Monday 19th October 2015

Another hard working week gone by and only eight more to go! We have had some interesting visits lately. Wendy, our friendly Police Liaison Officer, spoke to Year 5/6 last week reminding them of cyber safety issues especially around social media and the effects it can have on friendships.

Also we had Ashley and Marta from the Recognise Organisation visit our school and discuss issues around recognising Aboriginal people in our Constitution. This was very interesting leading up to a referendum in two years time.

Our school Chess team have won yet another round against St Mary’s Primary School Armidale. The match was held at Ginger’s Creek. The score was five wins to three. Well done guys! The next round will be announced soon and I know that Mr Ainsworth is very proud of your efforts this year.

I hope you all have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

****COMING EVENTS TERM 4*****

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Term 4 – Week 2
Assembly Awards
KL – Summer, Sophie
KB – Elizabeth, Orlando
1/2B – Haley, Da’c
1/2H – Ella, Trystan
1/2E – John, Hannah
1/2R – Lilly, Jackson
3/4W – Tyler, Logan
3/4R – Zoe, Luciee-Mai
4/5L – Michael, Emily
5/6P – Claudia, Swatip
5/6C – Emily, Hannah
5/6W – Taryn, Heath

Mathletics Award – Cerise
Choir – Kirra-Lee, Sarah, Isabel
Best & Fairest – Eli

PSSA State Athletics
Chermeeka competed in the Girls 8-10yrs, 800m race at Homebush in Sydney last Thursday the 15th. It was a very tight race with first coming in at 2:24.46 and Chermeeka coming in at 3:06.32. This is an awesome effort on Chermeeka’s behalf at State level. Well done!

Splendour in the Hall DVDs
We now have available the DVDs of our Splendour in the Hall Concert. It can be purchased at the Front Office for $6.

Kinder Drop-In
Our Drop-in afternoons commenced last week. Just a reminder for parents to sign their child in at the Office so we know they are on site.
Canteen News
Volunteers needed for Tuesday – If anyone is available to help in the Canteen between 9am-12pm please phone Richelle 6583 8506.

Roster:
Tues 20th Oct - Sharon, Kim, help needed
Wed 21st - Kerryn, Amanda
Thurs 22nd - Richelle, Jacinda, Jan
Fri 23rd - Richelle, Sharon, Liza
Mon 26th - Richelle, Kerryn, Krystal

Monday Happy Meal
For $5 the meal includes:
1 x Sausage Roll (w/BBQ or Tomato sauce)
1 x Packet of Popcorn
1 x Piece of Fruit (seasonal)
1 x 600ml Bottle of Water
1 x McDonalds Happy Meal Toy

Heatherbrae Slice & Cookie Fundraiser
This little fundraiser was a great success, thank you to all those who ordered. We will definitely put this one on our fundraising agenda for next year.
Richelle
Canteen Manager

Band/Guitar Lessons
Please make sure if your child attends band or Guitar lessons that all fees are finalised no later than week 4. Many thanks
Frank and Ben

P&C News
Student Banking
Starting this Thursday Student Banking will operate out of the Canteen each Thursday mornings between 8.45am and 9am. We ask the students to take their banking to the Canteen window.

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting is Wednesday 28th October at 6pm at Westport Bowling Club. Everyone is welcome.

P&C Committee

School Intensive Swimming Program
The intensive swimming program will be held from Monday 2nd November – Friday 13th November 2015 for students in years 2-6 who are not confident swimmers. This program is an excellent opportunity for students to develop their water confidence and improve their swimming skills over 10 lessons. Cost of the program is $50. This payment covers the bus and pool entry – lessons are free. Swimming lessons are 45 minutes and are conducted by qualified swimming instructors. There are still some places available. If you are interested and your child has not yet received a note, please see Miss Walton.

Year 6 Students - Hastings Secondary College
All Year 6 students need to return their completed form to Mrs Osborne for the Personal Interest Program for High School by Friday 23rd October. If students are applying for one of the Academies these forms also need to be returned to Mrs Osborne by Friday 23rd October.

Mrs Osborne

2016 – School Leaders
Today Year 5 students were given the opportunity to attend an information session about nominating themselves to be a candidate in the 2016 School Leader Election. The School Leader policy and nomination form were handed out to the students. Nomination forms are due back to Mrs Osborne by Thursday 22nd October.

Mrs Osborne

Home Time Change in Routine
To assist us to ensure that students get home safely we are asking parents/carers to please write a note to teachers if your child has a change in their home time routine.
If there is an unforeseen change we ask that parents/carers call prior to 2.30pm to ensure that we have enough time to pass on the message to the student and their teacher.

ICAS Mathematics and English Competition
Well done to all these students who participated in the English and Mathematics Competition. A special mention to the following students:
Harry – Merit in Maths
Joshua & Emily – Credit in Maths
John – Distinction in Maths
Awesome effort everyone!

Garden Program
We had a great harvest from our garden this term and the students are enjoying gathering eggs from the chooks.
Hastings Valley Community Of Schools

Well done to Shannon who received a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation with the Big Band Blast in their performance at the Ceremony of Excellence. He was awesome on the drums and was an asset to the band.

Canberra Excursion Photos

Community News

Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017

Key dates
Tuesday 13 October 2015
Application website opens
Monday 16 November 2015
Application website closes
Late applications will not be accepted
Thursday 25 February 2016
Test authority letter sent by mail and email
Thursday 10 March 2016
Selective high School Placement test
Early July 2016
Placement outcome information

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/hsp

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.
There is more information at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/hsp
Soul Surfing
TERM 4 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SURFING
WITH SOUL SURFING: Book now to secure your place for this terms favourite way to feel fitter, refreshed, have fun and learn heaps about surfing and the ocean. Make new friends and find your chill with surf lessons with soul. $180 entry fee!
SOUL SISTERS: For the mums and ladies out there wanting a space for self reflection, joy, balance, peace and harmony all while having fun in a safe and nurturing environment then Soul Sisters is for you! Sunday October 18th (yes we have a plan around the Ironman and won’t affect us) for your chance for surfing, yoga, massage, meditation, beautiful food and way more in store. (surfing optional). Full day 8.30am - 5.30pm. From $165.
For bookings or inquiries contact Corey or Loren on 65820114 or www.soulsurfing.com.au

Free Tennis Grading – Kinder to Yr6
Come to Westport Tennis Club for a complimentary try out for your child.
Times are after school or Saturday morning. Racquets supplied.
For more information contact:
Mark – 0412 834 336/ 6583 3053
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Woods Street (behind the Lexus Car Yard)
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