

HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON at HASTINGS ... WEEK 1 : TERM 4

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

Saturday, 10th

- Uniform Shop Open 9am to 12pm

Monday, 12th October

- All students (& staff) return for Term 4

Wednesday, 14th

- Year 6 Dance Workshop

Thursday, 15th

- Year 5 Dance Workshop

Friday, 16th

- Year 3 Dance Workshop

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It has been an exhausting term and I hope that everyone enjoys some fun and relaxing family time. We have had excellent activities taking place in classrooms over the last week and I am sure the children have enjoyed the lead up to the holidays. Stay safe and healthy during the break.

EVERYONE RETURNS FOR TERM 4

Monday 12th October

(there is NO PUPIL FREE day
to start the term)

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

P&C Thank You

Many thanks to our P&C Association who presented staff with a \$500.00 KateCaters voucher on Monday. In the words of P&C President, Amy Vallentine ...

"for the teachers and support staff to say a HUGE thank you for everything you have done for our children over what feels like the longest term in the history of school!"

Pictured are Kim Burton and Cherie Fletcher representing the P&C with staff members Trish Brest, Linda Xerri, Sue Wilson & Mel Bourne



Out &
About
During
Week 10!



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COVID Safe Practices in Term 4

The Department of Education released revised guidelines for schools for Term 4 yesterday afternoon. I am aware that aspects of these guidelines have been promoted in the media this morning. There are however lots of details and conditions that are required for some events and programs that we will need to thoroughly examine over the holidays in order to work out what can and cannot take place in Term 4.

Many programs such as Kindergarten Orientation take over a term to plan and therefore if they go ahead will need to be modified significantly. The school executive will meet in the holidays and create a plan that will hopefully meet our needs, satisfy all of the requirements and support our school community. We are well rehearsed now in creating new ways of doing things and once again, we will work within the current situation, whilst sticking to all of the guidelines and ensure great experiences for our children. This certainly is some great news and we feel excited.

Some things that are NOT changing

- Unfortunately parents and carers are still not allowed on site and cannot attend school events
- School drop off and pick up arrangements will remain in place
- P&C meetings must remain online
- Physical distancing requirements for staff are still in place with school spaces marked with number of adults allowed
- Hygiene practices will still be place
- Students still need to bring their own drink bottles and refill as required – no drinking from bubblers
- Same guidelines for students who are ill
- Enhanced cleaning practices will continue
- School Assemblies can still only take place if necessary and can only go for 15minutes

What we need to consider and plan for:

Camps – these can not take place if they are interstate. Therefore the Canberra Camp for Year 6 will not go ahead. There are also significant and very difficult restrictions and planning requirements to meet with any camps. We will look at alternatives and think creatively to see what we can do for both Year 6 and Year 4.

Year 6 Formal and End of Year Presentation Day – this will go ahead but within the guidelines.

Unfortunately there can be no parent / carer involvement on site, but again we will have our creative hats on to see what we can do to get parents involved.

Kindy Orientation – we will create a modified version to try and support our new children coming to school in 2021.

Band Program – this will resume but with a revised format to meet restrictions

As you can see, we have a great deal of planning to do. Whilst, our best hopes can still not be met, we are confident that we can still provide great experiences for our students. Full details will be ready to share in Week 1. We are extremely grateful for the support and understanding of our community. As we move forward into Term 4, we will all continue to work together and support each other to get the best possible outcomes despite all of the things happening around us that we cannot control.

Early Arrivals at School

This week I have noticed many children arriving very early at school. Some children are walking into the school as early as 7:45am. There may not even be any staff on site this early. Any staff members who may arrive this early are likely to be in an office or in their classroom preparing for the day and therefore not even be aware of children needing care. No supervision for children is in place until 8:30am. Children coming into school this early is not safe. Please arrange for before school care if you need to be at work before this time.

COLA

I have attended a start-up meeting this week and the COLA construction over our netball court will commence in Term 4. All going well we should finish the year with another sun safe outdoor learning space for our students to enjoy.

Jodie Paterson

EDUCATION RESOURCES LEVIES

Online payments for the Education Resource Levy can continue to be made over the holidays. \$50.00 per student per year is a small price to pay for your child's exercise books, maths & science games, English resources (Home Readers and class novel sets), art & craft supplies and helps cover the increasing paper & photocopy costs. Contributions are voluntary but the \$19,500 outstanding will go a long way to buy further resources to assist every student. The link for online payments is ...

<https://quickweb.westpac.com.au/OnlinePaymentServlet3?action=EnterAccount&communityCode=DETSQW&supplierBusinessCode=4524&ActionContextId=6S060RpRifCEcVjNGxbPnQ> Student Registration / Ref Number is not required.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES LEVIES

	FAMILIES INVOICED	\$33,000
	PAYMENT RECEIVED	\$13,500
	OUTSTANDING	\$19,500

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Your child's unique Shoot Key is required on photo day to help identify your child from the other 654 students at school. All students should return their School Photo order envelope or the pink reminder note that was sent home last week. If you have lost your order envelope or thrown out the pink note please email the school over the holidays and we will send another copy home next term. If you are a parent not living in the family home or you would like a sibling order envelope sent home please email the school over the holidays and we will send home when school returns.

K-2 ASSEMBLY

21st – 25th September, 2020

KM

Lucinda Earl
Poppy St John Foti
Zoe Steel

1C

Ella Smythe
Liam McDonald
Alissa Schroeder

2HP

Jack Earl
Jonah Rawson
Emma Fisher

KS

Jude Henderson
Joe Smith
Aria Kightley

1D

Iris Kay
Uniqua Rumbel
Harlow Edwards

2HP

Saxon Francis
Lewis Maclean
Nixon Huens

KV

Lilly Burton
Bobby Oxspring
Beau Braley

1H

Flynn Hunt
Nellina Mann
Terevanui Thornton

2RN

Diesel Walker
Olive Henderson
Rachael Nicholson

K/1F

Rosie Ho
Levi Emmerson
Chloe King

2K

Blake Crichton
Emma Townsend
Charlie Ncube

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING ZONE FINALS

Late last week, we received the fantastic news that two of the speakers whose videos were sent to the Arts unit for placement into Zone Video finals have been selected to progress into the Regional Live Finals of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition early next term.

Tallin Morris (Year 4) and Madison Hopley (Year 5) were adjudged to have presented speeches of significant quality, meaning and purpose amongst a huge field of around 100 entries from across the state. Tallin & Madison will present their speech to a zoom audience from around our region and also prepare and deliver an impromptu speech with just 5 minutes preparation time.

We wish them both the best of luck!



**FINAL DEBATE for the ZONE ROUND ROBIN
HASTINGS OPINIONATORS vs HASTINGS DEBATEINATORS**



Opinionators

Emily, Felicity, Tia and Jessica



Debateinators

Isaac, Oskar, Bella and Meredith

As has been the case the last two years, to determine the team who will progress into the knockout phase of the Premiers Debating Challenge it came down to the two Hastings teams to argue their way to the top spot in the zone.

The topic that was selected was, "That Year 5 and 6 students should vote on books and films they study", a rather complicated topic for both teams to address under the Education banner. The Debateinators (Isaac Lavis, Bella Shuhyta, Oskar Morris and Meredith Davies) were the affirmative team which left the Opinionators (Emily Crossingham, Felicity Stelling, Jessica Dun and Tia Thawani) as the negative team.

As the affirmative, the Debateinators argued that when the change comes in students' engagement and learning outcomes will improve, that students will feel empowered by the power of choice they are being given and that they will have greater variation in the texts they study. The Opinionators argued that teachers are the trained professionals and therefore should be the ones with the power to choose what is studied, that educational outcomes for students is fine the way it is, that teachers are already overworked and this will add to their workload and that it will cause unnecessary unrest and arguments amongst the students. In a very high quality debate, the adjudicator deemed the Opinionators the victors due to their focus on current education benefits and the systems in place which have worked for many years. They now move on to the knockout rounds of the challenge and have drawn to debate against Collaroy Plateau Public Classics in Week 2 of Term 4.

Congratulations and best of luck with future debates!

Love Your Library Award

ISABELLA GRILLI and JOSHUA EARL

Congratulations to Isabella (1C) and Joshua (4B) who have been honoured with our inaugural "Love Your Library" award. Their citation reads ...

Isabella and Joshua are delightful students who frequent the Library. Both students always greet the Teacher Librarian with a cheery acknowledgement, before reading, playing, using technology or socialising with other students. They are always helpful and treat the Library and other people with respect and kindness. It is lovely to share the Library with such appreciative students.

*Our "Love Your Library" awards are proudly sponsored by
Damian King of McGrath Real Estate – 0402 149 844.*

ICAS COMPETITIONS

ICAS High Distinction certificates are awarded to students who placed in the Top 1% of participants; Distinction – the next 10% of participants; Credit – the next 25% of participants and Merit – the next 10%. Results for the English and Science competitions are back and congratulations to the following students who received their certificates at today's Assembly.

ENGLISH	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Distinction				Jessica Dun	Bowen Hansen Isaac Lavis
Credit			Joshua Earl Robbie Lavis Manni McGrath Addison Rolfe	Harper Rice	Oskar Morris
Merit		Grace Pulham	Jay Hansen Lalita Sen Gupta		
SCIENCE	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
High Distinction		Jay Hansen			Bowen Hansen Isaac Lavis Oskar Morris
Distinction	Boadicea Hoffman Lesandu Mendis	Thomas Steel	Josette Hoffman William Shuhyta		
Credit	Matilda Williams		Mannie McGrath	Jessica Dun	Bells Shuhyta William Suosaari
Merit		Max Pengelly	Robbie Lavis		

CANTEEN CREATIONS

Term 4 Menu ... The new canteen menu for Term 4 has been uploaded onto the school's website and attached to the Newsletter emails. The menu will be available on Flexischools commencing Term 4. If you would like a paper copy for the fridge please contact the Office.

Wicked Wednesday Sushi (14th October) ... Tuna & Sweet Chilli mayo!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PORT MACQUARIE



Port Macquarie Junior Cricket Club 2020 – 2021 Season



SEASON DETAILS:

- ✧ **Junior Blasters (5-8 year olds):** 45mins (4.30pm start), Fri arvo's, start TBA
- ✧ **Backyard Bash – Come'n'Try:** Yrs 3 & Yr 4 (9-10yrs) 2 weeks, Fri 23rd & 30th Oct.
This is an opportunity to come along and experience cricket (NIL cost) and decide if you'd like to join a team for the season - Or you can get a whole team of friends together and give it a try!
- ✧ **Under 10:** 90 mins – there are two choices – can play 1 comp or both
 - ✧ Fri arvo comp – starts 6th Nov, Term 4 2020 & Term 1 2021, 5.30pm - 7pm
 - ✧ Sat comp - starts 7th Nov, Term 4 2020 & Term 1 2021, 8.30am – 10am
- ✧ **Under 11s:** 8.30-10.30am Saturday mornings, starts 17th Oct
- ✧ **Under 12s:** 8.30-11am Saturday mornings, starts 17th Oct
- ✧ **Under 14s & 16s:** 8.30-11.30am Saturday mornings, starts 17th Oct

Register at portmacquariejcc.nsw.cricket.com.au and follow the links.

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