Students Judged Best At District Muna Event

Last weekend four of our Year 11 students represented the school and a country of the world at the Rotary MUNA event in Kempsey. MUNA stands for Model United Nations Assembly and was held over 2 days and involved 68 students from a wide area in Northern and Western NSW. Tia Edwards and Shona McKechnie were delegates for Finland. Sam Harris and Shawn Wilson represented the country of Sweden. The students dressed in the theme of their country and were introduced to the assembly with a flag parade. Over the two days at MUNA 34 resolutions on issues facing the world were debated and voted on. Finland (Tiah and Shona) spoke on the proposal that “The Assembly ban the manufacture and distribution of plastic shopping bags”. Sweden (Sam and Shawn) proposed that “The Assembly will establish an agency to monitor, control and promote safe and ethical international child surrogacy”. Throughout MUNA there was great discussion, points of view expressed and meeting procedure held for the 34 countries. Many country delegates spent time in jail for: defamation, weapons, corruption and inappropriate behaviour. The delegates soon realised that many decisions are reached through negotiation and back door deals rather than best practice. At the end of the weekend the team of Sam and Shawn (Sweden) were honoured to be awarded the illustrious judges choice for the overall outstanding team. This was a fantastic effort with the number and quality of students who attended this event. To be announced the outstanding team was a credit to the boys knowledge, skills and wit.
Overall MUNA gave the students a fun and interactive experience in discussing contemporary world affairs with other students. Tiah, Shona, Sam and Shawn were great delegates for their country and fantastic representatives of Hastings Secondary College. The students would like to thank Rotary for putting on this unique event and the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie for sponsoring the student’s registration (over $400).
Farmer’s Market class

This week our Farmer’s Market class were treated to a new learning experience. Mr Steve Rankin generously donated his valuable time to demonstrate the basic skills in creating a Bonsai tree. The students were amazed at how easy it was to commence the process and are looking forward to creating their own Bonsai tree and miniature garden next week under Steve’s excellent guidance.

Wanted

Plastic planter pots
All Shapes And Sizes For Potting Cuttings And Re-potting Plants For Sale

Don’t throw away that stack of old pots in the garage or garden shed – instead bring them along to Port Campus or simply phone and we can collect them at a time convenient to you. The pots will be very much appreciated by our Farmer’s Market class.

Thank you
Contact: Mrs Marion Napier  -  Port Macquarie Campus
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From the Principal

Week 6 has been busy with some great success for our students, professional learning for staff and planning for the rest of the term.

College News

The staff members were presented with the teacher protocols for the college this week. These gave everyone the opportunity to know the professional standards expected. Along the lines of PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) the protocols are divided into areas; classroom, playground, meetings, assemblies, staffroom and communication. We are also finalising our Year 10 into 11 night. This will be held on Thursday June 16 at our Multi-Purpose Centre. Parents and students are invited to come along, find out about the process and ask questions. There will be displays from every faculty across the college and the opportunity to talk to subject teachers.

Clontarf

This week we signed an agreement to work with the Clontarf Foundation to provide opportunities for Aboriginal boys at the campus. The foundation started in Western Australia and has been highly successful in the schools they have worked in. They have been able to improve attendance and retention. They work closely with families and the school to engage students in their education. It is a joint partnership between the federal government, schools and the foundation itself. They will have a staff member based in the school as well as a regional conveyer who will oversee Kempsey, Taree and Port Macquarie. They will be setting up Term 3 and talking to parents about signing up students for the program. Watch this space for further exciting developments.

Staff Training

On Tuesday afternoon we had the first of our campus professional learning afternoons. This will replace the afternoon of the last Monday of the year. We started the afternoon with a talk from Clontarf. They outlined for the whole staff what Clontarf would look like in the school. Staff members were very enthusiastic and are looking forward to them starting. We discussed the college staff protocols next with some staff suggesting changes we could make. The Professional Knowledge Team discussed literacy particularly the "I Write" program that some of them have been trialling. This program teaches students to write in more detail and at greater length. Careful monitoring of student progress is made. All students in the trial have made real progress. The Professional Practice Team presented the lesson observation proforma they have been developing. They helped staff work through examples of lesson observation. The final session was on the new staffing agreement developed by DET and the Teacher’s Federation. I was very impressed by the high standard of presentations made by the staff. We are focusing very clearly on the quality of teaching and learning in the school.

Expo Evening

Planning is well under way for our Expo Evening to be held at the school on Tuesday June 21st for interested students and their parents from Years 3 to 6-7 2017. The school will be open and presenting a series of snapshots of the type of programs we have in the school. The evening will end with presentations by Drama and Music students. What are we really doing with our students? Come along and find out. This night will be followed up by an information night for Year 6 students in Term 3 on August 31st.

We have a Win at MUNA (Model United Nations)

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see the details of the great win by Sam Harris and Shawn Wilson at the MUNA contest. I would like to personally congratulate the boys and thank the teachers who supported them, Mark White and Karen Noble. I would also like to thank Port Macquarie Rotary for supporting the event and Glenda Barber from Rotary for going with them. This is a wonderful success for the college.

Our Sports Academy hits the Air Waves

Last week we heard about the Sports Academy going on an excursion to the local ABC as part of their course. On Saturday I was thrilled to hear them for myself. Congratulations to Mr Duck and the academy. Week 7 will have many highlights including Work placement for VET students, exams for Stage 4 Maths and Science, a visit by the police liaison officer Steve Jefferies and Zone Athletics.

Lorraine Haddon
Principal
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YEAR 10 PARENTS, CARERS AND STUDENTS
Year 10 – 11 Program Study and Career Pathways Interviews Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June 2016

- Interview times have been mailed to all Year 10 students’ parents/carers who have returned yellow appointment notes.
- Please contact Ms Cowan at school on 65 831 844 if you have not received your appointment details letter, all letters should have been received by Wednesday 1st June 2016.
- **Year 10 students do NOT attend normal classes on Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June 2016.**
- **Students are only required to attend school for their scheduled interview appointment. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time.**
- **Students are reminded to bring their HSC Study and Career Pathways Interview Sheet (yellow form attached to your appointment letter) with all relevant information completed, to their interview, 2017 Senior Studies Guide and 2017 Course Selection Sheet.**

Please contact Ms. Cowan on 65 831 844 if you have any questions.

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15s AFL

The combined Hastings Secondary College AFL team travelled to Grafton last Thursday 26 May to play South Grafton H.S. in Round 4 of the competition at Ellem Oval. After a long trip up there in the bus the boys quickly got changed and rushed out on the ground to start playing. For many of them this was their first ever game of AFL. South Grafton kicked a couple of early goals as the boys took some time to settle into the conditions. However, all their training started to pay off as they kicked a couple of late goals in the quarter to go into the change ahead 16 points to 13. In the second quarter the boys started to stamp their authority on the game showing skill, team work and determination to kick another 2 goals and hold the Grafton team scoreless. Jack Terley was getting plenty of football and Cuban Quinlan started taking a lot of strong marks around the ground. Lewis Kranitis, playing centre-half back, lead the back line. He was well supported by Baily Crafi, Josh Schofield and Tyson Cunningham who provided an impenetrable defence. The lead 30 to 13 at half time.

In the third quarter Oliver Whyte-Southcombe, Felix Williams, Ed Smith, Sachin Heath and Colin Smith all continued to play well enabling the team to go further ahead by kicking another 3 goals. The Hastings team totally dominated the last quarter kicking 4 goals to nothing. Brent Nixon was switched forward and kicked 3 goals for the game and Taj Pryce-Boylan was enjoying his time in the ruck. The final score being 79 to 28. The team showed a lot of improvement and will be much better now having played a game. Thank you to Mr Sanderson for driving the bus and Max Smith the team runner. The next game to be played is the North Coast final against Byron Bay H.S. at South Kempsey Oval on Friday June 10.

Mr Jackson
AFL coach

Dear Parents, helpers are needed on Saturday morning June 11 2016 to hand out food packs to charity Road Rally participants in the School MPC from 8am-12 noon.

Please phone Leanne P & C on 0416976964
Cap’n has said Bon voyage to the Beard!

On Tuesday 31 May, Mr Heddles said his final goodbyes to his beard. After selling out of raffle tickets, the audience was ready to hear who the lucky person was to conduct the shave. It was with great pleasure Mr Heddles introduced Liam Eastwell (Vice Captain) as the man for the job.

An AMAZING total of $1300 has been raised so far for our local youth refuge, 2Triple4 through raffle tickets, the ‘Bid to Cut’ and the ‘Go-Fund-Me’ page which closes on Sunday 5 June.

A HUGE thank you to all sponsors who donated:
Sam Harris and Jack Agland excel at Swimming championships

Hastings Secondary College students, Sam Harris (Year 11) and Jack Agland (Year 9) recently competed in the ‘NSW All Schools Swimming Championships’. The event was held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Sam achieved fantastic results in the 17 to 19 years age group. He entered six events and these are his wonderful results:

1st  400m Freestyle
2nd  800m Freestyle
3rd  100m Freestyle
3rd  200m Freestyle
3rd  200m Individual Medley
3rd  400m Individual Medley.

Jack entered five ‘AWD’ events in the 12 to 15 year olds group. His events included the 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly. He was also joined by three other boys from the North Coast for the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay and just missed out on a podium finish in 4th Place!

Congratulations Sam and Jack for being wonderful representatives for your school and the North Coast giving your best in everything you both do.