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Travis Chandley-Pascoe has a brother Bailey in Year 10 but he misses his brother Darrell who was captain of Westport High School last year and has graduated. All eight students admit they love sport. Soccer is the most popular followed by swimming, netball, touch football, basketball and cricket. 

Hailey Dolendo loves music and playing her guitar. She hopes to explore what the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) faculty has to offer especially with the extra curricular activities. 

All were happy about being at school and they love the 8.15 am start at their newly formed Hastings Secondary College. They said it gives them more options in the afternoons when they finish at 2.15 pm. While students are not often sure of what the future may hold at age 12, some have very definite ideas about what they would like to do with their lives when they leave school. 

“I would like to be a Paediatrician and work with children,” Georgia Fowler said. 

Hailey Dolendo would also like to study medicine. 

“I would like to work at an orphanage and also help find a cure for cancer,” she said. 

Riley Dures would like to be a professional singer. 

Travis Chandley-Pascoe would like to be a famous soccer player and follow in the footsteps of Tim Cahill. 

Reuben Woof wants to be a professional cyclist and takes his inspiration from Cadel Evans. 

Becoming a professional netball player appeals to Ella Barnett while touring the world as a professional body boarder is Zane Smart's dream. 

All were surprised at how much homework is given at secondary school. 

Zane Smart thinks having homework every day is too much. 

“I do like having different teachers every lesson though,” he admits. 

Riley Dures has two sisters at the Port Macquarie Campus - Ashlyn and Tayla. 

“It’s great having Ash and Tayla ahead of me. I thought it would be really scary but I’m starting to like it,” Riley confessed. 

Ed Smith is not only new to Year 7 but the family is new in town. Ed went to Yackandandah Primary School near Albury but loves Port Macquarie and has settled in nicely he says. 

“I was nervous but excited at the same time. Once the lessons started I made more friends. It was really cool,” Ed said. 

“My first impression was good,” Reuben Woof said. 

Other first impressions included how big the school was, how many stairs there were to climb and how the tiles in the ladies toilets were not a very nice colour. 

Only six more years to go!
Brandon Conway Feels the Need for Speed

This year 10 student is a young man in a hurry. His father introduced him to cycling a few years ago and Brandon could be seen riding around on his mountain bike. Watching highlights of the Tour De France, however piqued an interest in road cycling, which saw him purchase a new high tech carbon race bike. Brandon hits the road six days a week, regularly riding to Laurieton Wauchope and Moorland. His longest ride was out to Ellenborough and back- well over 100 km. Brandon recently got his racing licence and has competed a number of times at the local club. He won his first race and lapped the field, also coming second in a handicap race the next week. Brandon is really focussed on his racing and one day hopes to compete on the world stage representing Australia and competing in the Tour De France.

Surfest

Hastings Secondary College was represented at the Surfest High Schools Team Challenge this year by Max Lewis-Barnett, Jake Hawes, Liam Clarke, Luke Stuckey and Chloe Mullan. The competition was tough with over 50 schools represented across the nation, including a school from Vanuatu. Thursday’s conditions were three to four foot waves but unfortunately the banks were not great in the competition area, but we manage to work well as a team and came second in our heat. Friday’s conditions got worse and there were few waves to catch during the heats. We struggled to catch the high scoring waves in our second heat and unfortunately did not get the points needed to move on to the next round. The students work fantastically as a team and represented the College with pride and motivation. Congratulations to all surfers and I look forward to next year’s competition.

Luke Stuckey, Liam Clarke, Chloe Mullan, Mr Huens, Jake Hawes, Max Lewis-Barnett
From The Principal

We had another successful week of learning and growth. Students competed at Zone Swimming, the Camden Haven Show and Surfest. Extension History students travelled to Southern Cross University at Coffs Harbour for lectures. We have also had some important college initiatives.

College news

The main college activities this week were the first of our transition road shows. These road shows are held at our partner primary schools to give Year 5 and 6 and their parents information about the college and what we offer. We went to Telegraph Point on Tuesday and Port Primary on Wednesday. Both campuses had staff and student representatives attend. Dr. Ible, our college principal, gave a brief outline of how the college works and our college values: excellence, innovation, opportunities and success. I spoke about the first two values and Ian Gowan the relieving principal at Westport Campus spoke about the others. The Year Advisers for 2016 at each campus were introduced and Year 7 students gave their impression about the start of high school. We then had a panel discussion to answer questions from the floor. We concluded the evenings with supper. The parents took the opportunity to ask any more questions that they had.

People to People – a visit to the college by American High School students

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the students at the Hastings Secondary College. “People to People”, a student ambassador program will be visiting Port Macquarie on June 15th. Hastings Secondary College has agreed to host the students. The students will arrive at Port Macquarie Campus at 4:00PM and will go home with their billets. Both campuses will be hosting students. They will stay with their host families for two nights. On the Tuesday the students will come to school and visit the classes of their host student. We will have a barbeque at school for the visiting students and their host students. During the day the American students will visit the koala hospital. That night Rotary is putting on a dinner for the American students and their hosts. The students will depart 8am Wednesday. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the students at both campuses to broaden their view of the world.

Year 7 evaluating their learning expectations

At the beginning of the year we asked all our students to set their goals for the year. We asked Year 7 to supplement this with an evaluation of the specific learning expectations we had for them. These included being ready to learn with all their equipment, having evidence of their learning in their workbooks and following teacher instructions. There are 12 expectations in all. This week they are being asked to evaluate these goals with a score of 5 for always, 4 for almost always, 3 for usually, 2 for sometimes and 1 for rarely, giving them a total of 60. They will be doing this twice a term for the year. The evaluation sheets are at the front of all their workbooks. We think this will be a great opportunity for Year 7 to focus on their learning. The system was developed by their Year Advisers Mrs Moylan and Mr Huens and their Deputy Principal Ms. Owen.

School Plan Strategic Direction 2

Strategic Direction 2 in the school plan is, “Engaging 21st Century Learners”. Within this direction we are looking at reviewing our wellbeing policy led by Mr. Mason, developing an Aboriginals education and leadership plan lead by Mrs von Schoenberg and Mrs Boyle, developing a student engagement program and developing a student support program focusing on improving results led by Ms Bourke. Each of these groups will have a leader and a set of initiatives they are working on. Each group will be collecting base data and evaluating their progress. The overall leader of the direction is Mr Mason. I am pleased with the focus on student learning and wellbeing in this strategic direction.

Think Lilac – Think Assessment

The school has made a decision to have all assessment tasks and booklets printed on lilac paper. This will make assessment tasks easier to identify for parents and students. Nothing else will be printed on lilac paper.

Photos Tuesday

You are reminded that school photos will be taken Tuesday. Students should bring their forms and money on the day.

Zone Swimming and Camden Haven Show

Please look elsewhere in the newsletter for details of these events.

Next week the road shows will be continuing at other primary schools. School photos will be taken on Tuesday. North Coast swimming is a Lismore on Thursday and there will be Football Trials on Friday. It will be a very busy week.

Lorraine Haddon
Principal
Camden Haven Show

Despite the wet weather last weekend the Camden Haven Show went ahead. Some events unfortunately had to be cancelled. However, the Beef Cattle section went ahead as usual. Our cattle team was represented by Gabby Plumb, Phoebe Rich, Chaise Lytinski, Emily Hunter and Grace Rogers. The girls represented the school extremely well in very adverse conditions without complaint. Gabby Plumb and Grace Rogers both made it through their heats in Cattle Parading (Gabby 17 Years and over and Grace 14 Years). Gabby and Grace went on to achieve Second Place in their respective finals.

The cattle results were also very pleasing. One Charolais achieved 3rd Place in the European Breed Section and our Lowline heifer achieved First Place in the Small Breeds section. The Lowline heifer also won Junior Female Small Breeds and Junior Champion overall which is very exciting. The Team were very excited with their success and are looking forward to the opportunity to try out for the Sydney Royal Easter Show competition at Wingham Show in a few weeks.

Calculators for sale

It is essential that all students have a calculator for mathematics lessons.

The canteen has the preferred calculator, Casio FX82AU, for purchase at the canteen for $25. If your student doesn't have a calculator could you please arrange for them to purchase one.
Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday a team of Port High Campus students represented the School at the Lower North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival in Macksville. The periodic rain in the beginning did not affect any of the students who were all motivated and enthusiastic for their races. We had some fantastic results from the day with every student swimming exceptionally well and acting as fantastic representatives of the school.

Some of the results from the day were:
Sam Harris- record in the 16+ years 200m freestyle.

Age Champions
- 12 years Girls- Riley Dures
- 16 years Girls- Ashlyn Dures
- 16 years Boys- Sam Harris
- 17+ years Girls- Caitlin Dewbery

Runner up age champions were: Jasper Cartwright, Lewis Kranitis, Dane Perry and Toni Hurkett

The above students as well as Tahli Enfield, Colin Smith, Ella Barnett, Byron Christensen, Jack Agland, Kingslee Marks, Harriet Crowley, Sierra Cummins, Zita Overton, Ambrose Kranitis, Noah Agland and George Rudd will be go on to compete at the North Coast Regional Swimming Championships at Lismore. Thank you to Mrs MacGibbon and Miss Cox for their help and support on the day and special mention to Sam Harris who also broke the 16 years Boys 1500m record at the NSW Country Championships on the weekend.

Well done everyone!

Nicole Cook

Swimming Team
Valentines Day

Year 12 were busy on Friday promoting love, friendship and mystique for St. Valentine's Day and at the same time helping to raise money for the many worthwhile causes on their agenda. The roses, balloons and messages that were distributed proved popular with students.

Sheridan Carswell, Erin Moss, Kelsey Burbridge, Shanley Porto

Rhiannon Kennedy, Angelica Familar
I've put together a new website.

It's a "One Stop Shop" for everything you need with Career Planning and help.

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Mr Mark White
Careers Adviser

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