



WEEK 2 : What's On at Hastings ... <http://www.hastings-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar>

- Monday, 1st
- Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am
 - K-2 Assembly 1:45pm
- Presenting Class 2M – Awards to 1J, 1K, 1/2R, 2M
- Wednesday, 3rd
- First day at Big School for Kindergarten
 - Tea & Tissues in the hall for parents
 - Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm
- Friday, 5th
- School Band – 8am
 - **CLOSING DATE** – Dance Group payments
 - Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm

KINDERGARTEN 2016
start
Wednesday, 3rd February
NOT
Thursday, 4th
as previously notified

and Dates to Keep in Mind ...

- Monday, 8th
- **CLOSING DATE** for Swimming Carnival Entries / Payments
- Thursday, 11th
- School Swimming Carnival (8 to 13 years only).

HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

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

WELCOME BACK!

Yesterday we welcomed back almost 600 students from years 1 to 6. It is hoped the classes our students are in will not change but the final composition will not be determined until we enrol our Kindergarten students next Wednesday. Additional enrolments throughout the year may see some changes to some classes. A list of classes and teachers will be in next week's newsletter. We look forward to another exciting and challenging year where new skills and concepts are learned and developed. Our Kilometre Club will be back in action in terms 2 & 3 and the Glasshouse Showcase is scheduled also for Term 3. We welcome all new families to the big family of Hastings and hope you enjoy being part of our school

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival will be held on Thursday, 11th February and is for **ALL** students in Years 3 to 6 and Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and who can confidently swim 50m freestyle (ie. compete at Nippers and/or Swim Club). Notes will go home and emailed today. Parents are asked **NOT** to combine sibling payments when returning entry forms, permission slips and money. Each child is asked to bring in their own as payments will be collected in class each morning and then sent to the office for receipting.

ALL FORMS MUST BE IN BY MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.
LATE ENTRIES/PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ANNUAL REMINDERS

Mosquitoes	We recommend all students apply insect repellent before leaving home each morning and pack a roll-on repellent to re-apply during the day. A rainforest environment along with recent rain and sunny days means the mozzies are out in force! Aerogarding hair, hats & caps is also a deterrent for head lice!!	
Student Messages	Please try and confirm afternoon arrangements before your child leaves home of a morning. The school does not have a “runner” system so at busy times and/or change to classroom routines it can sometimes be difficult to pass messages onto students. Class reps pick up their class messages at 1:40pm. Messages coming in after this time are not guaranteed to reach your child/ren before 3pm.	
Reminder Cards	Children quite often forget what their afternoon pick up arrangements are if changes are made. We have found laminating small reminder cards and putting them in your child’s lunch box or school bag helps them to remember and stops your child becoming upset. The cards can read “walk home today”; “catch the bus home”; or “Grandma is picking you up today”. These help to ease any uncertainty.	
Emails	Parents are welcome to email absence notes for their child’s teacher but please include your child’s name and class in the email. DO NOT send an email message for your child or their teacher if it requires same day attention. Please use the school’s email address hastings-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and it will be forwarded on.	
Afternoon Pick Up	Parents are always welcome but we ask if you’re waiting to collect your child near his or her classroom, not to wait near the doors and windows before three o’clock as our younger children get distracted if they see Mum or Dad outside while there’s work still to be done. Please make a meeting point with your child under the COLA or near one of the pedestrian gates.	
Traffic Matters	1.	Our 5 car drop-off zone in Braemar Drive is an excellent resource for busy parents dropping off or picking up children but parents are reminded there is a two-minute limit on your use of this area and you must remain within two metres of your vehicle. Police and Council Rangers do patrol the area and fines and loss of points apply.
	2.	With the exception of picking up a sick or injured child, parents are asked not to use the staff carparks to drop off or pick up their child/ren.
	3.	Some of our new families are unaware the staff car parks are not a thoroughfare for pedestrians. If parents and children need to enter or exit the school please use the pedestrian pathways and gates and don’t take a dangerous shortcut through carparks.
Assemblies	Morning Assemblies	Morning assemblies for all students will be held on Monday and Thursday mornings at 9am. Parents are welcome to stay for the assembly but we ask you to refrain from personal conversations and keep younger children off the play equipment.
	K-2	Assemblies will be held in the school hall on Monday afternoons – 1:45 to 2:20pm with classes in even numbered rooms receiving awards on even term weeks and classes in odd numbered rooms on odd term weeks. K-2 classes take a turn in hosting the assembly and presenting an item. Your child’s teacher will let you know when it’s their turn and parents are also informed who is presenting and the classes awards are presented to in “What’s On” on the front page of the newsletter and on facebook reminders.
	3-6	3-6 assemblies are held fortnightly (school term weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) on Friday mornings – 9:20 to 10am. Classes present an item on their allocated week and parents are welcome to attend. Class teachers will notify parents when it’s their turn to present.

SENSORY PLAYGROUND AREA

More work in this part of the school over the holidays has resulted in a bridge over the drain and the installation of a path to provide easier entry and departure through this area. The bridge and path are pram and wheelchair safe so we ask parents to use this path and not to walk along the driveway from Braemar Drive. This driveway is used by large delivery vehicles.

Thanks to **Mal Titterington of Fine Landscapes (0407 187 006)** for transforming this previously disused section into an attractive addition to our school.

SCHOOL BAND

Mrs Hamilton and Mr Rugers are looking forward to welcoming back all School Band members next Friday with rehearsals and tuition starting in the hall at 8am – don't be late!

For new families, our school band is for all interested students in Years 3 to 6 with violin lessons also available for Year 2 students.

Fees apply and payable to Blue Gum Music. If you would like your child to join the band please come in and see Ann or Frank on Friday morning or email aahamilton@ozemail.com.au



KEYBOARD LESSONS

Beginner keyboard lessons are also held at Hastings Public School and will commence Wednesday, 3rd February in the music room at 8:15am sharp. Please remember to bring your keyboard with batteries. If you haven't registered yet, please give Anne at the Academy of Music a call on 0412 071 162.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Next Wednesday, 3rd February we will welcome our Kindergarten 2016 students. Parents are asked to please note the following start and finish times ...

DATE/S	SURNAMES	START TIME	FINISH TIME	DROP OFF / PICK UP
Wednesday, 3 rd February	A to H	9:15am	2:50pm	<i>Parents are asked to take their child directly to the classroom in the morning. In the afternoons please wait outside the classroom but away from the door and windows as it can be very distracting for the students to see mum/dad waiting outside.</i>
	I to P	9:30am	2:50pm	
	Q to Z	9:45am	2:50pm	
Thursday, 4 th and Friday, 5 th February	All	9:15am	2:50pm	
from Monday 8 th February	All	9:00am	3:00pm	<i>Playground supervision commences 8:40am. Children hang up their bags and go to the COLA. Teachers will meet them at 9am. Afternoon arrangements as above.</i>

The P&C Association invites all Kinder parents to stay and have a cuppa on Wednesday, 3rd February. Meet the mums and dads of your child's new classmates, help welcome new families to Hastings or just catch up with old friends. A free Morning Tea will be served in the School Hall between 9:30am and 11am. We hope you can join us. *(Tissues will be available)!*

CANTEEN ROSTER ... Thanks for Helping

Monday 1 st	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th	Monday 8 th
HELP PLEASE	HELP PLEASE	HELP PLEASE	HELP PLEASE	HELP PLEASE	HELP PLEASE

If you can help on the canteen roster please phone Lesley on 6582 2566

The canteen opens daily and relies on the voluntary help of parents under the direction of our Canteen Manager, Mrs Lesley Boswell. Parents who notified Lesley they are able to assist on the canteen roster this year are asked to contact the canteen to confirm the day they are available. New parents are also very welcome.

Lesley hopes to offer home-style cooked snack and lunch items but needs more volunteer parents which will then free up her time to cook on the premises. Canteen hours are 10:30am to 2pm and lunch is provided.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Port Combined Netball ... Registration for the 2016 season can be made online or at Sportspower on Thursday, 4th February (4:30 to 6pm) or Saturday, 6th (12noon to 2pm). Costs are \$120 for 8/9/10 years and \$150 for 11 to 17 years. New uniforms approximately \$60.00. Grading for 10 years will be held on Wednesday, 10th February (4 to 5:30pm) and 11/12 years on Thursday, 11th (4 to 5:30pm). Saturday competition commences 12th March.

After School Care at Soul Surfing ... Do you want healthy, happy and inspired kids? Kids who will learn to love the beach, enjoy surfing and become more aware of the power of the ocean? Then booking them into Soul Surfing's original and loved Before and After School Surf Program is for you! Starting from Week 2, including transport, healthy refreshments, all equipment, quality lessons, and ocean awareness. Head to www.soulsurfing.com.au to book and secure your child's newest and greatest learning adventure. \$190 for a 1/week 10 lesson pack.

Port Macquarie Football (Soccer) Club ... 2016 registrations are now open. Port Macquarie FC has been providing families the opportunity to play football (soccer) in their local community since 1974. The club provides teams in Juniors (5-18 years), Ladies, Mens, Over 35's and Premier League competitions. New players and volunteers are always welcome. To join the Port Macquarie FC team sign-up online via myfootballclub.com.au or visit us at our registration/information days on the below dates:



- **Saturday 6th February:** Port Central (near Flight Centre) 10am-2pm
- **Saturday 20th February:** McDonalds (Settlement City) Party Room from 10am to 2pm

Our friendly and fun atmosphere along with our community spirit make Port Macquarie FC a great club to be a part of. For more information on Port Macquarie FC visit our website at www.portmacquariefc.com or contact Craig Johnson 0417 336 785 or Cath Cornish 0419 478 308.

Girls' Friendship Club ... Girls, 7 to 12 years old, are invited to participate in the Girls' Friendship Club at Port Macquarie Baptist Church on Monday afternoons, after school until 5:30pm (5pm in winter months). Activities include cooking, games, craft and conversations about God. All enquiries to Elizabeth on 6582 5938 or 0400 907 516.