HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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WHAT'S ON at HASTINGS … TERM 1 : WEEK 4

https://hastings-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html

Monday, 18th

- Uniform Shop Open 8:30 to 9:30am
  Presentation to Swimming Carnival Champions - 9am
- K-2 Assembly at 2:20pm | Presenting Class 2J

Tuesday, 19th

- Student Banking

Wednesday, 20th

- TODAY ONLY - Book Club
- LNC Swimming - Kempsey
- P&C Meeting - Staffroom 7pm
- Uniform Shop Open 2:30 to 3:00pm

Friday, 22nd

- 3-6 Assembly 9:20am
- Uniform Shop Open 2:30 to 3:00pm
- Hastings Hello - 3:00 to 4:15pm

STAY & SAY HELLO at

HASTINGS HELLO

Friday, 22nd February
3:00 to 4:15pm

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES and CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS

FREE Jumping Castle

$2.00 Face Painting

Afternoon Tea
50c - $2.00

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our 43 swimmers who represented the school at the District Carnival this week. It was a pleasure to attend and witness our students doing their best and supporting each other in competition. Best of luck to our competitors who now progress to the Lower North Coast carnival next week in Kempsey.

For those students that have made it through to the next level, please let Mrs Barker know ASAP if you cannot make it to Kempsey so the reserve swimmer can be notified. Notes and money to be returned to the office ASAP. Please let Mrs Barker know if you require transport to Kempsey.

The presentation of trophies and the announcement of Carnival Champions will be made at Monday morning's school assembly commencing 9am.

LAUNCH OF OUR CaRE for LEARNING PROGRAM.

Our school well-being team have been working very hard to support the creation and implementation of our CaRE for Learning. (Caring and Responsible Environment for Learning) program. We want to help create the very best environment for learning possible with a focus on the core theme of 'care' and teaching all students to develop safe and responsible decision making abilities. During Term 1 we are focusing on social and emotional learning.

Focus areas so far have included: Growth mindset – 'The power of YET', Creating a successful classroom and whole school expectations. This has involved conversations, brainstorming and activities in all classrooms about the thinking, behaviours and expectations that help our classrooms and school to be safe, positive and productive for all. Discussions included why rules, guidelines and boundaries are necessary to promote safety and a sense of security and wellbeing. Students are not only being taught explicitly about '**what**' is expected but '**why**' it is important and what the impact of these behaviours are.

Next week our focus is 'MY JOB, YOUR JOB'

The discussions and activities occurring in classrooms help students to understand their role, the behaviours that support them to be successful and the impact of their behaviours on those around them.

Reflective questions such as, "Is your behaviour helping you to be a good learner"? "Is your behaviour helping or making it difficult for those around you to do their jobs"? It is only through reflection and planning for responsible behaviour choices that we can promote our own success and support the people around us as well. Self reflection and planning is an excellent life-long skill that we want all of our students to benefit from.

FRONT DOOR ENTRY

Our administration office and school foyer is a small area for such a large school. Unless coming to the office on business or you have been called to pick up a sick or injured child we ask parents to please use other access doors to enter / leave the main building. Students have been reminded they should not use the main corridor before and after school to access classrooms and we ask parents to do the same.

LIBRARY ACCESS

Please remember that there are many places around the school to meet and collect your children in the afternoon. Please do not sit or gather in the area of the Library steps. This area needs to be clear at all times for children and staff entering and exiting as well as for emergency procedures.

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL EARLY

There is no supervision at school prior to 8:30am. Students should not arrive before this time. If you require information on before school care, please contact the school office. The ladies will be happy to pass on helpful information.

Any children who arrive just on 8:30am should sit on the COLA silver seats until the morning bell rings.

CANTEEN ACCESS

All students continue to have access to the school canteen with the new bell times and split K-2 / 3-6 playground. The canteen is open for the first 15 minutes of each lunch play session. This will ensure all eating is complete prior to re-entering the classrooms.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE LEVIES

This year a $50.00 Educational Resources levy will be charged to all students in lieu of School Fees and textbook levies. Your levy includes all exercise books, art & craft supplies, maths & science equipment, first aid supplies and helps to partially cover the cost of printing stencils and worksheets. As well, students in Years 1 to 6 will have online home access to Matific and Kindergarten and new students in Years 1 & 2 will receive a personal dictionary for classroom use.

Invoices will be sent home soon and can be paid in one payment or by instalments.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 DANCE GROUPS

Expression of Interest slips must be returned before 3pm today.

YEARS 3 to 6 SPORT / DANCE GROUPS

Payment was due yesterday. If you haven't finalised your account please do so online over the weekend or at the office on Monday morning.

If you have paid or will be paying online please return your child's permission note and indemnity forms (if applicable). *No Note = No Participation*

NSW GOVERNMENT

School Community **Charter**

Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise the wellbeing** of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

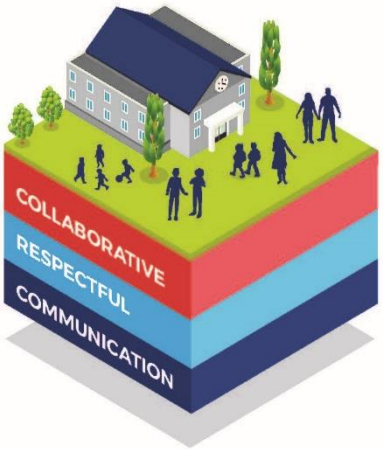
We work **together** with the school

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create **collaborative** learning environments

We work **in partnership** to promote student learning

We all play **a part**

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHARTER

As part of our Whole School Wellbeing strategic direction we are promoting the new NSW Government School Community Charter. This document outlines the responsibilities of all stakeholders in contributing to learning environments that are collaborative, supportive, cohesive and respectful.

In supporting the development of this collaborative, supportive and respectful culture, I feel that it is both helpful and respectful to clearly define the boundaries of issues which are increasingly contributing to misunderstandings and damaged relationships.

WHAT IS OK IN THE AREA OF COMMUNICATION?

WHAT IS OK	WHAT IS NOT OK
Having a concern and contacting the school to discuss the problem with the class teacher	Coming to the school office or the classroom and demanding to talk to some straight away
Making a time to talk through an issue with a staff member when you are calm and in effective control	Yelling at or abusing any staff member, either over the phone or in person
Talking calmly and respectfully to staff	Swearing at any staff member in any situation, at any school event
Use of social media to contact the school respectfully	Making public negative or defamatory comments on social media
Making a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's teacher by contacting the school office	Expecting to talk to the class teacher in the morning while students are entering the classroom
Visiting the classroom at an agreed time to view your child's learning environment	Entering the classroom when the teacher is not present
Contacting a staff member of the school via the school contact number or email	Contacting staff members regarding a school issue directly through either their personal mobile number or direct email unless you have been specifically invited to
Making an appointment with the Principal, Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal to discuss an issue and reporting to the front office prior to entering office areas	Coming to the school and bypassing the office staff to enter one of the office areas.

All staff are governed by a Code of Conduct which is revised annually. This is being done with staff next week. I will be working intensively with staff to develop common practices that meet the department and school standard. I feel that it is appropriate to develop a whole school approach to 'code of conduct' to actively promote the wellbeing and productivity of all.

We are all human, are imperfect and at times lack the ability to draw on our most effective behaviours, however, what we need to collectively remember is that we are all working together to achieve the very best outcomes for your children. This is done most effectively through clear boundaries, respectful communication and interaction. When issues do occur, having these clear boundaries assists all individuals to reflect, work out what went wrong and plan for more productive interactions in the future. This is what we expect of our children and as their role models, there is no better way for us to lead the way. I would like to thank everyone for their role in making this happen.

Jodie Paterson
Principal

HASTINGS HEADLINES

Tobie Quinn (5B) ... Congratulations and good luck to Tobie as he captains the U10's Makos Touch Football team through their seven qualifying games at this weekend's NSW Junior State Cup Northern Conference. Over 230 teams are in Port Macquarie to play touch today and Saturday with finals being held on Sunday. We wish all Port Macquarie teams the very best but in particular Tobie and his fellow Under 10 Makos!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Hastings, we are so lucky to have such a beautiful uniform. Please support your children to wear full school uniform. We promote this throughout the school and celebrate the effort that children make in wearing full school uniform with pride. Our uniform, and the fact that every child wears it, is something that often results in compliments from community members. This is something that we should be very proud of and work to sustain.

A few things to note:

- White socks for girls and grey socks for boys. There have been some students confused about this requirement.
- We also ask that colourful hair ties, bows etc be kept for outside school use.
- Bracelets, bangles, dangling earrings or necklaces should not be worn as these may be easily broken or cause injury during interactive activities such as sport.
- Sports shorts should only be worn on sport days.
- Students will also be asked to remove nail polish and/or make-up.

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, 20th February from 7:00pm in the staffroom. Social refreshments will be provided. 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 priorities for 2019 and planned fundraising activities. If you have new ideas or you would like to know more about what P&C does for our school please come along. 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 the school at hastings-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE ART COMPETITION

As part of the 2019 Sustainability Showcase, all students in the Port Macquarie/Hastings Council area are invited to enter an art competition which will be shown at the Showcase to be held at Port Macquarie Racecourse on the 1st & 2nd March. The Showcase is an opportunity for schools to both show what they have done to make their school environmentally friendly, and to learn what others are doing.

The theme of the competition is "What sustainability means to me". There are four categories – Preschool, Years K-2, Years 3-6 and High School. The overall winner will receive $300 for their school and the winners of each category will receive individual prizes valued at $50.00.

Our Environment Ministers, Stephanie Dun and Noah Woods, will collect entries on Thursday, 21st February. Winners will be announced at the Showcase on Saturday, 2nd March.

HASTINGS
SUSTAINABILITY
SHOWCASE

3-6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS — Friday, 8th February, 2019

3D	Fionnuala Murphy	Ellah Armitage	Jacob Martin
3G	Lola Styles	Asher Mansfield	Eli Edwards
3L	Ryan Nicholson	Isabella Digby	Tyler Wright
3/4P	Jeremy Lawrance	Felicity Stelling	Dash Thompson
4B	Ryder Higgins	Riley Moroney	Pete Mitchell
4K	Emily Lyttle	Harry McCumber	Heath Green
4M	Lincoln Geange	Danika Murray	Zac Graham
5B	Max Launt	Bailey Partridge	Kayden Crew
5H	Arya Shashikanth	Summer Skellern	Audrey Brooker
5J	Tyler Moroney	Skye Thomas	
5/6M	Rahni Walker	Halle Armitage	Daniel Chandler
5/6S	Drew de Silva	Madison Hughes	Jamie Knott
6B	Ebony Walters	Jamison Barlow	Audrey Cassegrain
6H	Arjuna Devine	Tiger Beck	

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SMILEY AWARD
Caitlyn Thompson

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SPORTS AWARD
Toby Fraser

HASTINGS HELLO - HELP REQUIRED & DONATIONS WANTED

Parent Help

Our annual Hastings Hello is on next Friday afternoon and we are sending a call out for parents to help with serving at the cake stall and/or supervision at the Jumping Castle.
Please email Danielle danielleblenkhorn@gmail.com if you can assist. If everyone offers just 30 minutes of their time it gives everyone else time to spend with their family and friends.

Sweet Treats

P&C are also looking for donations of cupcakes, cakes, slices and biscuits for the Cake Stall (cupcakes are always a favourite with the kids!). Please consider dairy and gluten free options when baking. Nut free for all sweet treats is preferred. All donations must have ingredients and the date baked listed. Donations can be left at the canteen from 8:30am or taken directly to the stall from 2:30pm.

HASTINGS SECONDARY COLLEGE - COLLEGE CONNECT

An invitation has been extended to Year 5 and 6 students and their families to attend a College Connect Information Evening to be held at Hastings Public School on Thursday, 28th February from 6:00 to 7pm.

The presentation will address the excellence, innovations, opportunities and successes which the College offers to every student. The team will provide an overview of programs available including Zenith, their comprehensive gifted and talented program, and the innovative academies in Creative & Performing Arts, sport and STEM.

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking has commenced. 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 our school Application packs will be given to Kindergarten students following their talks with a bank representative within the next couple of weeks. Students in Years 1 to 6 can pick up an application pack from the office.

We thank Jorja Thompson (mum of Alyssa and Tahlia) and her mum, Frances, who volunteer their time each Tuesday to process Student Banking.

NEWS from THE LIBRARY

Book Club

Book Club catalogues were sent home this week. All orders are due on Wednesday, 20th February and online "LOOP" orders will close at 5pm the same day.

If returning cash orders, please ensure your order and payment is sealed in a secure envelope clearly indicating your child's name, class and "Book Club Order" written on the front. Orders will be collected in class at 9am and sent to the library in class envelopes to be processed. A special Thank You to our Book Club mums – Ailie Carson (mum of Cameron & Thomas) and Tinelle Whitton (mum of Emma & Hamish).

Library Borrowing

All students require a library bag to borrow books. Library days for Year 1 to Year 6 are below. Kindergarten will start borrowing later in the term and parents will be advised by class teachers.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1D, 1N, 3G, 3L	1/2SK and Stage 3 classes	1K, 1M, 2D and Stage 3 classes	2C, 2J, 3D, 3/4P	4B, 4K, 4M

Overdue Books

Books are still overdue from last year. These students have been given recent overdue notices, listing titles and replacement costs. Students with overdue books have limited borrowing rights until book/s are returned or replacement costs paid.

CANTEEN CREATIONS

DATE		TIME	ROSTER
Monday	18th	*Help not required*	
Tuesday	19th	11 to 11:30am & 12:30 to 1:30pm	Marcus Watt
Wednesday	20th	11 to 1:30pm	Kerri Caslick
Thursday	21st	12:30 to 1:30pm	Dianne Kennedy
Friday	22nd	12:30 to 1:30pm	Chrissy Oldfield

WEDNESDAY'S SPECIAL

Egg, Bacon, Cheese, Hash Brown & Sauce Burrito

$2.50

- **Eftpos facilities are not available at the canteen. Strictly cash or order lunches through Flexischools**
- **Wednesday specials are available at recess only and cannot be pre-ordered.**
- **Order lunches (or cancel pre-orders) before 9am at www.flexischools.com.au**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AFL Auskick ... Port Macquarie Magpies invite all students to join them at their first session and free BBQ at Wayne Richards Park on Friday, 3rd May from 4:30 for a 5pm start. In weekly sessions, kids have the best fun exploring the world of AFL.
Cost for the year is $100 and includes an AFL mini football with a pump + a Sydney Swans Junior membership + AFL player card and depending on 1st or 2nd year registration, a Guernsey and backpack or a lunch box and drink bottle. For further information please email pmjafl@gmail.com or register now at https://play.afl/auskick/2019-registration

Friday Night Junior Rugby ... Played at Stuarts Park, Under 6 and Under 8 Mixed teams from 5pm to 6pm; Under 10 Mixed 5:30 to 6:30pm and Under 12 Mixed (6:15 to 7:15pm) Registrations are $140.00 per player and includes shorts, socks, polo and training singlet. All enquiries to Craig Smith on 0439 810 612 or email smithie1971@gmail.com Season starts 3rd May.

Port City United Physical ... A rego and information afternoon will be held from 5pm to 6pm on Tuesday, 19th February at Port Macquarie Public School's hall. Physie is great for fitness, flexibility and confidence. For further information please phone Kellie on 0428 841 877.