HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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MONTHLY PLANNERS...
At Huntingdon Public School we pride ourselves on keeping you informed on what is and what will be happening at our school throughout the year. My apologies for not getting this newsletter out prior to today but with Mrs Trotter not being able to come in last week and with us having limited power last Thursday we haven’t been able to send it out until today.

Our weekly newsletters will be sent home from now on every Wednesday. My thanks to the students in our School’s Media Team for taking most of the photographs that you will see appearing in our newsletters each week.

At the start of each weekly newsletter we update our monthly calendars so you can see what will be happening during each week of each term.

JANUARY MONTHLY PLANNER....
Saturday 26th Australia Day.
Monday 28th Australia Day holiday.
Tuesday 29th School Development Day. Welcome back to all staff !
Wednesday 30th Welcome back Year 1 – Year 6 and any new students.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER....
Thursday 1st Kindergarten Best Start testing with Ms Oszpet. Day 1.
Friday 2nd Kindergarten Best Start testing with Ms Oszpet. Day 2.
Monday 4th Welcome to our new Kindies – Adam, Zuriah, Marcus, Olivia, Indiana, Reuben, Chloe, Gideon, Hayley, Thomas and Ashwin
Welcome back Mr Jarad Alexander to our Support Teaching Staff.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED....

Tuesday 5th Bob Gilligan visit from Busways for a Bus Safety talk at 1.30 pm.
Happy birthday Joseph Waite !

Thursday 7th Essential Energy – No power today. Generator to supply limited power.

Friday 10th Robert Sanders visit from Busways with the big bus for a Bus Safety talk and trip at 2.00 pm.
Kinder RED Colour Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something red if you would like to and bring in one noun or naming word that is interesting and red.

Monday 11th Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival. Wauchope Pool.
Competent swimmers aged 8 – 13 years only.
Mrs Elliott and Mr Alexander are our team managers.

Thursday 14th Valentine’s Day.

Friday 15th Mrs Virginia Cox and the Mobile Library Van visit.
Kinder GREEN Colour Day. Bring in a green item.
School Mufti Day. Wear something green.
FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

**Monday 18th**  
Parent Teacher Night – Meet The Teachers!  
Ms Katherine Oszpet. Kinder and Yr 1 6.00 – 6.20 pm.  
Mrs Janet Elliott Yrs 2 and 3 6.20 – 6.40 pm  
Mr Gunnar Fuhrmann Yrs 4, 5 and 6 6.40 – 7.00 pm.  
**Huntingdon P&C’s Annual General Meeting** 7.00 pm.  
Everyone is welcome to attend. Coffee and tea provided.  
Our first P & C meeting follows immediately after our AGM.

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Mr Patrick McCann, our P & C President.

**Tuesday 19th**  
**Scholastic Bookclub** orders due in by today.

**Thursday 21st**  
**Essential Energy** – No power today. Generator to supply limited power.  
**Huntingdon Term 1 Swimming for Sport** Program starts 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm for Yrs 2 – 6 only.  
Wauchope Pool. We will need some volunteers to help take a group.

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**Friday 22nd**  
National Sunnies For Sight Day.  
Kinder **ORANGE** Colour Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something orange if you would like to and bring in one interesting noun or naming word that is orange.

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MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER ....

**Friday 1st**  
**Clean Up Australia Day** for schools.

Kinder **PINK** Colour Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something pink if you would like to and bring in one interesting noun or naming word that is pink.

**Monday 4th**  
Happy birthday Mrs Elliott!

National Sea Week.

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**Thursday 7th**  
Swimming for sport. Yrs 2 – 6 only. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.  
International Women’s Day.

**Friday 8th**  
Kinder **WHITE** Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something white if you would like to and bring in one interesting noun or naming word that is white.

**Thursday 14th**  
Swimming for sport.

**Friday 15th**  
Kinder **PURPLE** Colour Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something purple if you would like to and bring in one interesting noun or naming word that is purple.

**Saturday 16th**  
Happy birthday Mrs Kim Kennedy!

**Sunday 17th**  
St Patrick’s Day.

**Monday 18th**  
Seniors’ Week.

**Tuesday 19th**  
Huntingdon students present the 2WAY FM local Community Radio ‘School’s Out’ Program.  
Listen in on 103.9 from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.
MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Thursday 21st Harmony Day.
Autumn Equinox.
Sydney Royal Easter Show opens.
Swimming for sport.

Friday 22nd Kinder BLUE Colour Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something blue if you would like to and bring in one interesting noun or naming word that is blue.

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday.

Wednesday 27th Kinder YELLOW Colour Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something yellow if you would like to and bring in one interesting noun or naming word that is yellow.

Thursday 28th Happy birthday Calleigh Platts !
Easter Hat Parade. 9.15 am.
Swimming for sport.

Friday 29th Good Friday holiday.

Sunday 31st Easter Sunday.

APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Monday 1st Easter Monday holiday.

Thursday 4th Final swimming for sport Term 1.
Kinder BROWN Colour Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something brown if you would like to and bring in one interesting noun or naming word that is brown.

Friday 5th Wauchope Show Day 1. Whole School excursion to the Wauchope Show. 9.00am – 3.00 pm.

Sunday 7th Daylight Saving ends. Put clocks back 1 hour.

Friday 12th Last day Term 1. Happy holidays everyone !
Kinder GREY Colour Day. School Mufti Day. Wear something grey if you would like to and bring in one interesting noun or naming word that is grey.

Monday 22nd Happy birthday Mrs Wendy Trotter !

Thursday 25th ANZAC DAY. Huntingdon students will be marching in the official ANZAC DAY March in Wauchope.
Meet outside the Wauchope RSL. 10.15 am – 11.30 am

Friday 26th Happy birthday Samantha Bramwell !

Monday 29th School Development Day. Welcome back all staff !

Tuesday 30th First day back at school for ALL students. Welcome back !

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ...

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE ! A special welcome back to all Huntingdon staff, parents and volunteers and students both new and old ! 2013 is the International Year Of Water Cooperation and in China they are celebrating the Year of the Snake.

After the recent heavy rains and extreme hot weather Mr Anderson and Mrs Ellis have once again been kept extremely busy trying to get our classrooms and school playground looking as good as they did prior to the school holidays. It has proven to be an onerous task with Mr Anderson trying to get most of the mowing completed before school started.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and it’s great to see everyone returning to school refreshed and keen to start working at the beginning of the year. It certainly is great to be back ! We are anticipating 2013 to be our best year ever and I am determined to make it a rewarding and enjoyable year for everyone. After all, our school motto is “ Having Fun As You Learn. ”

Our school numbers aren’t the only ones that have grown. Lillea Finlayson was born on Christmas Day and proud Kobey, Ava and Olivia brought their new sister in to show her to everyone. Congratulations to mum and dad !

Our student numbers have continued to grow and we currently have 59 students enrolled which is a new record for our school.
WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS ... We want our school community to be well informed about what is and what will be happening at our school so we will endeavour to send out a newsletter each week. Our newsletters will be sent home every Wednesday from now on unless we have photocopier problems or a power failure stopping us from getting the newsletters out. Please have a look for it in your child’s bag when they come home each Wednesday or check that you have received the newsletter electronically.

GET YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER E-MAILED TO YOU ... If possible we will e-mail you the newsletter every Wednesday. Please contact the school and provide us with your current e-mail address so that this can take place if you haven’t done so already. More than a third of our families were receiving their newsletters last year and it enabled families to read, enjoy and also save any of the weekly newsletters including the colour photographs. By selecting to receive your weekly newsletter electronically you will also save Mrs Trotter valuable time and the school and P & C money because we do not have to run off as many hard copies.

MRS TROTTER ... This year Mrs Wendy Trotter will be in her office every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during Term 1. If you require any additional uniforms Mrs Trotter and Mrs Amanda Platts will be available to assist you on these days.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES AND KINDIES ... This year we have the pleasure of welcoming many new families to our school. Judging by all of the smiling faces it appears that the majority of our new students, including our Kindies, have settled in really well. Please let me know if this is not the case and we will endeavour to make the transition for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 a more positive and rewarding experience.

On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome the Carson, Cowan, Golden, Hamilton, Hirst, Johnson, Marr-Grogan, Moran, Styles and Taylor Families and their children to our school and we hope that your association with us is a long, happy and rewarding one. I will include photographs of all our new students during this term.

Jorjia-Rose Year 4, Tyler Year 6 and Kelly Styles Year 3 have joined us from Wauchope.

A SPECIAL WELCOME BACK TO OUR OLD FAMILIES AND MS OSZPET ... We also had the pleasure of welcoming back the rest of our students and Ms Oszpet who is loving being in our small, rural school. Next week we will be having the Port News photographer coming to our school to take a photograph of our new Kindies. These will appear in a special Class Act edition which can be found in Monday’s Port News.

At the beginning of Term 2 we should be eligible to have Mrs Trotter here every day of the week and a SAO, or School Administrative Officer, for an additional one day each week. This will certainly make things a lot easier for everyone than what they are at the moment.
Adam Bramwell checking out his new seat and Ms Oszpet’s special welcome signs and balloons in the K-1 classroom.

**SMALL SCHOOLS’ SWIMMING CARNIVAL ...** The Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival is being held today at the Wauchope Swimming Pool. This carnival is designed for competent swimmers only and we have encouraged all primary students and any capable students in Year 2 who can confidently swim 50 metres to attend. A team of 13 students is attending today and I would like to thank Mrs Amanda Platts for kindly assisting with transporting our students.

If our students are fast enough at the District Swimming Carnival they can then represent the school at the Zone and Regional carnivals. From there they could go to the state championships at Homebush like our relay team did in 2009. Good luck to everyone attending!

Mrs Janet Elliott and Mr Jarad Alexander are our Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival Team Managers on the day. Students attending will need to bring in their costume, hat and sunscreen, towel, morning tea and lunch as well as something to drink during the day. More news on how our team went in our next newsletter.

**SWIMMING FOR SPORT PROGRAM ...** Our Swimming For Sport Term 1 Program will start on Thursday, 21st February. If we can go or not will depend on the number of volunteers we get to help us take a group. This year, with our increase in numbers, especially in the Kinder - Year 1 classroom we will only be taking students in Year 2 to Year 6. The reason for this is that the Kindies are just settling in and are still too young to go. All Kinder and Year 1 students will be attending our Intensive Swimming sessions in Term 4.

I have had a special request to take all of Year 1 students swimming this term but this will depend entirely on the number of volunteers we can get. Can you help by giving up a little more than an hour of your time each Thursday afternoon, weather permitting, for seven weeks from 21st February to the 4th April? If you can help please complete and return the attached survey form or contact the school by this Friday so we can see if we have enough helpers to enable us to go. Many thanks!

Shakora Mison made it to the Regional Swimming Championships last year.

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME FUNDING ...** Please note that we have some Student Assistance Scheme money available for any families who need to access this due to their financial circumstances. The Student Assistance Scheme is designed for families if they are experiencing any financial hardship and may be used to help pay for some school related expenses such as our Swimming for Sport Program. All applications remain confidential and to apply for financial assistance parents need to contact the school so an application form can be forwarded to you.

**CANTEEN FOR TERM 1 ...** Our 2013 Canteen Committee will meet after our P & C Annual General Meeting on Monday, 18th February to discuss all aspects of our canteen operations for the year. This will include looking at the current items we have on offer and our price list. Hopefully we won’t have to increase our prices as everything else is going up. Our current Canteen Menu with the current price list is attached.
OUR CRUNCH AND SIP PROGRAM.... Each day the staff and students stop working at 10.00 am for five minutes to have a piece of fruit or crunch on some vegetables such as celery sticks or a carrot. Others enjoy having a sip of water or some fruit juice. It would be appreciated if students have a piece of fruit or some vegetables available each day so they can join in to this valuable program. Many thanks!

OUR 2013 SCHOOL NUMBERS.... It’s wonderful to have so many new families joining us this year and we are looking forward to seeing many new faces join us at our first P & C meeting next Monday night.

Mrs ELLIOTT has 16 students in her class. Ten students are in Year 3 and six students are in Year 2.

Mr FUHRMANN has 21 students in his class. Five students are in Year 6, eight students are in Year 5 and eight students in Year 4.

We are looking forward to making 2013 our most successful and rewarding year ever. We will join the other small schools as often as possible to allow our students to make new friendships. This year our Small Schools’ Major Excursion will be to a camp in Term 3.

ZERO TOLERANCE TO ANY VIOLENCE, INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR AND NOT WEARING A HAT AT SCHOOL...

At Huntingdon Public School we pride ourselves on having a happy, safe and caring environment so please let us know if your child is experiencing any difficulties or problems at school or on the way to and from school.

With the co-operation and input of our Pupil School Council we have adopted a zero tolerance to any forms of anti-social behaviour and we try to encourage all students to keep themselves safe. Parents are informed by way of a note if their child or children are violent in any way, use inappropriate language, behave inappropriately at school or on the bus and forget to wear their hat. We ask for your co-operation in these matters.
This is a copy of our Conflict Resolution Procedures chart.

**Huntingdon Public School’s CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCEDURES**

If someone annoys or pesters you at Huntingdon Public School then please remember to follow these five steps:-

1. Politely tell them to stop what it is they are doing because you don’t like it.

2. Ask them why they’re doing this? Both of you then try to come up with a resolution so it won’t happen again.

3. If they continue to annoy or pester you then go and tell someone in your network. You should have at least five people you can go and talk to about any concerns you have.

4. DON’T retaliate! If you do you could get into trouble too!

5. Remember to always be:

   COURTEOUS ☺ CONSIDERATE ☺ and CO-OPERATIVE ☺

   Let’s try to make our school and the world a better place by being kind, caring and spreading good ‘ripples’!

**NO HAT NO PLAY IN THE SUN ...** At Huntingdon the welfare of all students is paramount. This includes protecting them from skin cancer. We have and enforce a No Hat No Play In The Sun Policy. Please note that our Year 6 students will no longer be able to purchase caps to wear for $10 as the caps do not conform to our Sun Safe safety standards. To compensate we might consider getting the Year 6 students a souvenir screen printed shirt with all students’ names on them at the end of the year.

Caps do not adequately protect ear lobes from the sun. We are therefore requesting that all students continue to wear their normal brim hats and have their name inside them for easy identification. Many thanks!

**OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN / VICE CAPTAIN AND PREFECT ...** Congratulations to our newly elected 2013 school leaders. They were announced at our End of Year Assembly last year. We are looking forward to working with you so we can continue to make our school the special place that it is. Our school leaders in 2013 are:-

**CAPTAIN:-** Kimberley Driver

**VICE CAPTAIN:-** Flynn Warburton

**PREFECT:-** Madison Platts

*Congratulations Kimberley, Flynn and Madison!*

**PUPIL SCHOOL COUNCIL:-** We will be selecting our 2013 Pupil School Council representatives from each grade tomorrow afternoon. Our Pupil School Council meets on the first Monday of each month and plays a big role in helping to determine the needs of the school and the needs of all of our students. The input of the Pupil School Council helps us in the effective running of our school.

**WEEKLY TIMETABLES / ORGANISATION 2012 ...**

**LIBRARY / BOOKCLUB:-** Please note that Library will be held on a Thursday for the Upper Primary Yrs 4, 5 and 6, Wednesday for the Kinder – Year 1 class and Tuesday for the Middle Primary Yrs 2 and 3 class each week. Students will need to bring in their library bags so that they can borrow books without getting them damaged.

Please note that students who don’t take good care of the books that they borrow and who lose or destroy them will be given a note explaining that the book has gone missing and parents may be asked to pay for the replacement cost. This year we are also fortunate to have Mrs Virginia Cox and the Mobile Library Van come to visit us every fortnight.
SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ...

Our school librarian Mrs Rachel McCann has very kindly organised and sent out our first book club order. Our book club offers some great reading materials for all students and staff at very reasonable prices. All purchases made help our school to then acquire additional readers and teaching resources which are then added to our school library.

Orders for our first book club are due back at school on Tuesday, 19th February. Please encourage your child to read on a regular basis each night.

SCRIPTURE ORGANISATION:– Mrs Phyllis DeVerteuil and another Scripture teacher will be returning this Friday from 9.00 am until 9.30 am to teach the Infants students in Kinder, Years 1 and 2 and Primary students in Year 3 – 6 Scripture during 2013. Our Scripture lessons are multi denominational and we are very fortunate to have Mrs DeVerteuil come in each week.

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORMS:– A big thank you to Mrs Rachel McCann and Mrs Amanda Platts for very kindly helping with the ordering and sorting of our new school uniforms. If your children have outgrown their uniform and you would like to donate any items to our Pre-Loved Clothing Pool then this would be greatly appreciated.

MRS BESSELING:– Mrs Besseling will be in every Wednesday during Term 1 to work with individuals, small groups of students and the three classes to help students to improve their literacy and computer skills.

MR ANDERSON AND MRS ELLIS:– Mr David Anderson is our General Assistant and he will be in every Thursday during 2013. Mrs Gwen Ellis keeps our school looking spotless and great. She will be in every day after 12.45 pm.

BUS SAFETY TALK / BUS PASSES ...

We always remind our students about acceptable behaviour and safety while travelling on buses at the start of each year. Please note that we are giving out students’ 2013 bus passes as soon as they arrive although these should have already been sent to you during the holidays by mail. Year 3 students will need to get a new bus pass. Please check that the information on them is correct and let us know if it isn’t.

Please note that it is important that students have their bus passes with them each day. We suggest securing them to their bags in some way so that they don’t become damaged or lost. Lost bus passes have to be replaced by parents and guardians and it costs $15.00 to get a replacement. Bus passes that have gone through the wash or have fallen apart can be replaced for $7.50.

Mrs Phyllis DeVerteuil with Samantha, Tyra, Patrick and Lucas.

This year we will also be having a Jehovah’s Witness Scripture class which will also be held on Friday morning from 9.00 am until 9.30 am. If any of our new parents would like their children to be exempt from Scripture classes then we need to have this confirmed in writing. Students who are exempt from Scripture classes will be involved in Ethics Classes with Mrs McCann.
BUS SAFETY TALK ... Mr Bob Gilligan from Busways visited the school on Tuesday to talk to all students about keeping themselves safe when they travel to and from school on the bus.

Busways General Manager at Wauchope Mr Bob Gilligan.

On Friday Mr Robert Sanders visited the school with the big bus and all students went on a short tour to the Comboyne turnoff. Along the way Mr Sanders highlighted the importance of students sitting correctly in their seats in case he had to brake suddenly.

Mr Robert Sanders greeting students as they safely board the big bus.

SCHOOL CANTEEN :- Students are allowed to purchase a wide variety of healthy canteen items after they have eaten their morning tea and their lunches each day. We have some 10c icy poles and ice creams for the students to purchase. New supplies of yoghurts, poppas and a wide selection of healthy snacks are currently available. We will be sending home an updated price list after our P & C Annual General Meeting and Canteen Committee have met.

2 WAY FM SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM ... Once again all Huntingdon students will be given the opportunity to participate in the School’s Out Program during 2013 at the 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station located next to the Wauchope Swimming Pool. Our guest panellist will once again be Mrs Julie Anne Murphy.

During 2013 we will only be presenting the program once a term. I will be calling for all interested students to nominate themselves and they will be given a permission note to complete and return.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT – MEET THE TEACHERS ! For all of our new and existing families we will be having a short Parent Teacher Night next Monday night, 18 th February. We are hoping that parents will stay on for our P & C meeting which will follow straight after at 7.00 pm.

Come along and find out what will be happening in your children’s classrooms during 2013 at the following times :-

Ms Oszpet in the Kinder Year 1 Room from 6.00 pm to 6.20 pm.
Mrs Elliott in the Year 2 – 3 classroom from 6.20 pm to 6.40 pm
Mr Fuhrmann in the Year 4, 5 6 classroom from 6.40 pm to 7.00 pm

Our Annual P & C meeting will then begin in the school library.

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C’s AGM AND FIRST MEETING FOR 2013 ... The Huntingdon P & C’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 18 th February, at 7.00 pm in our school library. Our first P & C meeting for the year will follow this.

Please make the effort to attend and have a say in what happens in our school. We couldn’t survive without the wonderful support of our P & C Association and we will have some vacant executive positions to fill. Coffee and tea will be available and we will endeavour not to make it a long night.

On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students a BIG thank you to our outgoing executive for all of their hard work and efforts during 2012. It really has been appreciated ! Our 2012 P & C Executive members were:-

President Mr Patrick McCann.
Treasurer Mrs Katrina Stubbs.
Secretary Mrs Kylie Magennis.
KEY LEARNING AREAS.

LITERACY FOCUS. We have purchased new resources including new readers and Basic Skills workbooks for students to help them with their Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary and Punctuation. All students in the upper primary classroom have already received a copy of their Essential Facts and Tables Book. This is theirs to keep and use. Hopefully they will come in handy when they go to high school.

Mrs Besseling will continue to improve students’ literacy skills by implementing her special computer skills program. Our computer software programs are designed to better cater for all students’ literacy needs as well as be used for extension and revision purposes. Our computers have all got a set of headphones for students to use and students have their own password to log on and off the computers they are using.

NUMERACY FOCUS. We have purchased new Maths resources and will continue to work on improving all students’ Maths skills including the learning of their 2x – 12x Multiplication Tables. If your child needs a Maths Dictionary and you have Internet access at home then look up the following site. It’s excellent!

http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.htm

In the next week all students should also be able to access their IXL Maths site and we are looking at getting Mathletics for all students to use online at school as well as at home.

USING THE COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY :- This year we will continue targeting improving students’ literacy skills with a focus on utilising our Interactive Whiteboard and technology in all aspects of teaching and learning. The Reading Eggs reading site is available for students to use online if they would like to access it at home. We are currently examining whether or not we will resubscribe to the ZIP-tales reading site.

We are currently extending and improving our Web services programs for all students. Mr Chris Guertin and Mr Chris Ross from IT Services will be visiting the school on Tuesday to complete an audit of our computers and they will attempt to fix any that might not be operational.

BYABARRA RESOURCES ... During the last week of the school holidays I was informed that all Byabarra library and teaching resources would be shared amongst Comboyne, Long Flat and Rollands Plains Schools. Unfortunately, I was informed that the Interactive Whiteboard in the Byabarra BER building which was supposed to come to Mrs Elliott’s classroom has to stay with the BER building which is being sent to a bigger school intact.

Consequently the other Interactive Whiteboard at Byabarra has been dismantled and taken to Long Flat School so at this point in time we are not receiving one!

Mr David Anderson very kindly helped me to sort through the Byabarra resources which were delivered by Wauchope Removalist and Truck Hire last Thursday.

http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.htm

Mr Moran unloading some of the teaching resources and furniture.

Despite the heat wave Mrs Platts and Mrs Golden helped us to unpack many of the boxes and sort through the many resources. Many thanks!
ART AND CRAFT:- In the past Huntingdon has won the highest points score at the Wauchope Show for seventeen years in a row. This year we hope to continue to display the many talents of our students.

We are on the lookout for some skilled parents or grandparents to help the students in Art and Craft, especially with their needlework and sewing skills. If any of our new parents or grandparents wish to be involved in Art and Craft or any aspect of school then you are more than welcome to. Please let us know if you would like to become involved as a regular volunteer. We are always looking for some skilled chess and golf players.

Mrs Elliott’s students have produced some outstanding art and craft work.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT … We pride ourselves on the high level of parental and community involvement that occurs in our school. We would, however, like to see an even greater involvement of parents and our school community in various aspects of our Literacy and Numeracy Programs plus other Key Learning Areas. These include Swimming, Music and Creative Arts, Sport, P & C meetings, attendance at Working Bees and other P & C functions. We are looking for your suggestions on ways that we can improve parental and community participation in all aspects of school. We will discuss some of these at our first P & C meeting.

PARENT HELPERS IN THE CLASSROOMS … Ms Oszpet, Mrs Elliott and I will be calling for more volunteer helpers in all aspects of school. A note regarding this will be forwarded soon.

HOMEWORK … Weekly Homework Contracts for all of the Upper Primary students were given out in Week 1 and will be given out every Monday. All Upper Primary students are asked to read for approximately 15 to 20 minutes each night.

HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE WINNERS … During the holidays Upper primary students were given a special reading challenge.

Congratulations to the winners Ben Clifford, Madison Platts, Kimberley Driver and Samantha Bramwell.

For their efforts the four winners received a $5 book club gift voucher. Well done!

HAND HELD ELECTRONIC GAMES, MOBILE PHONES, JEWELLERY, LIPSTICK, AEROSOL CANS, TOY KNIVES, GUNS AND OTHER TOY WEAPONS … Please note that these are not to be brought to school by students unless they have been given permission to do so. Eg Book Week or special colour or mufti days. If students have their electronic games stolen or accidentally broken then it can be very costly. We have lots of games and activities for students to occupy themselves with at school. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

If any student needs to use a mobile phone after school they need to hand these in to their teacher when they get to school with a note from parents explaining why the phone is at school. It will be returned by 3.00 pm.

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESS CHANGES:- If any parents from returning families have had their Emergency Contact Information changed since last year then please contact the school so we can amend our records. Many thanks!
QUOTE OF THE WEEK ... Food for thought !

You can give in to the failure messages and be a bitter deadbeat of excuses or you can choose to be happy and positive and excited about life.  A L Williams

OUR WINNING DOG JOKES OF THE WEEK ...

Q: What happens when it rains cats and dogs?
A: You can step in a poodle!

Q: How do you stop a dog smelling?
A: Put a peg on its nose!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ... Happy birthday wishes to everyone who celebrated a birthday during the holidays. They are:-

Harry Jakobsson celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, 2 nd January.
Tyra Coombes celebrated her birthday on Friday, 11 th January.
Ms Katherine Oszpet celebrated her birthday on Sunday, 13 th January.

Many happy returns !

SPECIAL MENTIONS / THANK YOU’s ... A BIG thank you to Mrs TAYLOR for very kindly making some beautiful bookmarks for the students to use. Many thanks !

New student Beaudean Taylor joins us from Wauchope.

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING HELPERS’ SURVEY FORM 2013.

NAME :- ...........................................................................

I am able to assist by taking a small group for swimming every Thursday afternoon from 21 st February until Thursday, 4 th April, 2013. Many thanks !

SIGNED :- ...........................................................................

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING FOR SPORT PERMISSION NOTE TERM 1 2013.

NAME :- ...........................................................................

I hereby give permission for my child ........................................ to go swimming for sport every Thursday afternoon at Wauchope Swimming Pool . I understand that travel will be by bus and the cost is $4.50 per week per student.

I would like to pay weekly  OR

I prefer to pay for the whole seven weeks which is $31.50 per student.

(Please circle)

SIGNED :- ...........................................................................