FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER

Thursday 14th Valentine’s Day.
Mrs Virginia Cox and the Mobile Library Van visit.

Friday 15th Kinder GREEN Colour Day. Bring in a green item.
School Mufti Day. Wear something green.

Monday 18th Parent Teacher Night – Meet The Teachers!
Ms Katherine Oszpet. Kinder and Yr 1. 6.00 – 6.20 pm.

Ms Oszpet will meet with parents on Monday night from 6.00 pm – 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.

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 – 2.30 pm for Yrs 2 – 6 only.
Wauchope Pool. We will need some volunteers to help take a group.

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.
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 Janet Elliott! National Sea Week.

Thursday 7th Swimming for sport. Yrs 2 – 6 only. 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm.

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.

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

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.


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.

Saturday 16th Happy birthday Mrs Kim Kennedy!

Sunday 17th St Patrick’s Day.

Monday 18th Seniors’ Week.

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.

Principal’s Report ...

A BUSY START TO THE YEAR! It certainly has been a busy but rewarding start to the year and it’s great to see so many of our students enjoying being back at school, working hard and forming new friendships, especially our new students and Kindies.

WHY NOT GET YOUR WEEKLY HUNTINGDON NEWSLETTER E-MAILED TO YOU ... Thank you to all families who have so far indicated that they would like their weekly newsletters sent to them by e-mail. Please contact the school and let us know your e-mail address if you haven’t done so already. Many thanks!

SMALL SCHOOLS’ SWIMMING CARNIVAL ... The Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival was held on Monday at the Wauchope Swimming Pool. Our team of 13 students attended and I would like to thank Mrs Amanda Platts for kindly assisting with transporting our students and Mr David Warburton for volunteering to be a timekeeper during the day. Thank you to all parents and family members who attended and cheered our team on during the day.

Our Team Managers Mrs Janet Elliott and Mr Jarad Alexander reported that the behaviour of our students on the day was exemplary, which was very pleasing. I would like to congratulate all members of the Huntingdon Team for not only attending but also their determined efforts during the day. Well done Kimberley Driver, Madison Platts, Ben Clifford, Tyra Coombes, Brock Costigan, Indiah Faint, Patrick Magennis, Beaudene Taylor, Lucas Warburton, Wayne Coombes, Thomas Driver, Bailey Gavin and Shakora Mison.

MONTHLY PLANNER FOR MAY ...

Wednesday  1st  First day back at school Term 2. Welcome back ALL students!

Huntingdon students march in the Official Anzac Day March each year.

Friday  26th  Happy birthday Samantha Bramwell!

Monday  29th  School Development Day 1. Welcome back all staff!

Our relay team came second. Well done Lucas, Tyra, Kimberley and Shakora!

Special mention must go to Lucas Warburton and Shakora Mison who were the Small Schools’ Junior Boy and Girl Champions and Kimberley Driver who was the Small Schools’ Senior Girl Champion! What an incredible effort!

The only problem on the day was that we only had five of our students arrive at the pool with some sunscreen. Unfortunately we are no longer permitted to administer or provide sunscreen to students in case they have an allergic skin reaction to the cream. We therefore request that when students go to swimming carnivals or swimming for sport that they have their own sunscreen with them.

The Huntingdon Team had a great day!

Our three age champions with their medals.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT PROGRAM ... We are still in need of more helpers for our Swimming For Sport Program. At this point in time we do not have enough helpers to start swimming next Thursday, 21st February. We are still waiting for some Swimming For Sport survey forms to be returned and we will have a better idea of how many volunteers we have by Monday.

Many thanks to all parents who have already volunteered to take a group and a special thank you to all families who have already returned the permission notes and money for Term 1. It is very much appreciated.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL ... Huntingdon students who have qualified by swimming fast enough times at the Small School’s Swimming Carnival will now be eligible to attend the District Swimming Carnival at the Port Macquarie Swimming Pool on Friday, 22nd February.

We are looking for someone to be the Huntingdon District Swimming Carnival Team Manager who can also assist with transport. Students who are attending the District Carnival were given a permission note for this today.
Winners are grinners ! Thomas Driver with his winning ribbon.

**ZERO TOLERANCE TO ANY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR ON THE BUSES ...**
During the week I received a phone call from Wauchope Busways Manager, Mr Bob Gilligan to complain about the noise level of our students travelling into Wauchope with Mr Robert Sanders on Tuesday afternoon. This included unnecessary yelling and screaming! Mr Gilligan and Mr Sanders gave everyone a bus safety talk last week.

All Huntingdon students are aware of the kind of behaviour we expect from them while they are travelling on the buses and I will encourage and fully support Mr Gilligan’s decision to suspend students’ bus passes and the right to travel on the buses if they can’t behave in an appropriate manner.

Most of the Busways’ school buses are fitted with audio and video cameras and parents will be informed if their children are caught behaving in an inappropriate manner. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated!

**OUR COLOUR DAY FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES:** Each Friday we have a special colour day to help the Kindergarten students recognise their colours. All of the students and teaching staff enjoy participating and bringing in an interesting item to show and talk about at our whole school assembly.

Have a look at the winning red items Ben, Beaudean, Nicholas, Niki, Calleigh and Flynn brought in.

This Friday we are asking students to wear and bring in something that is **green**.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ...** A reminder that orders in our first book club are due back at school on **Tuesday, 19th February**. They need to be brought in by then so that the orders can be processed on time. Please encourage your children to read on a regular basis each night because " ... Huntingdon students who read – succeed ! "

Mr Robert Sanders with Kobey Finlayson.
Joseph Waite enjoys reading.

**SCRIPTURE ORGANISATION:** Mrs Phyllis DeVerteuil and Ms Colleen Whitby will be coming in this Friday from 9.00 am until 9.30 am to teach the Infants students in Kinder, Years 1 and 2 in Mrs Elliott’s classroom and Primary students in Year 3 – 6 Scripture in Mr Fuhrmann’s classroom during 2013. It’s wonderful to have Ms Colleen Whitby joining our teaching staff.

The Jehovah’s Witness Scripture class will be in Ms Oszpet’s classroom and any students who are exempt from going to Scripture classes will be involved in a special Ethics Class with Mrs McCann in the library.

**PARENT TEACHER NIGHT – MEET THE TEACHERS!** A reminder that we will be having a short Parent Teacher Night on Monday, 18th February. We are hoping that parents will stay on for our P & C meeting which will follow straight after at 7.00 pm. Please 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 classroom 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 at 7.00 pm in the school library. For catering purposes a special Parent Teacher Night survey form is attached. Could these please be returned by Monday?

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

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be nominated for one or more of the following P & C Executive Positions, please indicate this on the attached P & C Annual General Meeting Survey Form and return it by Monday please. Many thanks! We have three P & C Executive positions to fill. They are the Huntingdon P & C President, Treasurer and Secretary.

**SCHOOL FEES – CONTRIBUTIONS …** Some families have made enquiries regarding our 2013 P & C School Fees and Contributions. These will be decided at our P & C meeting on Monday. This year we will also be introducing a special Book Fee for all students which will be tax deductible.

**COMPUTER AUDIT …** Mr Chris Gurtin and Mr Chris Ross from IT Services visited our school on Tuesday to complete an audit of our computers which are now working and communicating better in our school network. Unfortunately seven of our forty-eight computers have passed their use by date and after March 6th will no longer be supported.

**ESSENTIAL ENERGY POWER OUTAGE:** Next Thursday, 21st February, our school will experience another power outage all day. A generator will be installed early on Thursday morning which will allow us to run some of our essential services such as the pump and lights. Hopefully this should be the last of our whole day power disruptions.
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GARY MOORE – DOORS AND WINDOWS ... We are having all of our school windows and doors checked to ensure they are opening and closing correctly.

Mr Gary Moore checking the doors in the primary classroom.

NEW UMBRELLAS ... We very kindly received a donation of new umbrellas courtesy of John Tinker, Business Development Officer at the Teachers Mutual Bank. The umbrellas are available for staff, parents and students on wet weather days.

SPORTING TEAMS AND LEADERS ... We have three sporting teams at our school. They are the Blue, Maroon and White teams. All students were placed into teams during the week and selected their captains and vice captains. I will send home a list of students in each team in our next newsletter.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK ... A smile is a curve that can set things straight. - Anon

OUR WINNING SCHOOL JOKES OF THE WEEK ... Q: Why was the chicken sent home from school? A: It was using FOWL language!

Tyler: Mr Fuhrmann there’s been so much rain the soccer field is flooded. What should we do??
Mr Fuhrmann: Bring in the SUBS!

SPECIAL MENTIONS / THANK YOU’s / GET WELL WISHES ... Special get well wishes to Mrs Shirley Fowler who had a fall during the week and Mrs Leanne Clayworth who is still not well enough to return to work due to her injured back. We wish both Leanne and Shirley a speedy recovery!

Congratulations to Jack Kidd who excelled in horse riding during the Christmas holidays. He brought in the trophy he won to show everybody.

MR NIGEL McNEIL PORT NEWS VISIT ... Mr Nigel McNeil from the Port News will be visiting the school next Wednesday to take photos of our new Kindies.

Mr Nigel McNeil checking the doors in the primary classroom.

Keily Styles is all smiles!

Ms Oszpet’s class going for a tour of the school.
**COMMUNITY NEWS ...**  Lots of sporting teams are looking for new and renewing players.


Wauchope Soccer Club will still be holding registration days at the Wauchope RSL Club in Auditorium 2 on the following dates:
- Saturday 2nd February from 10am to 2pm
- Saturday 9th February from 10am to 2pm
- Tuesday 19th February from 6pm to 8pm

At these sessions you can make registration enquiries, payments, and purchase gear.

If you have any queries regarding the new process or any other matters please email us on wauchopesc@footballmidnorthcoast.net.au or check our web site, [www.wauchopesoccerclub.com](http://www.wauchopesoccerclub.com).

Many Thanks,

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**Messages from Overseas**

**Marc from Switzerland:** “I want to meet the famous, friendly, Australians.”

**Domiziana from Italy:** “I have always been fascinated with Australia. It’s like love at first sight.”

**Louis from Belgium:** “It is my dream to live at the other end of the world!”

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HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER NIGHT SURVEY FORM
2013.

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

Please return the following survey form if you ARE attending our Parent Teacher Night. Many thanks!

I / We ............................................................... will be attending the Parent Teacher Night on Monday 18th February.

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

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C MEETING SURVEY NOTE.

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