Principal’s Message
Dear families, on behalf of all of the staff we hope all of our mums, nans, grandmas and aunties all had a happy Mother’s Day last Sunday. Thank you to all of the helpers who assisted in the classrooms with the mother’s day portraits.

NAPLAN
This week from Tuesday to Thursday Years 3 and 5 will be completing their NAPLAN tests. Writing, language conventions, reading and numeracy are all components of the tests. Student results will be available in early term four. If you have any questions regarding these tests please contact your child’s class teacher.

National Disability Data Collection (NDDC)
During 2015 it will be compulsory for each school to participate in the NDDC. Staff are currently working through the process of the data collection. The national data collection on students with disability reinforces the existing obligations that schools have towards students under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. It counts the number of students who are supported under these obligations based on the professional judgement of teachers and their understanding and knowledge of their students. More information will be sent home in the coming newsletters. This process will not be completed until Term 3.

Library
I would appreciate the donation of any old t-shirts that could be used as paint shirts please. Both male and female adult size t-shirts will be most gratefully received to protect your children’s uniforms from paint. Thank you.

Rachel McCann
Classroom News
Years 3-6 All students have been given new homework books and individual learning tasks to complete and return each Friday. Parents please feel free to write any comments into your child’s homework books. In science we are learning about different forms of communication. Using torches students have sent their friends Morse Code messages. In mathematics we are completing our fractions topic in our revision time and learning about graphing as our new topic.

Small Schools Cross Country
Friday 8th May 2015

Congratulations to all of our students who attended last Friday’s Cross Country carnival. All of our students are to be commended for their sportsmanship and participation in the different events. Thank you to all of the parents who came along and to the staff who assisted in the supervision of the carnival. We wish our winning students all the best as they prepare to participate in the Lower North Coast Cross Country carnival to be held at Kempsey on the 29 May.


Jack Kidd

Isabelle Leslight

Stewart House
Stewart House Donation Drive 2015 has come around again. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope which was sent home with the Newsletter and return to school by FRIDAY 15th May
P & C News

- Starting this week the P&C will be having a lunch/morning tea day every Wednesday as a trial. Notes will go home each Monday with details of what will be available for that week.

- If anyone has any suggestions for preferences for meal ideas for our children please feel free to send in a note or contact the school.

Community Noticeboard

HASTINGS BASEBALL: Calling for registrations for the winter competition.

- Seniors play Sundays at Blackbutt Park Wauchope.
- Juniors Liveball will play Sunday mornings beginning 24th May also at Blackbutt Park.
- T Ballers 5 to 10 years will play Sunday mornings alternating between Port Macquarie & Wauchope beginning 24th May.
- Registrations will be taken Saturday 16th May 9am to 12 noon Wauchope IGA
- Names can also be emailed to info@hastingsbaseball.com.au
- Phone enquiries Rose 6585 2076

Support your local Farmers’ Market and the farmers we need 3 times a day. Re-connect with real food & natural products in the heart of the Hinterland

Every 4th Saturday
From 8am til 1pm
Next market on 23rd May
- **Tuesday 12th May**: NAPLAN Writing and Language Tests for students in Years 3 and 5.
- **Wednesday 13th May**: Happy Birthday Brayden Cunningham.
  - NAPLAN Reading Test.
  - Lunch Order Day – Chicken Quesadilla (shredded chicken breast between two flat breads with cheese – Nacho topping optional $2.00)
- **Thursday 14th May**: NAPLAN Numeracy Test.
- **Friday 15th May**: NAPLAN catch up test for those students absent on any of the Test days.
- **Tuesday 19th May**: Happy Birthday Adam Bramwell.
- **Thursday 21st May**: Happy Birthday Nikesh Nath.
- **Friday 22nd May**: Happy Birthday Tyson Boese.
- **Thursday 28th May**: Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.
- **Friday 29th May**: LNC Cross Country - Kempsey.
- **Saturday 30th May**: Happy Birthday Isabella Paulson.