will be reminded by the office staff and the executive. A “STOP” sign has been erected near the corridor to these offices in case people need further reminders.

NIT CHECKS!
Summer, hot weather and humid days = head lice! This weekend please make it a weekend you thoroughly check your child’s hair for signs of head lice. Treatments are not 100% effective and not all eggs will die following treatment. The best and safest treatment we can recommend is to treat your child’s hair with a treatment you are happy to use, then get a fine tooth comb and a good 3 hour movie. The only way to eradicate nits is to remove ALL eggs otherwise the hatch and breed cycle starts all over again!

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)
We have had reports during the week of impetigo. This highly contagious disease usually starts from infected mozzie bites and quickly spreads around the body. Students must be excluded from school until medical treatment has commenced. On return to school, sores are to be covered.

PSSA SPORTS
Swimming  … Good luck to our talented swimmers who will compete at the North Coast (Zone) Swimming Titles in Kempsey next Wednesday. Our team consists of Mitchell Chandler, Kate Collins, Imojen Enfield, Kayle Enfield, Tiarna Huckel, Gemma Lawrence, Jackson O’Rourke, Joshua Power and Cooper Williams. We wish them well as they compete for a place at the State Titles in Sydney in April.

Cricket Knockout  … Hastings played an inexperienced Telegraph Point team on Tuesday in the PSSA Cricket Knockout. Congratulations to all our players who contributed to a comfortable win and also to the Tele Point team for having a go! Our team of:
  - Jordan Westcott, Oliver Barry, Josh Power, Charlie Beard, Lenny Jensen, Kael Harris, Kayle Enfield, Kobe Chalmers, Jacob Tonning, Jackson Partridge and Jack Stace
are all looking forward to their next game.

Cricket Selections  … Lennox Jensen, Oliver Barry and Jordan Westcott recently trialled for a position in the Lower North Coast Cricket team. Jordan was selected as first reserve while luck wasn’t on the side of Lennie & Oliver on the day.

Rugby League  … Following trials held this week, it’s congratulations to Jack Stace (11 Years) and Joshua Power and Jacob Tonning (Opens) on their selection into the LNC Rugby League Teams.

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YEAR 6 – YEAR 7
Expression of interest booklets for High School 2017 placements were given to all Year 6 students yesterday. Parents are asked to complete these forms and return to your child’s teacher by Friday, 18th March. If your child is attending a non-government high school please complete “Placement not required” on page 11. All students must return their form.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held over the last four weeks of Term 1. Notes have started to go home and parents are asked to check their child’s bag regularly. If you are unable to attend the day/time your child’s teacher has set aside for their interviews please write on the note a couple of days and times you are available and your contact number/s. Teachers will get back to you to arrange a mutual time.
**CANTEEN ROSTER ...**  Thanks for Helping

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Lighthouse to Macquarie Park Walk ...** Everyone is welcome to join the “Team Happy Zone” on the Lighthouse to Macquarie Park Walk, tomorrow 5th March. Meet at the Lighthouse for a 6am start. $5.00 entry, wear your purple and yellow, hat and sunscreen. For further information please contact Gavin on 0427 622 752 or if you would like to make a donation [http://ccau.convio.net/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCNSW?team_id=44464&pg=team&fr_id=3910](http://ccau.convio.net/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCNSW?team_id=44464&pg=team&fr_id=3910) All proceeds go to the Cancer Council - Relay for Life.

**Come & Try Hockey ...** For boys and girls 4 to 11 years of age. Free come & try days will be held at the Hockey Complex on Saturday, 19th March and 2nd April from 9am to 10am. All equipment supplied and families welcome. On registration new players receive a free stick, bag, shin pads, mouth guard and ball.

**Port Macquarie Tidal Pool ...** The campaign for a tidal pool in Port Macquarie needs 10,000 signatures to progress. A tidal pool would be a facility of interest to many parents with children who may be non-swimmers, disabled, allergic to chlorine, or who would just like a safe place to swim in a natural environment. Port Macquarie Tidal Pool website is

**Website:** [https://pmqtidalpool.wordpress.com/2016/02/page/2/](https://pmqtidalpool.wordpress.com/2016/02/page/2/)


**“POPSTARS” ...** Hastings Secondary College is proud to present “POPSTARS” the 90’s musical, featuring preshow entertainment from our Hastings Valley Community of Schools primary choirs.

**Where**     Port Macquarie Campus MPC

**Tickets** available at the door: Adults $10 and Kids $5.

**When**

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**KIDS FUN RUN ...**
The Kids Fun Run will be held on the Town Green as part of the Port Macquarie Running Festival on Sunday, 13th March. Distances are 2km for 4 to 8 years and 4km for 9 to 12 years. Entry fee is $10. Registration can be made online at [http://www.portmacquarierunningfestival.com.au/event/](http://www.portmacquarierunningfestival.com.au/event/) at the Registration Tent on Saturday, 12th March between 1pm & 4pm or on Sunday prior to the event. Races start 10:30am. For further information contact Peter Camilleri on 0404 835 060 or petercamilleri64@gmail.com

**Rotary Book Sale**

**3 days only at Panthers Port Macquarie**

- Friday  MAR 4th  - 9am to 6pm
- Saturday MAR 5th  - 9am to 6pm
- Sunday  MAR 6th  - 9am to 1pm

Cheap "pre-loved" books for everyone - maximum cost of $2.00 a book.

Children’s books - 75 cents each or 8 books for $5.00