

HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th February, 2018



What's On at Hastings ...

<http://www.hastings-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar>

Monday	12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30amK-2 Assembly - 2:20pm
Tuesday	13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presenting Class 2J. Awards to 1K, 1M, 2J, 2SDUE DATE - EOI for Stage 3 Sport ChoicesStudent Banking
Wednesday	14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm
Thursday	15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DUE DATE - Religious Education choices
Friday	16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Primary Assembly - 9:20am Presenting Class 5JUniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**Friday
23rd February**

**Hastings Hello
3pm to 5pm**

*More information
next week*

All families welcome

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

What an exciting week our Kindy children have had. I have had many visits to my office and have thoroughly enjoyed starting to get to know all of the children. If parents have any questions or concerns regarding children settling into school, please do not hesitate to speak to the teachers or contact the office. We only ask that you remember that mornings are very hectic and teachers are required to give all of their attention to the children and facilitate the transition into the classroom. Meetings can be made for times that are suitable for you and the class teacher. Morning transition can also be assisted by parents developing a routine with the morning drop off. We recommend a quick hug and goodbye with a reassuring reminder that you will see your child in the afternoon.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of our students who are settling well into 2018 classes. Other school programs are being finalised and will be up and running as soon as possible. We have invested in enhancing our learning and support programs and students are currently being identified to participate in scheduled programs. Parents and Carers will be notified of opportunities to participate in these programs. Our learning and support programs are being co-ordinated by Maree Wall. She is very experienced in supporting students and can be contacted if you have any concerns. A major priority for 2018 is leveraging our strength in learning and support programs to broaden the opportunities for learning growth for all students.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SCRIPTURE) / ETHICS / BAHAI

Notes will go home Monday to parents and carers to make selections regarding Special Religious Education, Ethics and the Non Scripture programs. Please return your selection to your child's teacher by Thursday, 15th February. This will assist in helping the organisation of these programs to be finalised quickly. Please choose carefully as changes will not be made once the groups have been set.

MORNING SUPERVISION

Please be reminded that morning supervision does not begin until 8:30am. We understand that parents have work commitments, however if you require supervision prior to 8:30am, you will need to organise before school care. Please contact the office if you require information about providers.

ABSENCES

All absences must be explained in writing (or email –please remember to include your child's name and class) within seven days of the student's return to school.

SCHOOL FEES and LEVIES

Accounts will soon go home regarding this year's school fees and levies. Parents are asked not to send payment in until you have received your account.

School Fees ... School Fees are a voluntary contribution the school seeks from parents to help in the payment of exercise books, art & craft supplies, maths & science equipment, classroom & home readers and first aid supplies. This year School Fees are set at \$30.00 per child.

Online Maths ... In previous years, students in Years 3 to 6 were asked to purchase maths textbooks to use in class. This year online learning will be introduced with students having access to the programs at school and at home. Costs are still being finalised.

Paper Levies ... Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be charged a paper levy due to the resources used in class. Paper levies are \$12.00 per student for the year.

My Dictionary ... Kindergarten and new students in Year 1 and Year 2 are also asked to purchase, through school, a "Personal Word Book". This book is kept at the end of Kinder and Year 1 and returned to students in the new year. Personal Word Books are \$5.00.

Jodie Paterson

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a perfect day! Many thanks to the parents who offered their support either as officials or proud mums and dads cheering on their children. Thank you also to our staff who ensured the carnival ran smoothly making it an enjoyable day for all.

Presentation of ribbons and trophies to our final place getters and age and house champions will be made at next Friday's Primary Assembly (9:20am). Ribbons are awarded to the students in each age category with the three fastest times. Your child may have gained a place in a heat but may not get a ribbon if other students in other heats had a faster time.

Students who placed in the top two placings and meet the District qualifying times will now go on to represent our school at the Hastings/Camden Haven District Carnival at Port Macquarie Pool on Friday, 23rd February. For these students, "Hastings Public School" swim caps are available from the uniform shop for \$8.00 each. The shop is open Monday mornings 8:30 to 9:30am and Wednesday and Friday afternoons 2:30 to 3pm. Notes for the District Carnival will go home following the presentation of ribbons.

CANTEEN CREATIONS

Order lunches online (before 9am) at www.flexischools.com.au

DATE	ROSTER		THEME	DAILY SPECIALS
Monday 12 th	10 - 2pm	Shay Mileham	The Letter "H"	<i>Unfortunately, Tina has broken her foot and won't be back for another two or three weeks. Her Canteen Creations Daily Specials will be back soon!</i>
Tuesday 13 th	10 - 2pm	Danielle Blenkhorn	Go Green Day	
Wednesday 14 th	10 - 2pm	Ailie Carson	A Taste of The Orient	
Thursday 15 th	10 - 2pm	Dianne Kennedy	Aussie Aussie Aussie	
Friday 16 th	10 - 2pm 12:30 - 2pm	Kimberley Day Jessica Siviour	Morning Protein	

**HELP
PLEASE**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12 th March 26 th March 9 th April	27 th February 27 th March 10 th April	4 th April 11 th April	5 th April 12 th April	13 th April

If you can help on any of these days please contact the canteen.
Parents are required from 10am to 2pm (recess & lunch) or from 12:30 to 2pm (lunch).

WORKING WITH CHILDREN DECLARATION

We welcome parent helpers at school but if you help out in classrooms, assist at sporting carnivals, P&C events or volunteer in the canteen you need to hold a Working With Children (Volunteer or Employee) number. This is a child protection requirement designed to protect all students from possible harm. If you have a WWC number and haven't provided your details to the office please do so as soon as possible.

If you haven't got a WWC number please go online <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check> and click "Start Here". Please give a copy of your notification letter to the office when received. WWC checks are valid for five (5) years.



YEAR 4 & YEAR 6 SCHOOL CAMPS

Year 6 Canberra excursion is Monday, 19th to Friday, 23rd June and Year 4's Point Wolstoncroft Camp is Wednesday, 22nd to Friday, 24th November. Last year's costs were \$575.00 for Canberra and \$320.00 for Point Wolstoncroft. It is expected this year's costs will be around the same. Parents are encouraged to pay regular instalments - \$5.00 or \$10.00 each week quickly adds up!

School information, day to day reminders and photos will be regularly posted on the school's facebook page. Students will appear in photos but names will not be mentioned. Please contact us if you see a photo you want removed.



**SOCIAL
MEDIA**



Negative Comments ... We ask parents to consider their actions very carefully before putting negative comments on social media. Making a general or indirect comment or criticising the school or staff on your page, or another page, is seen by others, liked, shared and eventually seen by the person implied or a family member! The best policy is *"if you can't say anything nice then don't say anything at all!"*

Photos / Videos ... Parents are asked not to take group shots or video school events such as assemblies, dance groups and sports teams/carnivals and post them on social media without first seeking permission from the staff members or the parent/carer of the other children in the photo/video. There may be students in the group who are not to be photographed for safety and legal reasons.

YEAR 1 HOME READERS

Can you spare an hour or two to help get the
Year 1 Home Readers ready for borrowing?

Please send a message to Mrs Domanski (Room 10) advising your available time/s.

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking has recommenced. All students are encouraged to open a Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite account and bank their pocket/birthday money on a regular basis. Deposits from 50c are accepted. It's a great way to save for something special and each deposit made also earns commission for the school. Application packs will be given to Kindergarten students in the next couple of weeks. For new students in Years 1 to 6 application packs are available from the office.

Many thanks to Jorja Thompson (mum of Tahlia & Alyssa) and Jorja's mum for making Student Banking happen!



COLES SPORTS for SCHOOLS

We are a registered Coles Sports for Schools school! From yesterday, for every \$10.00 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher (exclusions apply). Collection boxes are in the school foyer.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GIRLS SPIRIT CHILD ...

Practising mindfulness can help kids learn to focus, manage stress, regulate emotions and develop a positive outlook. After school classes will be held at Port Macquarie Girls Scout Hall, Hollingsworth Street & Kooloonbung Creek Nature Reserve on demand between 3pm and 5:30pm. Cost is \$15.00 per week. For further information please contact Lizzie on 0439 476 318 or email naturaliz4kidz@hotmail.com Transport from school is available.

KIDS YOGA ...

Want to bless your kids with finding joy in yoga - learning yoga postures, playing yoga games and spending time in relaxation? This 6 week course with Soul Surfing's yoga classes is \$60 for the 6 weeks - 1st March to 5th April (4pm to 5pm). Email Loren at loren@soulsurfing.com.au for more information or to book.

LAKE ROAD ROAD WORKS ...

As works to address long term traffic flow in Port Macquarie's industrial area continue, the east bound lane of Lake Rd between the Oxley Highway roundabout and Fernhill Road will close to traffic for three days from 6am on Tuesday 13 February until 6pm on Thursday 15 February. The closure is necessary to complete asphaltting works on the left westbound lane, including the intersections at Toorak Court and Carriage Way.

A detour will be in place during the closure, with traffic travelling east on the Oxley Highway advised to access Lake Road via Fernhill Road. The west bound lane on Lake Road will remain open under changed traffic conditions.

COMBOYNE SHOW ...

It's worth the drive to Comboyne on Saturday, 24th or Sunday, 25th February. The Comboyne Show is on from 9am both days. Entry is \$5 for adults with children 16 and under free. Amusements for the kids, face painting, churn your own ice cream (and eat it!), agricultural displays, heavy horse, stock horse and equestrian events all day both days. Plus Fermented Food Expo and demonstrations, Farmers Markets with wine & beer and much, much more!

See the Comboyne Show Facebook page and website for more details.

PORT MACQUARIE JUNIOR SHARKS RUGBY LEAGUE ...

2018 registrations are now open! Port Macquarie Junior Sharks Rugby League Football Club is a family friendly club and believes rugby league should be available and fun for kids of all abilities & gender. You can register online at Port Macquarie Junior RLFC Inc

<https://playnrl.com/register/> or in person at their free sausage sizzle at the Junior Sharks Clubhouse, Stuarts park on Saturday, 17th February between 10am -2pm . Registration fees are \$110.00 first child - \$95.00 second child - \$85.00 third child. Girls League Tag is \$50.00.

NSW Government Active Kids vouchers will be accepted. Registration includes insurance, photo, presentation, trophy and a Club training shirt. For further information please go to

http://websites.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-2181-110019-0-0&slD=345952 or on Facebook (Port Macquarie Sharks Junior Rugby League). President Gordon Witherspoon can be contacted on gjwitherspoon@hotmail.com or Registrar Jane Keegan on 0405328890 registrar.juniorsharks@outlook.com

