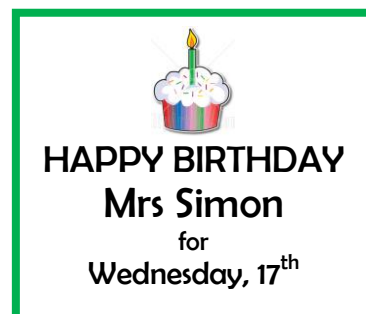




### WEEK 4 : What's On at Hastings ... <http://www.hastings-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar>

- Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>
- Uniform Shop open 8:30 to 9:30am
  - K-2 Assembly 2:20pm
- Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>
- Presenting Class 1/2R - Awards to KA, KH, 1J, 1K, 1/2R, 2M
  - **DUE DATE (Extended)** Scripture Choices
  - District Swimming Carnival – Wauchope
  - Kindergarten Bank Talks
  - Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm
  - School Council Meeting – Staffroom 6:30pm
  - P&C Meeting – Staffroom 7:30pm
- Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>
- Year 1 & Year 2 Boys Hockey Development Sessions
  - 3-6 Assembly 9:20am Presenting Class 6B
  - Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm



## HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

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

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A full report will be in next week's newsletter but we must thank Mr Taylor for his excellent organization yesterday that ensured the carnival ran smoothly and thanks also to the many parents who assisted as officials. A big congratulations to the 300+ students for their great sportsmanship, extremely loud war cries and outstanding participation

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) and published in next week's newsletter. 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.

For students representing our school at next Wednesday's Hastings/Camden Haven District Carnival, "Hastings Public School" swim caps are available from the uniform shop for \$8.00 each. The shop is open this afternoon 2:30pm and Monday morning 8:30am.

And what can we say about up and coming champion, Mitchell Chandler, who broke 5 records as an 11 year old at last year's carnival and another 5 records as a 12 year old yesterday!

AGE	EVENT	NEW TIME	PREVIOUS TIME	HELD BY
12 Years	200m Medley	2:48:78	3:06:18	Tom Nicholls - 2004
	50m Freestyle	29:69	31:73	Courtney Rolff - 1997
	50m Breaststroke	42:84	44:44	Michael Sams - 1990
	50m Backstroke	37:09	39:15	Tom Nicholls - 2004
	50m Butterfly	34:04	37:90	Michael Partridge - 1990

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN DECLARATION**

We welcome parent helpers at school but need to remind all those parents they need to have signed the Working With Children Declaration. This is a child protection requirement designed to protect all students from possible harm. To help streamline the process, a declaration form has been sent home with newsletters this week. If you are a parent helper in classrooms, assist at sporting carnivals, P&C events or volunteer in the canteen could you complete the declaration and return to school along with your 100 points documentation. The documents required for your 100 points include ...

- 70 Points Birth Certificate / Birth Extract or Australian Passport
- 40 Points Current Drivers Licence/Permit or Government Photo ID Card
- 25 Points (Government) Proof of Age Card, Medicare Card, Vehicle Rego / Insurance papers

## **SCRIPTURE and ETHICS CLASSES**

*We have extended the opportunity for you to select your child's religious education this year until next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February.*

Each year the Department of Education requires schools to update the religious education parents choose for their child. If you want your child or children to be part of the standard scripture classes delivered by local lay clergy, no action is needed from you. The other alternatives available are non-scripture, Ba'hai classes and ethics classes. The first of these is obvious. Our ethics classes are delivered by trained parents and community members. Ba'hai scripture classes are presented by representatives of the faith and concentrate on the unity of religion. If you wish to opt for any of these alternatives, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to school by next Tuesday.

## **P & C MEETING - PLEASE COME ALONG!**

We would like to invite all parents and friends to come along to our first P&C meeting for the year to be held Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm in the staffroom. Meetings usually go for about 1 - 1½ hours, and we discuss a range of issues related to school. At Wednesday night's meeting we will be discussing our new priorities for 2016, road safety issues and fundraising events. If you have any ideas about how we work together to improve our school please come and share your thoughts. If you can't attend evening meetings, but are still interested in finding out about what is happening at P&C or helping out at an event, please email [danielleblenkhorn@gmail.com](mailto:danielleblenkhorn@gmail.com)

## **K-2 ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE**

Thanks to the parents who expressed their concerns about the new K-2 assembly time. In response to these views the K-2 assembly will now start on Monday afternoons at 2:20 and finish at 2:55.

## **ROAD SAFETY and TRAFFIC WOES**

1. We ask parents not to use the double gated driveways in Braemar Drive and Waniora Parkway to enter or leave the school. This is a thoroughfare for cars and trucks, not people. We have two pedestrian exits into Braemar Drive – one near the crossing and the other the rainforest path below the driveway. There are also two pedestrian entries in Waniora Parkway – one near the netball court and the other the northern side of the driveway. We stress to our students the importance of keeping safe so please set a good example and use the paths not the driveways.
2. We have also had reports of cars not stopping at the Children's Crossings which is a very real danger to all. Please stress to your child to stop at the crossing and DO NOT CROSS until cars have stopped. If you see bad driving behaviours around the school please take the number plate details and report to Port Macquarie Police on 6583 0199 – they may pay the drivers a visit!
3. Our neighbours in Waniora Parkway, Braemar Drive, Hillcrest Avenue, Yarranabee Road and Palmview Place are requesting parents not to use their driveways to turn around in or park up/down on the gutter or up on the grass verge of homes. We are advised by Council Rangers, as you are not the person living in the home, parking up on the nature strip or one up/one down is illegal and you may find yourself fined around \$200.00.

# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## INFANTS ASSEMBLY ... 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February

1D	Zoe Tanner	James Cockshutt	Lincoln Geange
1J	Jacob Thompson	Charley Mainey	Aaron Prince
1K	Jack Curry	Kate Delaney	Alyssa McNamara
1M	Millie Hostettler	Brinlen Vlaar	Jamon Gillespie
1/2R	Avalon Enfield	Abe Whitfield	Kacia Payne
2B	Audrey Brooker	Archie Homewood	Bodhi King-Johnson
2C	Estelle Williams	Declan Power	Angus Fletcher
2M	Kyson Stratton	Marley Wilson	Summer Rumble
2S	Tobie Quinn	Marli Bennett	Ivy Fotheringham

Summer Skellern  
Freda Aaso



Max Launt  
Jeremy Lawrance

**GIGGLES** **BIGGLES**

## HELP PLEASE

### 1. Canteen

The canteen welcomes any mums or dads who would be able to give a couple of volunteer hours from 9 - 11:30 once a month instead of 10:30 - 2pm. Lesley always welcomes parents who are willing to come in at those times to help with prepping and cooking, if they can't stay all day.

### 2. Hastings Hello – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February

The afternoon is for all families to stay after school and catch up with friends and welcome new families. Enjoy a cold drink or a cup of tea/coffee and cake while the kids get their face painted, have a bounce on the Jumping Castle then an early sausage sizzle dinner before heading home.

### 3. Student Banking

We would like to say thank you to Julia Mansfield (mum of Patience, Asher & Lucas ) who has put her hand up to be our new “banking mum” this year. Student Banking will change back to Tuesdays (commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February) and Julia is hoping another mum would like to help her each week from 11am to 12 noon. Please leave a message at the office and we will forward it on. No experience necessary!

## STUDENT BANKING

As mentioned above, Student Banking will commence on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. 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 following their talks next Wednesday. For new students in Years 1 to 6 application packs are available from the office.

## CANTEEN ROSTER ... Thanks for Helping

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Belinda Kennedy	Sally Townsend	<b>HELP PLEASE</b>	Kerri Caslick	Bec Burton	Naomi Turner

## SCHOOL FEES and TEXTBOOK LEVIES

Next week, families will receive a note home for this year's School Fees and textbook / paper levies. Families are encouraged to pay off their account as many small part-payments quickly adds up to "paid in full"! The school also advises, from the commencement of Term 2, students with outstanding textbook / paper levies may be excluded from attending extra curricular activities including visiting performances, excursions, sports days & carnivals. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Mr Heaton in writing or phone.

### SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are a voluntary contribution that go towards the everyday items that benefit all students. The money goes to important classroom supplies and assists to make education at our school more interesting and beneficial for all. Other materials purchased to assist our students include First Aid supplies, home readers, English resources, maths and science games and equipment and art supplies.

### TEXTBOOK FEES and PAPER LEVIES

Textbooks have been purchased on behalf of your child at a discounted rate, less GST and are used in class daily. In lieu of textbook fees, younger grades are charged a paper levy due to the extra stencils used in class.

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## HASTINGS HELLO HELPERS

### Can you assist?

- ★ Donations of cupcakes, cakes, slices and biscuits are wanted for our Coffee & Cake stall. If you are one of our budding chefs now is the time to show off your skills.
  - ★ please consider nut/dairy/gluten free options when baking
  - ★ all donations **must** have ingredients listed
  - ★ donations can be left at the office in the afternoon or taken directly to the stall
- ★ Parental assistance is required with face painting (everything supplied), supervision of the Jumping Castles and serving of cakes at the stall. Hopefully enough parents will volunteer so that only 30 mins each is all that will be needed.

If you can help please return this slip to the Office or email the information to

[hastings-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hastings-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Cake Stall (Preferred time) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Face Painting (Preferred time) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Jumping Castle (Preferred time) \_\_\_\_\_

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## ETHICS - BAHAI - NON SCRIPTURE 2016

All students will be placed in non-denominational Scripture classes unless one of the three following options is selected and this form returned to the office **by next TUESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY**

CHILD'S NAME	CLASS	NON SCRIPTURE	ETHICS	BA'HAI

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer Date: \_\_\_\_\_