REMEMBRANCE DAY

Hastings Secondary College was well represented at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the newly located cenotaph on Friday. The captains from both Westport Campus and Port Macquarie Campus laid wreaths and Shawn Wilson was invited by President of the Port Macquarie RSL Sub-branch, Mr Greg Laird, to be the guest speaker.

Shawn spoke at length about war and what it does to destroy so many people. He spoke about World War 1 in particular and how the statistics recorded by history fail to document the human cost.

He went on to praise the RSL movement for all it has done over so many years for families and communities throughout Australia.

Shawn was a most impressive guest speaker, something that not only Greg Laird acknowledged but many others present did too. Numerous people approached him afterwards to congratulate him including our local member Leslie Williams. Mayor Peter Besseling and Superintendent Paul Fehon were also impressed with Shan’s speech.
We have had another interesting fortnight with lots of highlights for the college and the campus. We have had CAPA Showcase, the LEAP Open Night, the P&C Meeting and the Year 12 Formal as night time entertainment as well as many activities during the day.

College News

The college is very busy with evaluating the milestones set for this year and setting our milestones for next year. Part of setting these milestones is the finalising of two positions that have been created for next year. These positions are Community Liaison Officer and College Deputy. The Community Liaison Officer will look after promotion of the college, publicity and community engagement. The focus of the deputy will be professional learning for staff with the aim of improving teaching and learning, so that a real difference can be made in the classroom.

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal was held on Wednesday night at Panthers. The students and guests were welcomed by our 2017 captains Isabella Woodham and Shaun Wilson. The students requested that Mr Mason be the MC for the night because of his long association with them. Mr Mason called the last roll call and students were presented with their graduation certificates and year books. The toast to the school was made by Liam Eastwell and Georgia Hunt, the vice captains. The toast to Year 12 was made by the new captains, and responded to by this year’s captains Stephanie Mackedie, and Christian Familiar. Mr White presented two scholarships that had been awarded after the Year 12 graduation.

The University of Newcastle Vice Chancellor’s Award for Academic Excellence in Year 12 for a benefit of $2000 went to Stephanie Mackedie. The University of New England Vice Chancellor’s Award for Academic Achievement and Social and Community Contributions with a benefit of $2000 went to Georgia Hunt. The evening concluded with the cutting of the cake and dancing. The first dance was for Year 12 and their parents. It was a lovely night of celebration. Congratulations, Year 12!

Evening of Excellence – 6 December

Our Evening of Excellence will include a review of the year for the college and academic, community and sporting awards. We will be recognising our best students from Years 7-11, hearing some of our best performers and seeing some of our best Visual Art. The P&C will be awarding their scholarships for Year 7 2017. Please come and join us at the school Multi Purpose Centre for this night of celebration. The parents of students receiving awards will be notified.

End of Year Assemblies – 9 December

The Year Assemblies will be held on December 9. We have decided to organise them differently this year with one assembly for Years 7, 8, and 9 in periods 1 and 2 and one for Years 10 and 11 in periods 3 and 4. Students will be receiving academic, Year Adviser and sporting awards. Students and parents who are there will be able to see highlights of the year.

P&C Meeting

Our last P&C meeting for the year was held last Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to discuss plans for next year. The P&C, will however, be having a Christmas celebration on Wednesday 14 December at the Chop and Chill (old Fig) on Town Green, for volunteers teachers and members. It will start at 6pm. Nibbles will be provided, buy your own drinks.
Many exciting events will be happening in the next fortnight. Our students will be leaving for School Spectacular to start their week of rehearsals and performance. We have a major excursion going to Lady Musgrove Island as well as work placement and work experience. It is important that all students attend until the end of the year so that they complete their preparation for learning for next year.

Lorraine Haddon

**STEM- Solar energy expert Dr Mitchell Wilson**

Thanks to Dr Mitchell Wilson CEO of Sun Active for his fantastic workshop with our STEM students about the potential of solar energy and current research into solar film. Our students were lucky enough to work with organic polymers capable of converting light not just from the sun but also converting reflected light from the moon!

The material is light weight and flexible. Our new $5 notes are made from the same organic polymer. Students were given the task to design solar devices of the future. Their ideas were very interesting, especially solar powered T-shirts to charge their phones!

Photo: Michael Van Eerten showing Dr Wilson his solar house with a working fan powered by his solar panel and LED lights in each room

**CAREER NEWS**

**The new Year 12 visit Southern Cross University**

SCU is a vibrant, contemporary Australian university with beautiful campuses at the Gold Coast, Lismore and Coffs Harbour. On Tuesday 25 October the new group of HSC students travelled to Southern Cross University – Coffs Harbour Campus for their Schools Open day. The students were given an overview of the University’s courses and facilities and then were able to investigate specific courses of interest.

The students experienced what it is like to be a university student for the day and started their quest on investigating options for life after the 2017 HSC.

**CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**Artexpress 2017**

Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus would like to congratulate 2016 school captain and Visual Arts student Christian Familiar for his nomination for ARTEXPRESS 2017. Christian's HSC body of work comprised of appropriated portraits from previous Archibald Prize finalists as self-portraits, all featuring Christian himself. Christian completed the works using both oil pastels and coloured fine art pencils and submitted 11 works in total.
The nomination is an indication that Christian's final results for his body of works are some of the highest in the state. We are proud of his achievement and wish him luck for the final round of selections!

**Remembrance Day Service at Le Hamel Village**

Among the guest speakers at the Remembrance Day Service at Le Hamel Village held on Tuesday were Camilla Moen and James Jackson.

Camilla spoke about the sadness of young people losing their lives in war and referred to the story of 14 year old private James Charles Martin who served at Gallipoli and who died there. The boy died of typhoid due to the bad conditions in the trenches and was buried at sea.

James Jackson spoke about the Memin Gate and how the Belgian people remember and honour the Anzacs.

James spent 12 days earlier this year touring the Western Front and attending a very moving ceremony commemorating the centenary of Fromelles and Pozieres. Greg Laird, President of the RSL Sub-Branch, in thanking the students spoke very highly of their carefully considered contribution to the service.

**Clontarf Partners Visit – Sydney**

On the 7, 8 and 9 November 2016, 10 student from the Port Macquarie Clontarf Academy were rewarded for outstanding school attendance. Students were informed of this trip at the end of last term. All academy members had the opportunity to attend. Students were required to have 85% school attendance or higher.

On Monday of our visit we attended an NBL game where the Sydney Kings defeated the Cairns Taipans in a close encounter.

On Tuesday we had the opportunity to visit a corporate partner in Google, the boys really enjoyed walking around the
Google office meeting some of the staff as well as putting their hands to some robotic equipment. A few said that they would one day return to work at Google HQ. Wednesday the boys participated in an Oztag Carnival at Alliance Stadium. They met many of their favourite current and former NRL players, along other Australian Sporting stars such as George Gregan and Matt Shervington, as well staff representing our corporate partners such as Fox Sports and Caltex, to name a few. The boys represented themselves, their families and Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus very well. All should be proud of their efforts.

Student Leadership Conference

On Thursday 3 November, 28 student leaders participated in the Grip Student Leadership Conference in Coffs Harbour. Students were selected based on their leadership involvement and/or leadership potential. These students were mostly drawn from the SRC, Junior AECG and the Year 10 Leadership Group.

Students from many schools engaged with the session and activities designed to promote interaction and the sharing of ideas. Our students were outstanding in their friendliness and degree of engagement. Leadership skills, the management of group dynamics and goal setting, along with collaborative generation of ideas for improving student experiences of schooling were key aspects of the conference.

They reinforced the learning and sense of connection amongst the students.

Elective sessions gave the students choices and allowed them to map their own leadership course to improve the school. An informative Q&A session concluded the conference.

Students’ comments include:

‘Amazing experience. I can’t wait to start building myself as a leader around the skills I gained from Grip Leadership.’ – Blake Elliot

‘We learnt how to present ideas to the school in a fun and creative way. It was good to meet other leaders from other schools.’ - Miriam Woof

‘It was amazing. We learnt so much about how to improve assemblies and organise events at school.’ – Tegan Munroe

‘The Grip Leadership conference was very interesting. We were taught new ways of thinking about the leadership roles at our school.’ – Skye Vaughan

Oceania Cup

Congratulations to Year 10 student Tyler Hampton who has been selected to play in the U18 men’s Australian Indigenous Oz Tag team. This is a great achievement when you consider Tyler’s age.

He will represent Australia in New Zealand playing in the Oceania Cup.

Many fun activities were also interspersed during the presentations such as Zumba, a very loud but hilarious game called ‘Loud Noises’ and a number of acting skits.

Tyler is a proud young Aboriginal man who leads by example and will be a wonderful ambassador for our school on the world stage.

Good luck for the carnival, Tyler!
Friday 18 November
- Work Placement Year11 Retail Services, Hospitality
- Wheelchair Sports visit MPC

Monday 21 November
- Work Placement Year11 Retail Services, Hospitality

Tuesday 22 November
- Work Placement Year11 Retail Services, Hospitality
- School Spectacular excursion

Wednesday 23 November
- Work Placement Year11 Retail Services, Hospitality
- School Spectacular excursion

Thursday 24 November
- Work Placement Year11 Retail Services, Hospitality
- School Spectacular excursion
- Assessment Task HSC – Engineering Studies
- STEM – Engineering University Roadshow

Friday 25 November
- Work Placement Yr11 Retail Services, Hospitality
- School Spectacular excursion
- Lady Musgrove Excursion

Monday 28 November
- Work Placement Year11 Retail Services
- Year10 Optional Work Experience
- Lady Musgrove Excursion
- Pancake Breakfast – all school

Tuesday 29 November
- Work Placement Year11 Retail Services
- Year10 Optional Work Experience
- Lady Musgrove Excursion

Wednesday 30 November
- Work Placement Yr11 Retail Services
- Year10 Optional Work Experience
- Lady Musgrove Excursion

Thursday 1 December
- Work Placement Yr11 Retail Services
- Year10 Optional Work Experience

Uniform Pool
If you have any second hand uniforms you no longer use, please donate them to the schools clothing pool

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