The newly elected captains and vice-captains for 2017 at the Port Macquarie Campus of Hastings Secondary College are ready to step up and take on their formal roles as school leaders once the outgoing captains complete their final duties after the HSC examinations are completed.

The Year 12 Formal will be held in November and will see this year’s captains and vice-captains hand over the baton to their successors. In the meantime the captains-elect have begun performing their roles while the HSC is in progress.

It has been a busy and productive academic year for Stephanie Mackedie, Christian Familar, Georgia Hunt and Liam Eastwell who distinguished themselves at numerous formal occasions as school captains and vice-captains both at school and in the community. The school is very proud of their many contributions to school life and acknowledges the excellent way they displayed leadership always setting a good example to students and communicating effectively with their teachers. They have been excellent role models for hundreds of students including the incoming leaders.

The captains for 2017 are Isabelle Woodham and Shawn Wilson and the vice-captains are Tayla Davenport and Arki Murphy.

Isabelle admits she is not perfect but feels she can relate to everyone and make all students feel included.

Shawn plans on improving the student/teacher feedback system to help improve communication within the campus. He would also like to initiate food-warming facilities to be accessed by all students during lunch breaks.

Incoming vice-captain Tayla Davenport wants to be approachable and make other students feel comfortable while at school. She would also like to build even better teacher/student relationships.

Arki Murphy definitely has the students in mind too. They will come first, he said, and he wants to be their voice.
News

It has been a fast and fabulous start to the term. The most pleasing aspect of the fortnight has been the recognition of some of our teachers. We are very lucky to have such hard working and innovative teachers. Another highlight of last week was the Aboriginal family barbeque, a very pleasant afternoon. The HSC finished this week with Chemistry and Drama being the last exams. Year 12 now has their Formals to look forward to. We also showed our support of the region’s dairy farmers through our “Udderly Awesome” day last Friday.

College News

The college STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) team has been busy putting together a proposal for a Digital Literacy grant to enhance the delivery of our STEM classes. It is proposed that Phase 1 would be the work we are doing in 2016 implementing Flexible Learning Opportunities across the College which included the creation of STEM Academies in Stage 4 (3 classes). Phase 2, will be in 2017, delivering iSTEM in Stage 5 at each campus, building in digital literacy skills such as computational thinking and the creation of digital solutions. Students will also broaden their programming experience. Professional learning will be provided for staff so they can develop explicit teaching strategies to continue to build their capacity and confidence. Another goal will be the integration of digital technologies outcomes and content into assessment and reporting structures. The program will include the purchase of technology equipment specific to our needs. I hope the application will be successful; much hard work went into the application. We are also preparing for our combined college faculty and executive meetings. These combined meetings help us to develop our concept of one college working together.

World Teacher’s Day

Last Friday afternoon World Teacher’s Day was celebrated at the Little Fish Café with 44 teachers from Foster to Kempsey (working in pre-schools, private and public schools, TAFE and universities) receiving awards. Each had been nominated by their principal. The awards were organised by the Australian College of Educators. We had 5 teachers recognised from Hastings Secondary College. Damien Huens, Cassandra Holland and Jacynth Moylan form Port Macquarie Campus and Roger McClintock and Mike Fraser from Westport Campus. All are innovators, who inspire students to perform at their best.

Damien is a dedicated Year Advisor who spends much of his time mentoring the students he is responsible for. He is very proactive in his approach. Damien is one of the co-founders of the school’s Sport Academy. This program gives students the opportunity to extend their skills and investigate higher allied sport concepts. Damien is the coach of our basketball teams.

Cassie is the head of the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) faculty. She supervises Drama, Visual Art, Music, Dance, Entertainment and Language. She and her team are extending students’ opportunities in all of these areas. Cassie is also very skilled in stage management, assisting Mr Heddles and the Entertainment team in all performances. The school musical “Popstars” was a credit to her and her team. Cassie is the leader of the College innovative “Creative Industries” Academy. Students have a major and minor subject as well as leaning how the industry works. Creative Industries is now a university subject.

Jacynth is the reliving Head Teacher English. She is guiding the faculty to increased use of technology and innovative approaches to learning. Jacynth leads our Zenith Team which includes all of the teachers involved in the program. Zenith is another innovation in the college. It is a gifted and talented program with emphasis on project based learning.
She has initiated Zenith hour where the class works together on cross faculty projects. Jacynta is the organiser of the college dance team which is headed to School Spectacular. Many hours go into the training of the girls and preparation for performances. She is also the Year 8 Year Advisor with Damien. They make a dynamic team.

**Jeff Appleby Wins Prestigious Award**

On the 21st of October, 2016 at the Institute of Industrial Arts Technology Education, Jeff Appleby, was presented with the Teacher Excellence Award. This Excellence Award is one of the highest honours given to technology and engineering education classroom teachers. It was presented in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession and to their students. Winners of the Teacher Excellence Award are characterised as providing high quality, student centred technology and engineering education. Teachers who are nominated for the Teacher Excellence Award exemplify sustained professional growth in technology and engineering education, including the art of teaching and the ability to engage students in a hands-on/minds-on approach to learning about, with and learning for technology and engineering. Above all they have the ability to foster curiosity and generate excitement about learning. Jeff’s work has included working with BOSTES on the exam committee. He has been an examination assessor, an examination committee member, and finally the Chief Examiner for Engineering Studies.

He worked as a team member for BOSTES during the development of the 2010 Engineering Studies Curriculum review and developed modules for the University of Newcastle Education faculty for the training of teachers for Engineering Studies. He continues to lecture in the course providing accreditation to teach Engineering Studies. Congratulations Jeff, this is a well-deserved honour.

Our rapid journey towards the end of the year continues in the next fortnight with work placement, excursions, exams for Year 10, Valid Science testing, professional learning for staff and the Year 12 Formal.

**NISEP-Science shows**

Our 9 and 10 students were trained as demonstrators during the Charles Sturt University-NISEP Science Shows this week. This activity was conducted by Future Moves, partners of the National Indigenous Science Education Program (NISEP). The activity involved training with a group of Charles Sturt University students, Paramedic and Science students. The range of different science experiments were then demonstrated to Year 6 students from Port Primary School. Our students did a wonderful job, well done.
2016 Australian National Chemistry Quiz

Earlier in the year 20 aspiring chemists from Year 7 through to Year 12 participated in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Despite some technical difficulties with the online format of this year’s quiz, five of our students received either a Credit or Distinction.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 9 Isaac Boulton - Distinction
Year 12 Oliver Cowan - Credit
Year 12 Dinindu Kolongahapitiya - Credit
Year 12 James MacLachlan - Distinction
Year 12 Rhys Marquez - Credit

Ms Jo Bourke, Head Teacher Science had the pleasure of presenting Isaac Boulton his certificate on assembly on Tuesday 25 October. She also visited one of the recent study sessions for our HSC Chemistry students to congratulate them on their Chemistry Quiz results.

I pay tribute to the ongoing commitment of Oliver Cowan to participation in the Chemistry Quiz. Since Year 7, Oliver has always participated in this national competition, regularly achieving high results. Oliver has certainly demonstrated that he is dedicated to making the most of opportunities that are presented to him and we wish him all the best in his chosen career path.

Amanda Leach
Science Faculty

Udderly Awesome Dress Up Day’

Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus was a sea of black and white last Friday 28th October, for our Udderly Awesome Dress Up Day. The day was designed as an awareness raising and fun fundraising day to support the Australian ‘Need for Feed Disaster Relief’ Fund. The idea was originally proposed by Vincentia High School and students from all over NSW and Victoria banded together to raise awareness and raise money to assist dairy farmers to cope with the difficult position they now face. Many dairy farmers are having to walk off their farms as they struggle to keep afloat. Falling milk prices and competition from the large supermarket chains has meant that dairy farmers are working for little or no money; a situation which can only result in Australia losing its dairy industry and having to purchase milk from overseas.

The day included a ‘Dress Up’ competition where all students were asked to dress in cow costumes or cow colours. There were milkshakes and ice-creams for sale and various fun activities for the students to participate in, such as: ‘milking the cow’ competition, bobbing for apples, tossing the bag at/through the cow and face painting. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and joined in the spirit of the day. Overall $400 was raised which was a great effort. Special thanks to all the families who supported our Dress Up Day and to all the many staff, students and helpers for helping make the day such a success.
Quicksmart Numeracy 2016

During 2016 our school is participating in the Quicksmart Numeracy Program. This is the third year Port Macquarie Campus has participated in this program which aims to increase the ability of students to process basic mathematical steps, which then enables them to move on to more complicated mathematical problems quicker and easier.

This year 18 Year 7 students were selected to participate in the program. These students were picked after the Year 7 cohort completed a common Mathematics test in Term 1. The students selected are completing a 30 week program consisting of 2 to 3 x 30 minute sessions per week. These sessions involve using flash cards, speed sheets of basic mathematical equations, and a computerized element requiring the students to recognize and answer questions working through the four basic operations of arithmetic, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Our dedicated group of SLSOs, Jackie, Amanda, Chris and Angela, are working with two students per session and the improvement in the times and accuracy of the students’ answers is proof of the programs’ effectiveness. It is also evident that the students are enjoying the opportunity to be involved in the program and, as they are assessing their own progress, are striving to improve their results every week. A huge thank you goes out to the SLSOs, the Maths Department, the Wellbeing staff at the school and, most importantly, to the students in Year 7 who have made the Quicksmart Program such a success this year.

Quicksmart Co-ordinator

Ross Charlton

SES Cadet Program 2016

SES Cadet

A group of our Year 10 students participated in the NSW SES Cadet Program this term. As part of this program, the students completed four days of training in Week 2, introducing them to a wide range of skills and knowledge which equipped them with valuable life skills for their future. The students participated in activities that provided challenging and engaging experiences that encouraged the development of personal and team attributes; encouraged community involvement and a spirit of service; and provided an understanding of the NSW SES and other emergency service agencies. The program included a day at the Port Macquarie SES Unit and a tour of the Port Macquarie NSW Fire and Rescue Headquarters. A huge thanks to Garry Fajks, William Dodd, Glenn Laycock, Henry Lundell and ex-student and Port Macquarie SES Unit member Tori White for sharing their time, experience and expertise with our students.

The group also travelled to Port Hacking at the beginning of Week 3 to participate in the NSW SES Cadet Program Camp. This camp included students from Chifley College – Dunheved Campus, Jannali High and Georges River College. The students completed training activities such as Flood Boat Rescue, Land Area Search, Urban Search and Rescue and Casualty Handling. Our students represented the school and the local community in an exemplary manner, demonstrating proud, motivated, honest and safe behaviour. They were praised by many of the SES supervisors at the camp for their enthusiastic and respectful attitude. Well done to Aiden Beckett, Connor Dewbery, Jacqui Shelley Franckin, Teal’c Gaul, Todd Geale, Ruben Kazamias, Tommy Stace and Hannah Wicks for completing the program.
Port Macquarie Campus Breakfast Club

2016 has seen the continuation of the Breakfast Club at Port Macquarie Campus. This has been hugely successful again this year. All students are invited to visit T7 (which is next to the Wellbeing office in the Tech Block) from 7.30 every morning to help themselves to a healthy and filling breakfast.

As everyone knows breakfast is so important in getting a good start to the day. We have a variety of food available including cereal, fruit, toasted sandwiches, slices, and milk. We have been hosting up to 50 students every morning and these students are certainly enjoying the friendly social atmosphere of the Club. Special thanks to the staff and volunteers who come in early each morning to help. Staff include Mr Willaton, Mr Barry, Mrs Smith, Mr Charlton Mick O’Brien and Lea Montgomery. A special group of non-school staff volunteers give their time free of charge to help out. These are Leanne Burbridge, Steven Long, Drusy Meggitt, Jenny Nalder and Kylie Sherwood.

Martial Arts

Two Port Macquarie Campus students from Hastings Secondary College are making their presence felt in the martial arts. Both Isaac Long and Molly Austerberry train at Kumiai Ryu Martial Arts System (KRMAS) in Port Macquarie. And love the thrill of competition.

Molly Austerberry took out first place in Continuous Sparring in August in the Australian Martial Arts Championships (AMAC) held in Port Macquarie.

Isaac Long came back from the State titles held in Sydney with two first places. Isaac came first in Weapons and first in Sword Combat. He also gained second place in Continuous Sparring and third in Point Sparring.

Molly received a third place in Points Sparring in Sydney.

Now the holder of a Brown Belt Molly first started Karate in 2013 and is currently only two gradings away from her Black Belt. Not only does Molly develop her own skills but she helps out as an assistant instructor with the Little Ninjas. In her short two-year career so far, she has had one first place, four second places, eight third placings and six fourth placings.

Isaac Long is very enthusiastic about the martial arts also. Isaac was quick to emphasize the strict rules of competition and the tightly controlled grading system for all athletes.

“Safety is a top priority,” he said. “Each participant must wear protective gear like gloves, shin pads, mouth guards, groin guards for males and chest protectors for females.”

Both athletes are looking forward to competing in the AMAC Australian titles in December.
Samantha Returns

During the school holidays ex-student Samantha Tooby accompanied Veterinarian Chris Livingstone to the Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus Agriculture Farm to sterilise and microchip the miniature horses while completing another practical component of her Veterinary Science course.

Samantha is studying at Queensland University and will complete her studies at the end of this year to qualify as a Veterinarian. Samantha returned to Hastings Secondary College on Tuesday to speak to the students on assembly about her experiences, which was very well received. The account of her experiences from school to University was appreciated by the students. Samantha recalled how she spent many hours participating in the Cattle Team and thoroughly enjoyed her time in Agriculture. We wish her every success in the future.

The launch of the Student /Parent portal.

Parent-Student Portal
Hello everyone.

HSC Port Macquarie Campus will launch an improved level of parent / carer access to information about their children’s schooling. Our school runs a management system called ‘Sentral’. On Sentral is information about your child/children. Over the coming weeks parents / carers will receive an email that contains a link and a personal code so that they can access sections of their children's information. You will be able to log into Sentral and see your child's Sentral page. Each student has their own page which displays information such as their daily attendance, their timetable and the school notices. You will be able to see messages posted for your child’s class and you will also be able to send messages directly to your child’s teacher. We anticipate this will be a valuable method of parents keeping in touch with the school. Students will gain access to their Sentral Page next week, then parents / carers soon after that. If you have issues registering with Sentral please contact the school office.

Jeff Appleby
Head Teacher Welfare and
Head Teacher Technological and Applied Studies

Wauchope TAFE
Open Day

30th November
10am—2pm
Free BBQ Lunch
Free Coffee & Milkshakes
Live Music Giveaways
Free Jumping Castle Free
Face Painting Interactive activities
Free make your own planter box
Course Information Sessions

Turn your passion into your career!
Monday 7 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- BOSTES Year 11 HSC Student entries open
- BOSTES Year 12 Submit VET Competencies and work placement
- Junior English Assessment Week

Tuesday 8 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- All Year 11 RRISK Seminars
- Junior English Assessment Week

Wednesday 9 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- Junior English Assessment Week

Thursday 10 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- Junior English Assessment Week
- Year 10 Exams

Friday 11 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- Junior English Assessment Week
- Year 10 Exams

Monday 14 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- Years 7,8,9 Science Exam

Tuesday 15 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality

Wednesday 16 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- Year 12 Formal

Thursday 17 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- Wheelchair Sports visit MPC

Friday 18 November 2016

- Work Placement – Year 11 Metal and Engineering, Hospitality
- Wheelchair Sports visit MPC

NISEP COMMUNITY OPEN DAY @ Hastings Secondary College Port Campus

Hastings Secondary College Port Campus students join together with primary students for a celebration of science.

Our students will demonstrate fun and fascinating science experiments to primary students!

Elders, parents, community members, younger brothers, sisters and friends are ALL welcome to attend this event to see the students engaging with science and to meet the Future Moves team, academic staff and students from Charles Sturt University.

**Wednesday 2nd November**

Hastings Secondary College: Port Campus

12 noon - 2pm Science Expo and Future Moves activity

For inquiries and RSVP please contact:

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