



HASTINGS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER 16th July, 2021



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WHAT'S HAPPENING at HASTINGS ...

SUNDAY, 18th

- **CLOSING** - ICAS Orders (See details in newsletter)

MONDAY, 19th

- Kilometre Club resumes 8.15am
- **Uniform Shop Open 8:30am to 9:30am**

TUESDAY, 20th

- K-2 Assembly 2.20pm – *Presenting class KS*

WEDNESDAY, 21st

- P & C Meeting 7pm
- **Uniform Shop Open 2:30pm to 3pm**

FRIDAY, 23rd

- 3-6 Assembly 11.40am – *Presenting class 3P*
- PSSA Boys Basketball - vs Tacking Point Public School
- Todd Woodbridge Cup Tennis
- **Uniform Shop Open 2:30pm to 3pm**

Parents can only enter the school for ESSENTIAL BUSINESS (called to collect a sick/injured child or attend a pre-arranged meeting)

If your child is late, please say goodbye at the gate and either phone the office, or give your child a note, to explain.

ALL PARENTS/VISITORS must QR Code, complete the register book and wear a mask.

Please assist us by following these Department instructions

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Hello and welcome back to Term 3!

My name is Kate Brace and I am excited and privileged to be starting this term as the principal of Hastings Public School. I have a deep commitment to learning and believe that upholding high expectations for success results in positive student performance and achievement. I also share the school community's dedication to consistently support the wellbeing of our students while providing them with a meaningful learning environment.

As a leader passionate about quality education, I am really looking forward to working together with our teachers as they implement evidence-based and highly effective teaching strategies that challenge and engage our students.

I would like to thank everyone for such a warm welcome. Even though I have only just met the staff and students over the past few days, I can already tell that this is a wonderful school community to be part of.

I hope you all had a chance to have a break from routines and found some time to relax with family and friends during the holidays. It was great to see all the students returning to school with a smile on their faces on Tuesday. As restrictions ease, I look forward to opportunities to meet all of you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas you would like to share.

Kind regards
Kate Brace
Principal

COVID-19 Guidelines

Once again, we have had to move quickly to adjust school operations in response to updated COVID-19 guidelines from the department of Education and NSW Health. We are very grateful for the assistance our community provides by following these guidelines when they are introduced. We have attached an overview of the levels of school operations related to COVID-19 guidelines for your information. We are currently operating at Level 2.

We have also included an overview of the ways our school is specifically impacted by these guidelines. Once again, thank you for your support as it ensures that our students and staff are safe at school. We are hoping that these restrictions can be relaxed as soon as possible so that we can welcome parents and community back into the school.

Dropping Off	Parents are asked to say goodbye at the pedestrian gates in Braemar Drive & Yarrabee Road. It is essential everyone 13 years & over wear a mask and follow social distancing of 1.5m. Staff will be at the gates to welcome students.
Picking Up	Parents should remain outside of school grounds (though exceptions may apply for specific purposes, vulnerable students or students with disability). Please make arrangements to meet your child along the perimeter fence and not wait directly outside the gates. It is essential everyone 13 years & over wear a mask and follow social distancing of 1.5m. Kinder teachers will walk Kinder students to the gate in Yarrabee Road.
Kiss & Drop Zone	A reminder the Kiss & Drop zone has time limits of 2 minutes. If your child is not there when you pull in please do a lap of the block and come back. Penalties and loss of points apply. Council rangers and police patrol the area.
Masks and Face Coverings	Students in K-6 are not required to wear a mask however if they choose to do so that is fine. While at school, masks or face coverings are recommended in all indoor settings for staff.
Parent & Community Visitors	Please only enter school grounds for essential business or to pick up a sick / injured child. Parents and visitors must QR code in and out at the gate, sign the register book and wear a mask at all times.
Parent Helpers	We love our parent helpers but unfortunately, you are not classified as essential workers. We hope to welcome you back very soon.
Birthdays	Students can continue to bring their birthday icypoles and ice creams to the office to celebrate their birthday with the class.
Canteen	The canteen will open as usual. Flexischools is the preferred system for orders. Please remember to click the final order button and check your emails for confirmation. Lunch orders need to be placed before 9am on the day and can also be cancelled before 9am if you have ordered ahead.
Uniform Shop	The Uniform Shop will continue to open on Monday mornings (8:30 to 9:30am) and Wednesday & Friday afternoon (2:30 to 3:00pm). Enter via the Braemar Drive gates. Parents must QR code in & out at the gate, sign in on the register book and wear a mask at all times.
School Band	Band is going ahead as normal. Teachers are aware to distance students and themselves.
Staying Home	If your child is unwell, please keep him/her at home until they are better. If your child is absent for a period of time we ask they: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• keep a diary (this covers reading, writing & spelling)• practise Maths times tables• read
Religious Education	Scripture, Bahai and Ethics classes will continue each Tuesday.
P&C Meeting	P&C meetings are permitted to go ahead. Our first P&C meeting for Term 3 is Wednesday, 21 st July in the staffroom at 7pm. Masks must be worn.

Kilometre Club

Kilometre Club will resume 8.15am on Monday 19th July, for all students (Kindergarten to Year 6). Unfortunately, with our current Covid-19 guidelines, parents will not be able to attend. Parliamentarians will be assisting students by clicking cards and marking off total kilometres covered.

Year 6 Snow Day

Recognising the disappointment the students (and staff) were feeling about knowing that if things were different, they would have been frolicking in the snow this week and exploring the sights of Canberra, the Year 6 teachers saw an opportunity to make some different memories. The students were treated to a range of fun, creative and engaging wintry wonderland activities and a great day was experienced by all. Thanks to our awesome Year 6 team. The photos are proof the students really appreciated the day.



LEARNING

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ICAS for YEARS 2 to 6

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is run by the University of NSW and is an optional extra-curricular competition for students in Years 2 to 6 who are interested in Digital Technologies, Science, Mathematics, Spelling and English. ICAS Assessments are online, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The price of the assessments is \$17.05. Order papers online at <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> Parent access code is **XIW115** Orders close Sunday 18th July.

HASTINGS HEADLINES



Several of our Hastings students travelled to various regional towns during the holidays to compete in Hockey championships.

Parkes - Congratulations to Ethan Carey, Charlie Dargan and Bear Farmer for their outstanding efforts at the U13 State Hockey Championships. Bear's team (Coffs Coast) were Division 3 Champions with Bear successfully blocking all opposition goals! Charlie and Ethan's team (Port Macquarie) were Division 2 Joint Winners. Well done boys!

Grafton - Charley Mainey U13 Girls Championships

Tamworth - Alex Suosaari, Tom Carson, Jack McWhirter and Lalita Sen Gupta U11 Championships



CANTEEN CREATIONS

MONDAY	"Meatless Monday" (HM, GF)	
	• Pumpkin & Feta Quiche	\$3.50
	• Add a Garden Salad	\$6.00
	• Jacket Potato with Cheese	\$3.50
TUESDAY	"Tortilla Tuesday" (HM)	\$4.00
	• Tuna and Cheese Quesadilla	
WEDNESDAY	"It's Sushi" (HM, GF)	\$1.00
	• Weekly Special - Avocado Sushi	
THURSDAY	The "Big H" Wrap (HM)	\$4.50
	• Ham, Hash Brown, Cheese, Mushroom and Egg Toasted Wrap	
FRIDAY	"Fruity Friday" (HM, GF)	\$2.50
	• Strawberry and Vanilla Bean Smoothie	
SURFS UP LUNCHBAG	"Recess and Lunch Combo" ... <i>Collect at recess</i>	
	• a packet of popcorn	
	and your choice of:-	
	• a vegemite, cheese or ham sandwich	\$5.00
EVERYDAY!	• a red or green apple	
	and	
	• an Oak milk, a milkshake or a bottle of water	

Who would love a free \$2 voucher for the canteen?

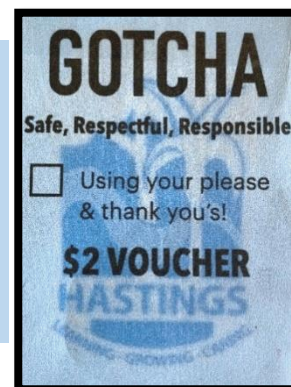
We all would and it's super easy to get one!

You just need to use your manners.

Mrs Hamel is rewarding students who use their lovely manners

– please and thank you –

with a \$2 canteen voucher like the one pictured



Order Recess Snacks and Lunches online before 9am

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