A big thank you to all staff, parents and friends who have come to Popstars. We are so proud of the effort the performers have made, they deserve all the accolades! The band is awesome, the backstage crew absolutely on the money. The Director, Producer, Musical Director Sound & Lighting Crew, Costume Designer have all combined amazingly to showcase the expertise of Hastings Secondary College. A great advertisement for public education.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE THANK YOU
POPSTARS - THE 90’S MUSICAL
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school has been buzzing this week with six performances of ‘Popstars’. The musical has been an outstanding success for the college. We have of course been busy with other activities including Cross Country and excursions to see Celtic Thunder and the Whitehouse Design Studio.

College News

The college innovation team has been meeting to draft proposals for how we can continue our alternate learning into Stage 5. We are very pleased with the success of the sport, creative industries and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) academies and want to work out a way to incorporate them into years 9 and 10. They are looking at all possible options so that we have some good ideas to base our decisions on.

‘Popstars’ – the Musical

The students and teachers involved in our musical have done an amazing job to produce a very high quality production. They have performed 6 times, two matinees and 4 night performance. The following is a comment from a Port Primary staff member who attended one of the matinees.

“A huge thank you from our students and staff who attended today's matinee! We had a wonderful time. Your students performed amazingly well and provided a top quality show that you should be extremely proud of. Our kids were buzzing all afternoon!

It was also a privilege to watch some of our ex-students in key roles. “This show was an amazing advertisement for public education!! Please pass on our absolute congratulations to your wonderful and talented students and staff that made this possible. We think you’re all great!!”

The newly appointed regional creative arts consultant Susan Dawson saw the show Wednesday night and made the following comments:

“Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Hastings Secondary College Musical ‘Popstars’ last night. Please pass on my congratulations to the entire team. I was so impressed with the sense of team work and enjoyment shown by all members of the cast and crew. When I heard that the majority of students were experiencing their first time on the stage I was particularly impressed. It was so great to see as the nerves settled the sense of enjoyment they were all experiencing. I am sure by Friday night they will all be seasoned professionals! There was a huge repertoire of songs, dialogue and choreography for the performers to learn. It was very evident that they had all been practicing hard for a long time. An amazing job by all performers – your teachers set you a big challenge and you certainly met it. Congratulations!”

To the hard working backstage crew behind the scenes what a phenomenal job! The transitions were seamless. They most certainly had the crew working hard backstage with lots of set changes and movements but the crew were up to the challenge and handled them all with ease. Congratulations! A very well drilled crew! The band was slick and stylish in their blacks and did a remarkable job performing the entire repertoire. It is evident that many hours of practice are required to play at that level. It is equally evident that the schools’ have inspiring and talented music teachers to guide the students to this level of performance.
To all the technical crew – from lighting, sound, set design & construction, costume team – Congratulations! Your work behind the scenes helped to develop a performance where all performers were confident and comfortable to perform. You were all certainly kept very busy with lots of lighting cues, wireless microphones and headsets, props, costumes & sets!

To the talented staff members who have taught, mentored and encouraged the students to this point – congratulations! Your hard work and passion for the Arts was evident in every one of your students. You have done a phenomenal job harnessing the raw talent of your students and giving them the tools and confidence to get on stage and perform. This will be a memory that your students will carry long after they leave school. To the entire cast and crew - you have all been excellent ambassadors for your family, your schools and for Public Education. You should be very proud of your achievement. I know I am.

**Iron Man volunteering**

Mr Duck and his team of teachers and students made an impressive effort running a station at last week’s Ironman contest. Over 100 of our students and teachers were involved. The students enjoyed encouraging and supporting all of the runners. They were moved and inspired by seeing Turia Pitt beat her anticipated time by an hour. We had very positive feed positive feedback from the runners and members of the public.

**NAPLAN**

Make sure your child is prepared for NAPLAN. Students in Years 7 and 9 will be sitting NAPLAN on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, make sure they have a pencil and eraser and a calculator for Maths. Their own sharpener is useful. Students may bring a bottle of water into the exam room. I would like to wish all our students good luck and encourage them to write as much as they can.

**Year 10 into 11 subject Selection Process**

This process will start on Monday with a Year 10 meeting that will outline the process and issue invitations for parents to apply for interviews. I will outline the whole process in next week’s newsletter.

**P&C**

The next P&C meeting will be at the Town Green Inn on Tuesday 17May starting at 6:30. All are welcome.

Week 3 will be another busy week. NAPLAN will be our focus of course but there will be many other activities going on. Our choir are heading off to ‘In Concert’ at the Sydney Town Hall. We certainly have talent.

Lorraine Haddon
Principal
STEM - Stingray creek Bridge excursion

Thank you to Waterways construction who presented to our STEM students during a site visit to the Stingray creek bridge site. Special thanks to construction manager Toby Wildesmith who presented on the structure and design of the bridge and also showed a timelapse video of the creation of the bridge. If you are interested go to the site: http://pmhclisting.com.au/stingray-creek-bridge or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bdz2AfQz9ps&feature=youtu.be.
ROTARY SCIENCE NIGHT

On Wednesday 6 April a team from Port Macquarie Campus was invited as guests to the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie’s Youth Science Night. The team included: Mrs Haddon (Principal), Ms Bourke (HT Science), Ms Leach (Science Teacher), Mr White (Careers Advisor), Rachel Alger (Yr12 student), Rhys Marquez (Yr12 student), James MacLachlan (Yr12 student), Shakaya Hunt (Yr9 student) and Jessica Brown (Yr9 student).

Rachel and Rhys presented a report about the National Youth Science Forum which they attended in Canberra in January. James reported back about the Honeywell Engineering School which he attended in Sydney in December last year. The students were thankful and inspired by these wonderful opportunities.

Ms Jo Bourke spoke to the Rotary Club members about the increasing focus of STEM in the school curriculum and the role the College plays as a selected STEM action school. Ms Amanda Leach and Year 9 Mad Science students Shakaya and Jessica showed the Rotary members some of their Science skills by demonstrating some experiments to the audience.

Port Macquarie Campus would sincerely like to thank the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie for their high level of ongoing support to the school. The Rotary Club has provided a lot of financial and intellectual opportunities to our students which we are grateful for. Particular thanks to the great work of the club’s Youth Director – Diana Gammon.

Jo Bourke – HT Science

REMEMINDER: YEAR 7 / IMMUNISATION

Immunisation is booked for week 4 Tuesday 17 May

1) Gardasil (HPV)Dose 2
2) Varicella (Chicken pox)
3) Boostrix & HPV – catch ups if required.

Please if you haven’t returned your forms, they are to be dropped off to the office asap. Forms are available at the front office. Ensure that your child eats on the day prior to the injection and they wear loose clothing around the arms area.
PORT CAMPUS SWIMMERS MAKE A SPLASH AT CHS TITLES

We only had three swimmers compete at the recent State Carnival, but they are quality athletes. Ash Dures had to battle illness just to compete, and made five finals in ten events. What an iron girl!

Jack Agland competed in the AWD division and bought home a swag of medals - 2nd in 50m breaststroke, and 3rd in 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly. What a great effort Jack!

Sam Harris again excelled at this level with some fantastic results. He won gold in the 400 I.M. and 100m freestyle, 2nd in 200 I.M. and 400 freestyle and 5th in 100m Fly and Breaststroke. Sam was competing in the Senior age group, where many athletes were a year older than him, which makes his efforts even more meritorious.

Both Jack and Sam are competing at the NSW All Schools Championships later this week. We wish them all the best, and again congratulate all three athletes on their efforts at the CHS Carnival.

IRONMAN FOCUS

The Year 7 & 8 Sport Academy students were treated to a visit by Ironman competitor and Coach Mel Cockshutt on Wednesday 27 April. This visit was highly topical with the Port Macquarie Ironman event being held on the following weekend. Mel shared her experience with the students from both a competitor’s and coach’s perspective.

This information was highly relevant to all of the students with some key messages on pacing your training programs to avoid injury, specificity of training, reasons versus excuses for underperformance, developing good habits when setting goals, and staying committed in order to achieve these. All of this information could be related to the range of backgrounds of students in the Sport Academy group.

We thank Mel for her highly informative presentation and wish her athletes all the best for Ironman events in the future.
IRONMAN VOLUNTEERS

Hastings Secondary College Port Campus continued their fine tradition by running one of the Run Aid Stations at the recent Ironman Event held in Port Macquarie on Sunday 1 May. The students and staff involved did an absolutely fantastic job in supporting this event, handing out much appreciated supplies of food and drink to the thousands of Australian and International competitors involved.

Operating the double Aid Station at Westport Park was a big task as this station serviced competitors on both the outward and inward bounds of the running leg of the triathlon course. The athletes and volunteers were both subjected to rain and uncomfortable conditions for a good section of the afternoon, but all the volunteers involved were able to keep up the positive encouragement of the competitors as they distributed the important supplies.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the students, parents and supervising staff for their fantastic efforts in helping to make our involvement so successful. Ms Angel Luangamath also deserves special mention for the delicious food that she supplied to feed our volunteers. There were so many positive comments about our students that came from the competitors and community members it was absolutely amazing. Well done to everyone involved, top job!

Mr Duck
HT PDHPE
WINNERS ARE GRINNERS!

Grace Rogers (above) is holding the bounty of ribbons and trophy won at the end of last Term by our Agriculture students and Cattle Team. Our Lowline heifer won Champion Lowline female at both the Wauchope Show and the Kempsey Show. Not pictured is Jarrah Kouwenberg who took First Place in the Weight Judging competition and Champion Weight Judge at Kempsey Show. Third place in the Weight Judging class went to Grace Rogers and Fourth place to Bridgette Hodge-Meli.

As previously mentioned in an earlier Newsletter, we had a very successful year at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The ribbons, trophy and medallion have only just arrived and relate to the following entries:

1\textsuperscript{st} Meat Bird Pairs Competition Project (Rearing Competition) (awarded $1000 plus a trophy and medallion)
3\textsuperscript{rd} Meat Bird Pairs commercial male ($100 prize money)
6\textsuperscript{th} Meat Bird Pairs commercial female
8\textsuperscript{th} Meat Bird commercial male carcase
2\textsuperscript{nd} School Poultry Egg Classes – 6 eggs, hen, one colour (Australorp)
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UNIFORM

Please ensure all students are wearing our correct school uniform. Our P & C uniform shop is open on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2.45 - 3.45pm at the MPC.

YEAR 11 SENIOR JACKETS

Orders for Senior jackets have now been processed and jackets are expected to arrive before the end of term. If your YEAR 11 child missed the deadline for ordering their senior jacket, please contact Mrs Noble to place your name on the list for the next round of orders: karen.noble5@det.nsw.edu.au

Feel like you're missing out on information from your child in YEAR 11? The Year Advisors have a FACEBOOK page specifically for parents and carers of YEAR 11 students. Join us on Facebook: Parents & Carers Yr12 '17

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