



WEEK 1, TERM 2 : *What's On at Hastings* ... <http://www.hastings-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar>

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| Saturday 23 rd | • Uniform Shop open 9am to 12 noon |
| Monday, 25 th | • Anzac Day Public Holiday |
| | • Anzac Day March – Horton St, 9.30am |
| Tuesday, 26 th | • Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day |
| Wednesday, 27 th | • All students return for Term 2 |
| | • Anzac Day School Service – 10.40am |
| | • FULL PAYMENT DUE – Year 6 Canberra Excursion |
| | • Mother's Day Stall - Year 6 only |
| | • Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm |
| Thursday, 28 th | • DUE DATE – Popstars payment (Years 3-5) |
| Friday, 29 th | • Parent /Teacher Interviews – 2S |
| | • 3-6 Assembly 9:20am Presenting Class 5HP |
| | • Uniform Shop open 2:30 to 3pm |
| Sunday 1 st | • Ironman Triathlon – Volunteer course marshals needed |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Mrs Doyle
&
Mr Evenden
For 11th
and
Miss JJ
For 24th

HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

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

COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY

Town Green Service

The Port Macquarie town ceremony will be observed on Monday, 25th April. Students are welcome to march.

- Please assemble near the Beau Thai Restaurant on the corner of William and Horton Street from 9:30am (look for the Hastings banner and staff members)
- wear school uniform including your hat; *and*
- if wearing medals, these are to be worn on the right

If your child is in Kindergarten to Year 2 we have found it is easier for parents to collect their child after the marchers have crossed Clarence St as space is an issue on the Town Green and it is difficult for our smaller children to see proceedings from the allocated school area.

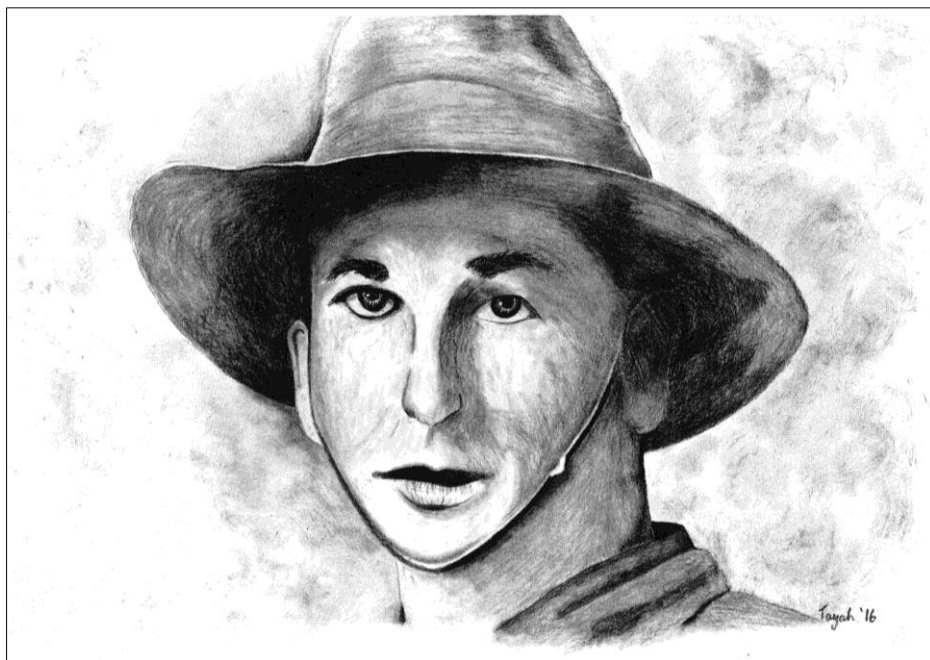
At School

Our school ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 27th April at 10:40a.m.



Port Macquarie R.S.L. Anzac Art competition

The Port Macquarie R.S.L. is staging an art competition to commemorate the spirit of Anzac this year and the winning entry from our school is the stunning portrait below drawn by Tayah Zapata of 6B. Tayah used only charcoal for her work which is amazing considering the level of fine detail in her portrait. Her subject is Private William John Pickup who served at Gallipoli and who died in action there. Tayah's entry will now go to the final stage of judging where it will be assessed along with the winning entries from other schools in the district. We will keep our fingers crossed for Tayah!



Pictured above: Tayah Zapata.

Pictured left: Tayah's winning portrait of Private William John Pickup drawn with charcoal.

END OF TERM

As our busy first term draws to a close, it is a big thank you to every family for the support shown to the school as we strive to do the best for every child in our care. We have a wonderful parent community!

RETIREMENT

Some parents are aware Mrs Diane Moore has announced her retirement which comes into effect today. Di has been with us from 2012 and in that time established herself as a warm, caring and inclusive teacher and leader of Kindergarten. There are many students and families who join the school in wishing her well for the next phase of her life. One big priority for her will be a visit to the United States to see some grandchildren for the first time.

STATE SWIMMING

Mitchell Chandler has achieved his goal with great results in all his races, including two 4th places, that have seen him qualify as a member of the NSW state swimming team. Mitchell will now travel to Darwin later in the year to compete in the National Titles. He will be representing NSW in the 50m freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 4x50m Freestyle senior boys relay and possibly 50M backstroke. Congratulations, Mitchell on the dedication and commitment shown for many years.

YEAR 2 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Monday saw our best speakers of Year 2 present ten interesting speeches on a variety of topics. Our speakers were Levi Beard, Harvey Cuckson, Ivy Fotheringham, Isaac Lavis, Tobie Quinn, Maddox Styles, Hannah Taylor, Xavier Kelly-Walsh, Summer Rumble and Bana Lavine. The standard from these Year 2 students was remarkable and it would not have surprised if the judges had chosen any of our speakers as their best. In what must have been a very close decision our winner was Harvey Cuckson with Levi Beard as runner-up. Thank you to the many parents who attended and for their wonderful support in getting all speakers to such a high level.



Found !!

A set of keys were found on Yarranabee Rd. Please call 0434 572 868. If they are not claimed by the end of next week they will be handed in to the Police.

WACKY WEDNESDAY



Thanks to every student who came along on Wednesday dressed in a wacky way to help schools in Papua New Guinea. The resources we have at our school can only be dreamed about by our northern neighbors, so we hope the \$1103.75 raised will go to providing some of the basic educational necessities. Thanks, as always, to our school community for the generous support.



PSSA SOCCER

Congratulations to Oliver Barry and Frederik Morris for their selection in the boys LNC soccer team and to Olivia Mara for her selection in the girls LNC soccer team.

WAUCHOPE SHOW ENTRIES

Congratulations to the following students whose artworks won ribbons at the Wauchope Show last week-

1st Place

Eliza Bendall
Brodie Burgess
Manu Carter
Olivia Forsyth
Lily Fraser
Elizabeth Hincksman
Alyssa Hocking
Archie Marr
Ryan Martin
Alicia Swain
Estelle Williams x2

2nd Place

Liliana Crispim
Matt Delaney
Georgia Flowers
Myah Komene
Izzy Johnson
Bana Lavine
Tully Lavine
Ryan Martin
Eliana Morton
Radley Swan

3rd Place

Samantha Alexander
Eli Collins
Keeley Dawson
Jalin Downey
Eden Kilgour
Oskar Morris
Raymond Ncube
Ryan Scarr
Amelia Southwell
Piper Stevens
Taya Spells

INTERSCHOOL CHESS CHALLENGE

The first round of the Interschool Chess Challenge will be held at Westport Public School on Friday, 6th May. Any student with a knowledge of chess is welcome to compete. Each student will play seven 30 minute games on the day. Chess clocks will also be used but these will be explained on the day. Cost is \$13 per entry.

We have to submit numbers by Thursday, April 28 (Week 1 of next term) so if you would like your child to participate, please send an email to the school's email address before that date. The money may be sent later. The first three teams on the day will go through to the North Coast semi-finals.



PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Thanks to the P&C team that last week painted the new steps near the Year 2 rooms. It's amazing what a coat of paint can do to brighten an area.



MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Wednesday, 27th April for the Year 6 students and on Wednesday 4th May for the K-5 students. An amazing array of gifts will be available for students to buy. Students will shop in class groups during the morning. All gifts are \$5.00 each and students can buy up to three gifts. If you need to swap a gift or miss out on buying a present, gifts will be available at the Uniform Shop on Wednesday and Friday afternoons (2:30 to 3pm).

IRONMAN VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, 1st May will see our town host the Australian Ironman competition. This competition draws athletes from around the country and the world. As in the past, our school has been asked to provide volunteers to act as marshals on the course during the race. We have been allocated a section of the bike leg course. The marshal's role is to maintain the barriers and let people know when it is safe to cross the road.

Ironman donates money to the school for every adult volunteer covering a shift – last year's Ironman earned the P&C \$650! This really is an effortless fundraising event for the school and every volunteer receives a pack containing a t-shirt, hat, a little food pack and entry into the volunteer thank you party. Please consider helping at this event on behalf of Hastings School. Phone or text Craig Suosaari on 0447 742 646, or email – Craig.Suosaari@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

OPPORTUNITY CLASS

The Department of Education and Training has an opportunity class based at Port Macquarie Public School. Entry to this class is via a test done by any prospective Year 4 students. Students who are accepted into such a class remain in that class for Years 5 & 6 at Port Macquarie school. If you feel your Year 4 child possesses the ability to qualify for this class and you would like him/her to sit for the entrance test, you may access information online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on **26 April 2016** and closes on **13 May 2016**. If you would like any further information about this proposal, please contact the school and ask to speak with Mrs Baker or Mr Heaton.

SCHOOL FEES			TEXTBOOK / PAPER LEVIES		
■	FAMILIES INVOICED	\$22,540	■	FAMILIES INVOICED	\$12,270
■	PAYMENT RECEIVED	\$16,045	■	PAYMENT RECEIVED	\$10,327
■	OUTSTANDING	\$6,495	■	OUTSTANDING	\$1,943

PLEASE NOTE - From the beginning of Term 2 students with outstanding textbook/paper levies maybe excluded from participating in extracurricular activities including excursions, sports carnivals and gala days and visiting performances.

CANTEEN ROSTER ... Thanks for Helping

Monday 25 th	Tuesday 26 th	Wednesday 27 th	Thursday 28 th	Friday 29 th	Monday 2 nd
ANZAC DAY	Pupil Free Day	Belinda Roser	Amanda Cochrane	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED

A reminder from the canteen to all kindergarten families – As of Term 2 the students will be expected to take their lunch order bag to the service counter to collect their drink order, as all the other grades do.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION TO THE KOALA HOSPITAL AND ROTO HOUSE



The whole class had been waiting for days for the excursion to the Koala Hospital. We walked out of the school gate. There was a teacher at the front, a teacher at the back and lots of parent volunteers. We walked along the path for a little while but most of the time we were walking on the grass or on concrete and gravel driveways. It was a pretty long walk. I think it was 1.8km to the Koala Hospital from the school. If you don't think that is very long I forgot to mention that it was also hot and humid, and towards the end very hilly. As we walked past the houses there were some dogs barking and the bins on the median strip were smelly. Towards the end of the walk, sweat trickled down my back like a miniature, salty river. At last we could see the Koala Hospital which meant we could have a break. But hang on! We still had Lord Street, the busiest street in Port Macquarie, to cross. The teacher counted to three and we all crossed together. Finally, we had made it to the hospital and could have a break. We all made it there safely!

At the Koala Hospital we had a nice welcome from Ann and Jennifer, the two tour guides. 4S and 4S split into two groups and our class went on a little trip to the video room. The room was small and the air was humid. The TV came on and we watched a short film about the Koala Hospital. We learnt many things about the Koala Hospital like it is not funded by the government and conjunctivitis is a disease that can make koalas go blind. After the film had finished we left the room and headed towards the koala habitats. We met many koalas such as Cookie, Wombat, Megan and Xavier. When we were walking out we saw a statue of a koala that had lived for 25 years. Her name was called Birthday Girl. The Koala Hospital is trying to get her in the "Guinness Book of Records" as the oldest koala to have ever lived. Then we had our lunch in the grounds of Roto House. After we had finished our lunch we walked back to school again.



Report by Lachlan Harrison and Evan Pitt

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Westport Tennis Club - School Holiday Camps ... Fun tennis experience for school aged children with tennis stroke and ball-skill development. Multi-sports in the afternoon – soccer, cricket, golf and table tennis. Phone Mark Rawlingson on 6583 3053 or 0412 834 336 or online at www.markrawtennis.com.au

Glasshouse Sprouts ... Kids (and their grown ups) will love these creative mornings, exploring and creating art works in the gallery. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The holiday program is out now, only \$5 per child – Bookings are essential. Phone 6581 8888 or go to www.glasshouse.org.au

T20 Blast Indoor Cricket ... Milo T20 Blast indoor is a new format of cricket that is available for girls and boys aged 7-12. It is a fun and social way for kids to get active with their friends. The program runs on Mondays, 4.15-5.30pm for 8 weeks. Register at www.ArkSports.com.au or 6581 4799

'Drawn to Art' School Holiday Workshop ... Art teacher, Jane Whitfield, will be conducting 2 hour art workshops in the April school holidays for interested art students. For more information please contact Jane on 0438 803 992.

Stepping Stones Positive Parenting Program Seminar Series ... These seminars are free of charge to parents and caregivers of children with a disability aged 2-12 years old. Stepping Stones Triple P gives parents skills and proven strategies to address parenting concerns and make parenting easier and more enjoyable. Stepping stones has been shown to reduce children's problem behaviour and emotional problems. It also helps parents feel more confident, less frustrated and less stressed. Seminars are being held in Port Macquarie starting 15th June at 9.30am. For more information phone 9114 4060, email fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au or visit www.triplep-steppingstones.net/au-en/home/.

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Youth Week Activities ... Every year hundreds of young people aged 12-25 from across the Port Macquarie-Hastings Area get involved in youth week activities. This year another bumper week of activities has been planned. Some of the highlights include live music and a 'Goodie Bag' in the Hay St forecourt, Race up North Brother Mountain, Inflatable race at Settlement Point, Waves and Melodies Skateboarding event on Town Beach Reserve and Cosplay parade and activities at Port Macquarie-Hastings Library. There are many more events to choose from so download a copy of the program or visit Council's website at www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/youthweekprogram.

Parent Line NSW for Parents and Carers ... Parent Line NSW is a state-funded telephone and online counselling service for parents and carers of children aged 0-18. Parent Line NSW also manages the ADHC funded Early Childhood Intervention Information Line for Families who have questions and concerns about their child's development or who have a child aged 0-6 years who has been recently diagnosed with a disability. Our service opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm on weekends (excludes public holidays). Contact us on – Phone: 1300 1300 52, email: info@parentline.org.au or online: www.parentline.org.au

'Theatre Oz Port Macquarie' Performing Arts School ... A team of local and professional performers has created a new performing arts school in the Port Macquarie area. They offer a range of classes in singing, acting and musical theatre performance that are to industry standard, starting in Term 2. Phone Mark 0413 926 061 or Sarah 0432 854 900 or email theatreozpm@gmail.com

Youth Hub Drama ... The Port Macquarie Youth Hub Drama class will resume on Wednesday, 4th May from 5-6pm. Suitable for all ages. This is a free drama class. The drama will entail acting, playwriting, stage production and improvisation. As there are limited positions available please contact Jay Corr on 0415 779 240 or email ezzacorr@gmail.com if you are interested.

Go4Fun Free After School Program ... Go4Fun is a free after school program for local children above healthy weight and aged between 7-13 years of age. It is held Wednesdays from 3.30-5.30pm at Port Macquarie Public School. The program is funded by NSW Health to provide fun games, exercises and nutrition-based learning experiences for local children. A parent or carer must attend with their child. Parents receive \$15 fresh fruit and vegetables vouchers for each session attended. Register now for Term 2 – phone 1800 780 900 or online at www.go4fun.com.au

Future Tahs Holiday Camps ... NSW Rugby is happy to announce it is running a FutureTahs camp for 6-12 year olds in Port Macquarie on Thursday, 14th April from 9am-3pm. Cost is \$95. To register please follow the link – <https://rugby.force.com/rugbyportal/>

Rugbytots ... Rugbytots offers dynamic weekly play sessions enabling boys and girls aged 2-7 to develop their social and physical skills in a fun, positive environment. For more details call 0422 277 670 or email Israel@rugbytots.com.au

Sprockets! ... Sprockets! is a multisport and exercise program for 3-5 year olds which will develop your child's ability, passion and potential in games and sports. Now permanently at Ark Indoor Sports Centre, the program covers 14 different sport portfolios and develops fundamental movement skills in a safe, supportive and non-competitive environment. Enrolments are now open for Term 2. For more information go to www.sprocketsportmacquarie.weebly.com

Hastings Baseball Association ... Junior Baseball is taking registrations for the winter season commencing Sunday, 8th May. Cost is \$50 (includes hat and t-shirt). Go to www.hastingsbaseball.com.au.