The Apology to Australian Indigenous Peoples was delivered by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on 13 February 2008. The Apology recognised the effects of various policies regarding Indigenous peoples, particularly the Stolen Generations.

Almost every Aboriginal family and some Torres Strait Islander families today can identify the loss of family members due to the forcible removal policies. The children that were removed and separated from their families grew up without an understanding of traditional culture and without a sense of connection to the land and country where they were born. This disconnection from their families, ancestors, communities and culture has had a lasting and negative effect on the wellbeing and identity of Stolen Generations members, and has had an intergenerational impact on their children and families.

On 13 February 2015, Port Macquarie Campus remembered the Apology by holding a short ceremony. Indigenous students of the school learned about the significance of the Apology and presented the Principal Ms Haddon with a framed Apology to be on display.
at Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie Campus. A special thanks goes to Mrs von Schoenberg for arranging the beautiful frame and to Brittany Temple for speaking on the day.

Friendship Day

On Monday the 9th of February Hastings Secondary College held its third annual 'Friendship Day,' a day full of fun and actives for all of Year 7. Throughout the day students engaged in a variety of actives, initiatives and discussions all centred around the nature of healthy friendships. The students were challenged and encouraged throughout the day to consider what makes a healthy relationship as well as how to cultivate such a relationship.

Local youth pastors and youth leaders volunteered their time and made an impact through facilitating games and conversation which created space for sharing, reflecting and growth. Students are encouraged to continue to apply the lessons learnt on the day. If any parents and/or students are interested in further engagement with local youth groups please contact our school Chaplin via the front office.
THE OPENS BASKETBALL GALA DAY

The Opens Basketball Gala Day was held at Port Macquarie Basketball Stadium on Thursday, February 12th, with Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie Campus, entering a girls’ and a boys’ team.

The boys played against Camden Haven High first. It was a very challenging game and was a close game up until the third quarter, but at the fourth quarter Camden Haven took the lead and kept it. Camden Haven boys’ team ended up winning the whole competition. The boys then played Melville winning comfortably fifty-six to twenty one.

The girls out performed all schools winning all three of their games on the day and placing first. They played Wauchope, Melville and Westport. The girls’ team progresses to round four of the Opens Girls Regional Knockout Draw. Congratulations to Emma Collins, Georgia Hunt, Kelsey Burbridge, Maddison Stockham and Toni Hurkett for making the Mid North Coast Team.

Congratulations to all players on the day and good luck to the girls’ team in the next round.

Damien Huens


Mr Huens, Georgia Hunt, Maddison Stockham, Kaitlyn Powell, Toni Hurkett, Emma Collins, Laura Reed, Kelsey Burbridge, Drew Miante, Nikita Heuer.
From the Principal

We have celebrated success this week in a variety of areas. Our open girls' basketball team won the local schools round robin and will be going on to the next level of the competition. We have a large group of students who went to zone swimming this week with some outstanding results.

College News

We have had a busy time making sure that everyone has adjusted to the cross campus classes. We have a new bus service schedule for students from Lake Innes, Sancrox and Rawdon Island. Please see Skoolbag for details. The College Steering Committee met this week and discussed a sport shirt with the college logo for PE teachers and staff taking sport. They also talked about college music and art programs that would involve feeder schools. A discussion will start on where the two campuses see uniform going. We will investigate a program called AVID that could be run by Charles Sturt University. It aims at supporting senior students. Each of the committee members gave their opinion on how the start of the college is being perceived in the community. The vast majority of the feedback has been positive.

New English teacher

Welcome to Rory Willaton who has come to work in our English faculty. Rory has been working on the far north coast before he came to us. He will be bringing his wife and family to live in Port Macquarie as soon as possible. Rory was recognised by the department of education as an exceptional graduate and we are very pleased that he has come to work in our very experienced, innovative and creative English faculty. We have started the merit selection process to get a new Maths Head Teacher to replace Mr Winfield.

The School Plan

We have to have our new school plan ready for the end of term. We have a new model for school planning that will be linked to the annual school report. We have to set three strategic directions. We have decided on:

1. Developing the Hastings Secondary College
2. Engaging 21st Century students and leaders

These are based on evaluation with parents, students and staff. We have to establish milestones to chart our progress. Within each strategic direction we have programs that I will outline in the coming weeks.

Hastings Valley Community of Schools

The members of the Hastings Valley Community of Schools meet Thursday. The community of schools includes all the local schools, both primary and high. We discussed the ceremony of excellence which will involve all schools. It is being held on Tuesday July 28th. Graeme Jennings from the Great Lakes College at Foster will tell us how the model is working in his community. We also discussed the selection process for the high achievers class that we wish to introduce this year. Each of the primary schools in the community will be hosting a transition road show for the college. We discussed the details of how this will work. It is very beneficial for all the schools to be working together.

New Computer Server

The school is in the process of having a new server system installed by the department of education. This will make it easier for them to support the school and maintain services. We will have some disruption to internet services and computer access at various times until the end of term.

P&C meeting

The P&C meeting was held on Tuesday night. There was some lively discussion around fund raising and the college. The next meeting is the annual general meeting. It will be held on Tuesday March 17th at 6:30 pm in the school common room. Come to the front office and we will guide you.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday March 3rd. Envelopes are being distributed through roll calls. ENVELOPES AND MONEY SHOULD BE RETURNED ON THE DAY. Students should see Mr Mundy if they have any issues or need a form.

We have another busy week ahead with combined college faculty meetings and a meeting about the G'Day USA trip at the end of the year.

Lorraine Haddon
Principal
Careers News

A Unique Taronga Zoo Opportunity
A rare opportunity has arisen in 2015 for two Port Macquarie Campus students that have been selected to undertake Work Experience at Taronga Zoo. Competing against all the students across the state for this wonderful opportunity, the school was pleased to receive the news that two of our students will be undertaking a five day Work Experience Program with Taronga Zoo.

Sarah Fardell in Year 12 has been selected for Work Experience at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo during Week 9 of Term 1. Sarah has ambitions of studying Zoology or Animal Science when she finishes her HSC later this year. Sarah has been conscientiously pursuing this opportunity for the past few years.

Georgina Dover, a Year 10 student at our school, has been selected for Work Experience at Taronga Zoo in Sydney during May this year. Georgina’s keen interest in working with animals has seen her progress through selection panels and provided her with a great opportunity to explore her future career options in this field.

Work Experience in TV Media
Below is an interview with a Year 12 student who undertook Work Experience in Newcastle during Week 2 of this Term.

Name: Britanee Willis
Employer: NBN Newcastle

What departments did you work in at NBN in your Work Experience week?
I worked in Editing, Shooting, Website, Commercial Production, Marketing and News Filming.

What were your main duties during the week?
Overall the main thing was observing the way NBN network operated. It involved me travelling around the Hunter area with journalists such as Mitchell Hughes (sport) and Madeleine McKell (news). I assisted different people in a variety of sections like the control room and the news studio.

What things did you enjoy the most?
I enjoyed working with different people every day in different departments. It was great getting an insight into seeing the variety of jobs at the network and how a TV station operates. Everyone at the network was so nice and funny! I also met former Port Macquarie High School Captain Jane Goldsmith, who is now a news reader and producer with NBN.

Was this a worthwhile experience?
Yes, I really enjoyed my week at NBN Newcastle. I learned a lot and feel that by doing this I got a feel for the occupation and maybe get a foot in the door in the journalism industry.

Has this Work Experience inspired you to follow a career in this industry?
Yes, I received a lot of comments while I was there that I would suit journalism for a career. This positive encouragement has got me more motivated and inspired to follow my journalism dream.

The Benefits of Work Experience
School Work Experience is a very valuable program as it allows students to test out work in different occupations. At Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie Campus, the program is available to students in Years 10 to 12 who have shown work readiness. It is the student’s responsibility under the guidance of the Careers Adviser to seek out their own placement. For further information on Work Experience refer to the school’s careers website at www.porthighcareers.com.

Mr White – Careers Adviser
A beautiful, sunny day greeted competitors at the Port Macquarie High swimming carnival last week. Attendance was solid and there were many decked out in their house colors. Participation in the competitive and non-competitive events was fantastic and everyone had a great day.

Without a doubt, the star of the show was Sam Harris. He broke long-standing records in the 100m, 200m, 400m Freestyle, Individual Medley and 50m Breaststroke as well as going close in some other events. Ashlyn Dures also produced some quality with fine performances which resulted in her sweeping all her events and breaking the 200m Freestyle and Individual Medley records. Max Lewis Barnett showed his aquatic ability is not limited to shredding waves by beating everyone else in the pool bar Sam in a variety of events. A super courageous effort was displayed by Meg Race when she finished the 100m Freestyle, many metres of which were in fact swum underwater. Caitlin Dewbery again showed her class with some great times and Danielle Stone swept all her events as did Jasper Cartwright.

The Age Champions were:
Riley Dures, Ella Barnett, Tahli Enfield, Danielle Stone, Ashlyn Dures Caitlin Dewbery, Toni Hurkett, Jasper Cartwright, Rueben Woof, Lewis Kranitis, Dane Perry, Sam Harris, Max Lewis Barnett

Much to the chagrin of Mr Rogers, Town Beach house, ably led by Mrs. Davis swept all before them to convincingly win the House Point score. Well done to Town’s in both participation and point score categories. The Zone Carnival was held at Macksville on February 19.

Uniform Donations
Can you help us please???
Donations of clean, good condition uniforms are needed for the clothing pool. Please drop off at the office.

Many thanks
Mrs J von Schoenberg