



WEEK 8 : What's On at Hastings ... <http://www.hastings-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar>

- Monday, 14th
- Parent / Teacher Interviews - 1J & 5HP
 - Uniform Shop Open 8:30 to 9:30am
 - K-2 Assembly 2:20pm
- Tuesday, 15th
- Presenting Class 1M - Awards to KA, KH, 1M, 1K, 1/2R, 2M
 - Parent / Teacher Interviews - 3/4T
 - Boys PSSA Cricket vs Frederickton
 - Student Banking
- Wednesday, 16th
- ★ Big Steps for Little Feet photos in Port News
 - Parent / Teacher Interviews - KJ & 5KF
 - **DUE DATE** Book Club Orders today only!
 - Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm
 - P&C Meeting - Staffroom 7:30pm
- Thursday, 17th
- Parent / Teacher Interviews - 3/4T, 4G & 4S
- Friday, 18th
- Parent / Teacher Interviews - 4S
 - 3-6 Assembly 9:20am Presenting Class 5W
 - **DUE DATE** - Year 7, 2017 High School forms
 - Uniform Shop Open 2:30 to 3pm
 - Term 1 Discos - White with Bright

SOLD OUT
our tickets for the
**Sydney
Symphony
Orchestra
Concert**
at the Glasshouse are
SOLD

HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

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

HASTINGS HERO - KOBY ATKINS



*Congratulations to Koby Atkins (2S) who is our
K-2 Hastings Hero for March. Koby's citation reads ...*

Earlier this term, Koby was in the playground when he noticed another student with breathing difficulties. Koby immediately notified the teacher on duty then, without fuss, ran to the First Aid room for further medical assistance.

Congratulations, Koby! Your actions are applauded by everyone at Hastings!

Our Hastings Hero awards are proudly sponsored by
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WHITE with BRIGHT DISCO








Friday, 18th March



K-2
5:00 – 6:30pm

CANTEEN OPEN
Hot Food \$3.00
Cold Drinks \$1.00 - \$1.50

3-6
7:00 – 8:30pm

	Tickets will be sold at the canteen window each morning next week (8:40am to 8:55am). Pre-purchased tickets are \$4 each or at the door on the night for \$5.00. Only pre-purchased tickets will give your child a chance to win a Lucky Door prize (don't forget to write their name and class on the back of the ticket <u>BEFORE</u> the night).
	Our canteen is open during both discos selling hot food, cold drinks and snacks. If you can help at either or both discos please contact Lesley in the canteen.
	School discos are for our students only.
	All students must be picked up from the school hall at the concluding time. Do not ask your child to meet you at the car.
	Parents are most welcome to stay and help supervise but please NO toddlers / pre-schoolers. If you can assist please offer your time when you drop your child off.
	Glo items will also be on sale during the night - \$1 to \$2 each
	Please ensure your child's spending money is secure in a bag or wallet. K-2 students may put their money in an envelope, with their name & class clearly on the front, and give to Mr Heaton for safe-keeping until canteen time. Nothing spoils your child's night more if they lose their money!

NORTH COAST SWIMMING

Congratulations to our team which has been ranked second in the North Coast following the North Coast carnival at Kempsey on Wednesday. Mitchell Chandler again swept all before him winning his six events and will now compete in these at the State Carnival in April. The senior boys relay team of Mitchell, Kayle Enfield, Jackson O'Rourke and Josh Power qualified for the state titles by coming second in the final but one of the team can't be here because of an overseas trip. We may have to co-opt a senior boy swimmer to enable the team to compete.

Apologies to Sarah King ... In last week's newsletter where the swimmers competing at the North Coast carnival were listed, an omission was made. We apologize to Sarah who qualified in the Junior 200m medley.

MOBILE DENTAL VAN

A reminder this unit will be providing dental services at our school starting Monday, March 21 for two weeks. Consent forms from last year have been kept and additional forms have been given to students this week. If you wish your child or children to use these services, please complete the forms and return to your child's teacher before the end of next week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Thank you to parents Erin Weatherby, Megan Swan and Ben Morton who have nominated and will join Greg Bell as the four parent representatives on the School Council for the next two years. Community representatives are Noel Turner and Kylie Sherwood with Ana Amini, Melissa Bourne and Susan Brangwin our three staff members. If parents have any concerns or queries about the policies of the school, these are the people to contact and who can speak on your behalf at meetings.

P&C MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held this Wednesday in the staffroom from 7:30pm. President Bec Burton has indicated it is time for new blood and ideas to take over the leadership of the P&C so won't be renominating. Bec has held this position since 2012 and has created an inclusive atmosphere that has resulted in many improvements for our school. These include a huge toilet upgrade in 2014, the establishment of the outdoor classroom last year, the building of the new shelter near the Kindergarten rooms, assisting on Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, being part of many working bees including the playground additions in the Kinder area and continuing to make the P&C an important part of our school. She will remain part of the P&C and support her successor.

NAPLAN TESTING

The following table provides the timetable for Naplan testing which will take place in Week 3 of next term. It is expected all students will sit for these tests as the information provided assists parents and teachers with their educational progress.

	Tuesday, 10th May	Wednesday, 11th May	Thursday, 12th May
Year 3	Language Conventions (40 minutes) Writing (40 minutes)	Reading (45 minutes)	Numeracy (45 minutes)
Year 5	Language Conventions (40 minutes) Writing (40 minutes)	Reading (50 minutes)	Numeracy (50 minutes)

UNIFORM UPDATE

Our students take pride in their uniform, with most complying with the related school policy. It has been noticed lately a few adaptations are sneaking in with joggers being worn every day and nail polish and jewellery being introduced.

- Black school shoes are to be worn except on sports day (Wednesday for K-4 and Friday for Years 5 & 6).
- The only jewellery allowed under our policy are signet rings and sleepers or (stud gun) studs.
- Nail polish is not permitted and wearers of this will be supplied with nail polish remover.

Thank you to the many parents who support us to have our students looking the best they can.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a substantial pile of lost property. Please come by and check for any missing items. Ensure all belongings are clearly labelled so they can be returned to their rightful owners! Please note that every Friday all unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday, 31st March and Friday, 1st April. Order envelopes were sent home during the week and parents are asked to return their order as soon as possible to avoid losing the envelope as all order forms are individually and uniquely bar-coded with your child's details to make it quicker and easier on photo day.

Sibling order envelopes can be picked up at the office. All orders must be in by Tuesday, 29th March!

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures have been sent home and all orders are due back and will only be accepted on Wednesday, 16th March.

Order forms are to be placed in an envelope along with correct cash/cheque payment. Change cannot be given. Please ensure your child's name, class and "Book Club" orders are clearly written on the front of the envelope. Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia. All orders will be collected in class on Wednesday morning. Due to the time it takes to collate each order, orders will not be accepted after 9:30am on Wednesday.

Book Club is a great way to buy good quality books at discounted prices and books make ideal birthday and Christmas gifts

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

HAMPER DONATIONS



Hamper Donations for our Easter Hamper raffle can now be left at the office. When you are out shopping please pick up something “Easter-ish” to donate. Chocolate, picnic specialties & refreshments, chocolate, games and activities for the holidays, chocolate, books to read, chocolate! All donations must be in by Monday, 21st March to allow hampers to be made up

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be sent home soon – one book of five tickets to each family. Tickets are \$1.00 each and all tickets (sold and unsold) are to be returned to the office by Tuesday, 22nd March. Extra books are available from the office. Please supervise your child/ren if they are selling around the neighbourhood. The raffle will be drawn following our Hat Parade on Thursday, 24th March.



HAT PARADE



Hats are to be made at home and brought in on the day! Our Easter Hat Parade is for all students in K-2. The parade will be held under the COLA on Thursday, 24th March commencing with Year 2 at 9:30am followed by Year 1 and Kindergarten. Dress for the day is casual if you are participating and uniform if you are not.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

INFANTS ASSEMBLY ... 29th February and 7th March

KA	Lucinda Gaudry	Abi Whitehair	Tyler Geering
KB	Charlotte Schurink	Jayden Collins	Andrew Riches
KF	Baxter Allison	Tyarnah Komene	Sienna Schroeder
KH	Oliver Godson	Lola Styles	Keyan Waterhouse
KJ	Cooper Berry	Josie Hoffman	Eva Beard
1D	Emiley Murphy	Harmony Burgess	Charlie Taylor
1J	Hayley Negus	Aaron Prince	Toby Fraser
1K	Beau Drinkwater	Lily Rodgers	Logan Gane-Riley
1M	Tallulah Jones	Tate Dodd	Luke Delaney
1/2R	Cameron Carson	Mylee Roach	George O'Dea
2B	Hannah Taylor	Clare Wilcox	Jaiden Baird
2C	Willis Jensen	Isaac Barry	Skyla Donald
2M	Noah Forcier	Jordan Thrift	Taelor Whitehair
2S	Max Launt	Cooper Dekker	Cody Nicholson

MATHLETICS

Ashton Murray

Ruby Roser
Charlotte Taylor

GIGGLES



BIGGLES

Connor Duggan
Lincoln Hocking

CANTEEN ROSTER ... Thanks for Helping

Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th	Monday 21 st
HELP PLEASE	HELP PLEASE	HELP PLEASE	HELP PLEASE	Bec Burton	Belinda Kennedy

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but ...







If your child misses ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ..	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years	Equal to finishing in Year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 7

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

If your child is only late just ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	& over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!
Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day. School starts at 9am

DON'T BE LATE!

SCHOOL FEES		TEXTBOOK / PAPER LEVIES	
	FAMILIES INVOICED \$22,540		FAMILIES INVOICED \$12,270
	PAYMENT RECEIVED \$13,252		PAYMENT RECEIVED \$7,891
	OUTSTANDING \$9,288		OUTSTANDING \$4,379

We hope these accounts will be finalised by the end of Term!

OUTSTANDING OFFER

Craig Barnett from Port Macquarie First National Real Estate has been a resident of Port Macquarie for over 30 years and is a past parent and School Council President of Hastings Public School. He would like to offer something back to the local community. Craig is currently offering free market appraisals to any parent or teacher thinking of selling their home. If you choose to list your home with him, when your property is sold Craig will donate \$500.00 to Hastings on your behalf for the purchase of new equipment! Craig can be contacted on 0423 831 370. Craig also sponsors our Hastings Hero awards each term.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO AT HOME TO HELP WITH ARITHMETIC

- Play board games such as 'snakes and ladders' with two dice and encourage your child to add the two numbers rolled. Show them how to count starting from the larger number.
- Share fruit such as mandarins with your child and add the number of pips you both have.
- Ask your child to help you work out how many more items are needed when you are shopping. "I have six apples here, how many more will I get to make 10?"
- Look at house numbers when going for a walk. Ask your child to guess what the next number will be.
- Play card games such as '21 or bust'. In this game, two cards are dealt to each player, who adds the numbers together. Each player may ask for more cards from the 'kitty', with the aim of being the person with the highest score that does not go over 21.
- Set the table for one person and ask your child to put out enough plates for everyone. Ask them how many more are needed.
- Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after some have been removed. Ask your child, "How many were taken away?"
- Read a book that has a contents page to your child. Look for a story or chapter on a certain page and work out how many pages until the next story.
- Use empty plastic bottles and a ball to make a game of skittles. Encourage your child to tell you how many were knocked down and how many are still standing after bowling. Keep a score of how many are knocked down to see who the winner is.
- Sing songs that include numbers. Ask your child to tell you the next number in the song before you sing the next verse.
- Go for a drive and point out the signs that show the distance to the next town. In the country, the numbers on the kilometre signs go down by five. Ask your child to work out what number will be on the next sign.
- Have your child help share out food to the family. "How many slices will I need to cut the pizza into so that everyone has two slices?"
- Ask your child to share out items fairly with others.
- Count the number of things in a collection such as shells in a bag or a large jar of buttons. Ask your child if there is a quick and easy way of counting, say counting by fives.
- Decorate cupcakes with sultanas or smarties. Place the same number of sultanas or smarties on each cake and ask your child to find out how many you will need altogether.
- Count the number of ice cubes in a tray. If your child counts by ones suggest counting by the number in each row of the tray. (This will usually be counting by twos.)

KINDERGARTEN 2017

Our 2016 Kinders are settled and now we start planning for 2017! If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the Office as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you know any eligible families who are not yet connected with our school, it would be appreciated if this message could be passed on.

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KINDERGARTEN 2017 ENROLMENT

Child's Name		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
D.O.B.		PreSchool
Parent/s Name		
Address		Phone
Is this address in our School Zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<i>Our school is currently closed to all non-local enrolments.</i>
Name & Class of <u>eldest</u> sibling currently enrolled at Hastings		