ANZAC DAY

We are looking forward to seeing all of the students in their full school uniform, proudly marching at Port Macquarie on Saturday behind our School marching banner commemorating the Centenary of ANZAC.

Please meet at Beau Thai restaurant on the corner of Horton and William Street at 9.30am. There will be huge community participation in this event so consider your parking carefully to allow enough time. Remember, you can collect your children after the ceremony, to the West of the cenotaph on the Town Green.

BAND INFORMATION

Our school band will commence during this term. If you are interested in your child/children learning a musical instrument, please complete the Expression of Interest note available at the office and on our School Website. Thank you to those families who braved the stormy elements to come to our Band Information Night on Tuesday. We certainly had fun making noises (sounds) with the instruments!

STAFF UPDATE

We welcome Mrs Anne Weller to our staff today. Anne has been appointed as a School Administrative Officer and will be with us each Thursday and will be a huge asset to our school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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CHANGE OF DATE

TRIVIA NIGHT NOW SATURDAY 13 JUNE
Mr Jay Pringle has joined us for Term 2 to finalise his teaching degree. He is a highly accomplished teacher already and 5/6M will benefit from his teaching and learning activities throughout the term as he finishes his Internship. We welcome Mrs Weller and Mr Pringle to our spirited team.

WINTER UNIFORM OPTIONS

Thank you to all parents that ordered winter uniforms last term. Preorders will be distributed to students early next week. We have ordered extras in all sizes.

Please remember our Uniform Guidelines are endorsed by our P&C and allow us to maintain high standards of dress and personal and school pride. Please remember that the girls can wear either “boys leg” or long tights under their tunic dresses. As the long tights can be seen, they are to be navy blue. The short pant tights aren’t seen so they can be navy or black.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS INFORMATION AND NAPLAN

Please read the information provided in this newsletter overleaf. There is an Opportunity Class (OC Class) available to families at Port Macquarie Public School. This class serves our Hastings and Camden Haven areas. Entry is by application and a student test.

NAPLAN testing for Y3 and Y5 students will take place between Tuesday 12 and Friday 15 May. Details overleaf.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

A Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 7 May. Please send your child to school with $5.00 on this day if you wish them to purchase a gift.

DANCE ELITE

Melodie Cicak has been successful in auditioning for Dance Elite, an enrichment dance ensemble consisting of students across all of the schools in the Hastings Valley Community of Schools. Congratulations Melodie and we are looking forward to the first dance showcase performance.

COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Jemma Joyce, 5/6M who was the winning entrant in the Easter colouring in competition run by Wiseberry’s in Port Macquarie. Jemma won a huge basket of eggs and also a cash prize for our school. Thanks Jemma and Mrs McCleary.

HASTINGS AUTISM & ASPERGERS RESOURCE GROUP

We have received a generous donation from HAARG (Hastings Autism & Aspergers Resource Group) who have asked that we use the money to help provide iPads for the students at Lake Cathie Public School with autism and aspergers. We thank Karen Huf, President of this very active local group, for this invaluable support. You can support them by visiting their HAARG Op Shop and Resource Centre at Shop 2 / 1661 Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie.
**SPORTS NEWS**

**SPORT HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS**

Elections for Sport House captains will take place this Friday 24 April.

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Our school Cross Country carnival will be held after recess on Friday 1 May at school. Please see Mrs McCleary if you are able to assist on the day. Supporters most welcome.

**HOT SHOT TENNIS**

Hot Shot tennis will now commence in Term 3. The school has secured an extremely good donation of tennis equipment which will be arriving later this term.

![Hot Shot Tennis](image)

**LIBRARY HELPERS**

We are in need of some book coverers to help in the library on Fridays. If you can spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. No experience necessary, just a willingness to have a chat and giggle whilst covering a book or two.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Don’t forget that Friday is our first School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit book.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Reward items are on display in the office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Lake Cathie Public School.

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**EASTER HAT PARADE AND P&C RAFFLE**

Firstly, thank you to all of the families that donated Easter eggs for the raffle. The P&C are very grateful for the generous support. Our children looked smashing in their Easter Hats and the parade organised and lead by our 5/6M students and Mrs McCleary was outstanding. There may be a parents section next year!

**EASTER RAFFLE – WINNERS**

1st Ebony Kapila
2nd Takoda Pemberton
3rd Amy Reimer
4th Gabrielle Barnett
5th Crystal
6th Penny & Geoff
7th Lisa Hall
8th Hayden Gunn
9th June Leeds
10th Ella Gillbanks
11th Tilly Short
12th Louise Fellowes
13th Adam Hines
14th Robyn
15th Stevo
16th Scott Bone
17th Summer Waite
18th Wiggly Tail
19th Carol B
20th Cailleen Cameron
21st Lyn Thomas
22nd Jasmyn Everingham
23rd Summer Gemmell
24th Mr Hutchinson
25th Charli Collins
26th S Reimer
27th Tao Connors
ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT LAKE CATHIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our ANZAC Ceremony today was amazing. Our guests all commented at how professional, well mannered, spirited and touching our ceremony was. Special thanks to our 5/6M students and Mrs McCleary for the sensational job they did in preparing and presenting this year’s ceremony. We look forward to having many of our students join us on Saturday for the march in Port Macquarie.
ROBOTICS ORIENTATION

If you would like to advertise in our newsletter please contact Kylee in the office on 6584 8060 if interested. Only 7 spots available.

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Our Newsletter is proudly sponsored by Helen Shallick – Bonny Hills Body & Beauty
Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Jock Garven
Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

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Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

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**Note:** This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. *It is NOT an application*

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website shown above.

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Student’s name: ___________________________________________ Class: ______________________________

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2016

Yes [ ] No [ ]

I have internet access and will be applying online

OR

I do not have internet access

Signature of parent/carer: __________________________________________ Date: __________________________

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.