



HASTINGS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER 26th February, 2021



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WHAT'S HAPPENING at HASTINGS ...

MONDAY, 1st March

- Uniform Shop Open 8:30am to 9:30am
- NC Girls Cricket
- Sports Day for Kinder – 11:30am
- Cricket Trials & Training – Wayne Richards Park 3:15pm

TUESDAY, 2nd

- Special Religious Education commences
- Sports Day for Year 1 – 12:15pm & Year 3 – 2:00pm

WEDNESDAY, 3rd

- NC Swimming Carnival – Coffs Harbour
- Chess Club - Library at recess
- Sports Day for Year 4 – 2:00pm
- Uniform Shop Open 2:30pm to 3pm

THURSDAY, 4th

- Boys/Girls HCH Soccer Trials – Macquarie Park 12:00 to 2pm
- Sports Day for Year 5 – 2:00pm

FRIDAY, 5th

- **PAYMENTS DUE** for 2021 Dance Groups - \$80.00
- Beginner Band Rehearsal – 8am
- LNC Tennis
- Sports Day for Year 2 – 11:30am & Year 6 – 2:00pm
- Uniform Shop Open 2:30pm to 3pm

SUNDAY, 7th

- NC Boys Cricket

**ROAD
SAFETY**

In response to some road safety concerns raised by parents, P&C are conducting a survey with the school community, to determine the range of road safety issues that parents, staff and students have. We hope to use this information to prioritise issues, improve education and communicate with Port Macquarie/Hastings Council when required.

Let P&C know what you think
(about road safety)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2QXC2PJ>

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

P&C have agreed to keep School Fees at \$50.00 per student for the year - \$1.25 per week or \$0.25c per day. These fees are voluntary but your payments go back into the school to assist every student.

K-1 Families Your \$50.00 levy is voluntary however your payment goes towards the supply of exercise books and a paper/printing levy in lieu of purchasing a textbook. Your \$50.00 also contributes to purchasing Home Readers, maths/science games and art & craft supplies which all enhance everyday classroom learning.

Year 2 to Year 6 Families After a discussion with staff in term four last year, a maths textbook will be introduced to assist with learning this year. The \$26.00 textbook also gives students access to online learning and extension both at school and home. Your child will receive their book once payment is received. The remaining \$24.00 is a voluntary contribution with your payment helping to provide all students with exercise books, art & craft supplies, maths & science equipment. Payment also assists in covering the costs of First Aid supplies and the ever-increasing copy charges. If any families have difficulty with covering costs please contact the school.

Invoices are currently being sent home.

Thank you

Principal
Mr Nigel Sherrard

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UNWANTED VISITORS

Last weekend we had unauthorised visitors at school. Unfortunately they gained entry to a classroom and proceeded to empty a fish tank, including the class pet fish, onto the classroom floor and left the fish to die. If you know anyone with the tag "Pieter", have heard whispers or know who our visitors may have been please contact Mr Sherrard.

QR CODE SIGN INS

Please do not leave your phone in the car when coming into school. It is a legal requirement for everyone 18 years & over to sign-in via the NSW QR Code when entering school grounds. It is also a Department of Education directive to complete the Visitors to School Site sign-in sheet. This sheet also acts as an emergency check if we ever have to go into lock down or evacuate. With the exception of Uniform Shop, parents are also asked to come to the office first and not directly to classrooms. Parents going to the Uniform Shop should enter via Braemar Drive and sign-in at the shop.

Nigel Sherrard
Principal

BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET TRIALS & TRAINING

Girls and boys in Year 5 & Year 6 who are interested in trying out for the school's PSSA Cricket XI are invited to attend training at Wayne Richards Park on Monday, 1st March from 3:15pm to 5:00pm. Mrs McVicar and Mr Gornall are coordinating the training and trials. School equipment will be provided or students can bring their own. All boys must wear a box when batting (training & games) – this is optional for girls.

Transport to and from practice is by private arrangement and parents are asked to be prompt with the 3:15pm drop-off and 5pm pick-up. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents are unable to stay in the immediate vicinity of the group but welcome to watch at a distance following the usual guidelines.

BASKETBALL TRIALS

Congratulations and Good Luck to the following students who have been selected for the PSSA Lower North Coast basketball team ... Georgie R, Mylee R, Poppy M, Marley B, Charlie D, Jack R & Tallin M. The LNC team will now trial for a North Coast placement in Yamba on Wednesday 17th March.

SCHOOL BAND

Beginner band rehearsals commence next Friday morning, 5th March, at 8.00am. **PLEASE NOTE** this does not include 6 string guitar students.

We look forward to our very first rehearsal!



3-6 ASSEMBLY - 19th February, 2021

3C	Max D	Thea D	Harper C
3M	Charlie C	Oliver B	Alice P
3P	Aniva T	Jasper D	Nixon H
3R	Nixon H	Matilda W	
4M	Myles H	Siena S	Ryan N
4N	Grace P	Miller B	Alexander S
4P	Amelia D	Sophia W	Max P
5B	Andrew R	Morgan D	Mitchell D
5H	Hamish H	Lincoln H	Zach K-W
5M	Mia L	Tom F	Arlo H
5/6S	Zoe T	Finn P	Harper R
6B	Tiffany A	Ebony Z	Jett K
6H	Jacob T	Milly P	Charlotte T
6J	Grace M	Heath G	Charlie A



SPORTS AWARDS

Stage 2
Tom A
Charlie D
Tallin M
Max P

Stage 3
Sarah M



LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2021

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Kindy and Years 1 & 2 will be participating in the Challenge during Library lessons. Years 3-6 are encouraged to participate by themselves. Students in Years 3-5, will be given time during Library lessons to enter their data online during the Challenge. Website link for more information: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

WHEELER'S E-PLATFORM

The School Library subscribes to an eplatform. Children need their school username and password to access the books. Download the app, or go to the website: <https://www.eplatform.co.au/find-libraries/>

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club is starting on Wednesday 3rd March in the Library at recess. Come along and find an opponent to challenge! Open for students in Years 1- 6.

LIBRARY WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our Library website: <https://mrsdsdelights.weebly.com/>

FLEXISCHOOLS

Check Your Details ... Many lunch orders are still coming through with 2020 classes or parents are entering the wrong information when placing a lunch order. Please check your child's class is corrected with 2021 details / please check your order information is entered correctly. Incorrect student information = incorrect delivery = upset children!

Fridays! ... It seems Friday is THE day to order lunches and it seems the Flexischools ordering system is not coping nationwide. If you plan on ordering lunch for your child/ren on a Friday maybe put it through on Thursday evening. It can always be cancelled on Friday (before 9am) if they are not well.

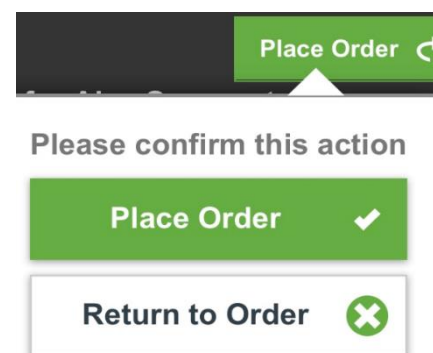
A Quick Guide to Using Flexischools

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click "Register Now". You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. The system operates via a pre-paid account,

Recently here have been a few instances where student Flexischool orders have not come through to canteen - this may be because parents are forgetting the last step in the ordering process.

- Please make sure you press the 'Place Order' button.
- You can check if your order has been placed by clicking on the person icon at the bottom of the App.
- The cut off time for same day orders is 9am.
- If you need to cancel or change your order, you can do this yourself provided it is before the 9am cut off time.

If you have any questions, Flexischools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or contact them via their website.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Missing surfing this term? Don't worry, we have you covered. Soul Surfing is running a flexible 5 week Saturday session pack. Double the time and double the attention, with the best tides we can access! Cost is \$175.

Soul Sisters ... for mums, grandmas, and mature teenage daughters. This retreat is designed to give you a fun, nurtured and blissful time-out. Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st March. A unique 11 hours each day. Do 1 or both! Cost is \$250 for either day or \$475 for both days. Places are limited so book now. For more information, and to book, contact Corey or Loren on 0428 480 266 or email corey@soulsurfing.com.au



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