HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER ....

Wednesday 27th Lower North Coast Zone PSSA Swimming Championships. Kempsey. Good luck Kim, Lucas, Tyra and Shakora! Thank you Mrs Driver and Mrs Mison for being Huntingdon’s Zone Team Managers.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Thursday 28th Canteen Meeting 9.00 am in the school canteen area with Mrs Amanda Platts. Please come in and be part of our 2013 Canteen Committee.

Official Mobile Library Launch. Westport Bowling Club. 11.00 am.

Swimming for Sport. Yrs 2 – 6 only. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Weather permitting.

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER ....

Friday 1st Horse Safety talk. Mrs Kylie Magennis and Taz.

Clean Up Australia Day for schools.

Saturday 2nd Happy birthday Lachlan Golden!

Shakora Mison after her swim at the District Carnival.

We hope you have a memorable birthday!
Saturday 2nd  Lasiandra Festival.
Monday  4th   Happy birthday Mrs Janet Elliott !

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Thursday  7 th  Swimming for sport. Yrs 2 – 6 only. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.
Friday    8 th   International Women’s Day.
              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  14 th  Hastings Camden Haven PSSA District Boys and Girls Soccer trials

Friday    15 th  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 16 th  Happy birthday Mrs Kim Kennedy !
Sunday  17 th   St Patrick's Day.
Monday  18 th   Seniors’ Week.
Tuesday  19 th  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.

Thursday 21 st  Harmony Day.
              Autumn Equinox.
              Sydney Royal Easter Show opens.
              Swimming for sport. Yrs 2 – 6 only. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.
              Weather permitting.

Friday  22 nd  Happy birthday Shaun Hennessy !

Sunday  24 th   Palm Sunday.
Wednesday 27 th  Hastings Camden Haven 11 and 12 Year old District Rugby League trials.
              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.
APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER ...

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

Friday 29 th  Good Friday holiday.
Sunday 31 st  Easter Sunday.

Monday 1 st  Easter Monday holiday.

Thursday 4 th  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 5 th  Wauchope Show Day 1. Whole School excursion to the Wauchope Show. 9.00am – 3.00 pm.

Sunday 7 th  Daylight Saving ends. Put clocks back 1 hour.
Wednesday 10 th  Hastings Camden Haven District Netball trials.

Friday 12 th  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 22 nd  Happy birthday Mrs Wendy Trotter !
Thursday 25 th  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 26 th  Happy birthday Samantha Bramwell !
Monday 29 th  School Development Day 1. Welcome back all staff !

MONTHLY PLANNER FOR MAY ...

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ...

WILD WEATHER ...  What a week it's been ! The wet, wild and windy weather which started last week has certainly caused a lot of anguish and change to our normal routines. After being flooded in on Saturday, I don’t think I can recall seeing as much rainfall or flooding since 1979 – a time many of our parents and all of our students weren’t even born !

Many sections of Oxley Highway were under water. Photo courtesy of the Wauchope Gazette.

WE ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE ... On Monday morning, despite many students and all of the staff being able to get to school, we experienced some heavy downfalls. As a result, the highway near Colonel’s Creek became flooded and the water levels rose approximately 30 – 40 cms over the Oxley Highway.

State Emergency Officers and Busways rang to say that the bus would be picking up all students and we were to evacuate in case of further heavy rainfall.

The Oxley Highway East of Wauchope was a no go zone. Photo courtesy of the Wauchope Gazette.
SPECIAL THANKS ... A big thank you to Mrs Trotter, Mrs McCann and all parents and guardians for their patience and understanding when we were told to evacuate. It’s only the second time in more than 20 years that this has occurred.

The Wauchope Railway underpass wasn’t passable – unless you had a boat! Photos courtesy of the Wauchope Gazette.

It's not a good idea to cross Bains Bridge when it’s flooded - as this local found out after being rescued!

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL UPDATE ... Huntingdon students who qualified by swimming fast enough times at the Small School’s Swimming Carnival attending the District Swimming Carnival at the Port Macquarie Swimming Pool on Friday, 22nd February in atrocious weather conditions. Students who attended were Kimberley Driver, Madison Platts, Tyra Coombes, Indiah Faint, Lucas Warburton, Wayde Coombes, Thomas Driver, and Shakora Mison. We thought of you all during the day.

Thank you Mrs Amanda Platts, Mrs Tiane Mison and Mr David Warburton as well as all parents who attended during the day and assisted by transporting and supervising our students on the day. It was greatly appreciated!

THE LOWER NORTH COAST PSSA ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL ... Up until yesterday afternoon we had not had any results come through as to who managed to qualify from our school to compete in the Lower North Coast PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival which is being held in Kempsey today. Congratulations to Shakora Mison who qualified individually, and our relay team comprised of Kim Driver, Tyra Coombes, Shakora Mison and Lucas Warburton also qualified today.

A big thank you to Mrs Tammy Driver and Mrs Tiane Mison for being our Zone Swimming Carnival Team Managers and transporting and supervising our students on the day.
There was more water out of the pool than in it at the District Swimming Carnival in Port Macquarie last Friday!

SCHOOL FEES – P & C CONTRIBUTIONS ... Please note that our 2013 P & C School Fees and Contributions are now due. Our 2013 P & C school annual contributions are as follows:-

- One child $30
- Two children $40
- Three or more children $50

Parents and guardians are requested to send in their contributions and please make any cheques out to Huntingdon P & C Association. Many thanks!

SWIMMING FOR SPORT STARTS TOMORROW ... Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers who have indicated that they can assist with our swimming program this term. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather we had to cancel swimming for last week. We also have some students who have not returned their permission notes or money.

Talented swimmers Lucas and Thomas love to go swimming for sport.

Please note that if the weather looks unfavourable tomorrow then we will make a decision as to whether or not we will go swimming by 11.00 am.

HIGH SCHOOL IN 2014 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FORMS ... Thank you to all Year 6 students and their families who have returned their Expression of Interest form regarding the high school they would like to attend next year. It is appreciated!
TWILIGHT TOUR ... All Year 6 students who are applying to enrol at Wauchope High School in 2014 were invited to attend a special Twilight Tour of the school with their parents on Tuesday, 26th February. The tour has been postponed and I will let you know when the new date has been decided.

COLOUR DAY FRIDAY :- This Friday we are asking students to wear and bring in something that is pink. We had some amazing orange items brought in last week.

ESSENTIAL ENERGY POWER OUTAGE :- Our school experienced another power outage all day last Thursday, causing minor disruptions to our normal operations.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK ... It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. Albert Einstein

NOT MORE SCHOOL JOKES ...

Patrick: When I grow up I want to be a policeman and climb trees all day like my dad.
Mr Fuhrmann: Patrick, your dad doesn't climb trees all day!
Patrick: On some days he does. He told me he works for a special branch!

Jack: Mr Fuhrmann may I bring three puppies to school?
Mr Fuhrmann: What about all of the noise and mess?
Jack: Oh! They won't mind!

SCHOOL BANKING ... We are looking into the possibility of having students’ bank their weekly pocket money at school. This hasn’t happened at our school since the Commonwealth Bank ran a Students’ Banking Service almost 20 years ago. It was stopped because the bank didn’t want to employ staff to collect and bank the small amounts of money.

The Department of Education and Training no longer uses the Commonwealth Bank and the onus on teaching students to save and bank their pocket money has become the responsibility of parents. I will make some enquiries and will keep you informed if school banking is once again a viable option. My thanks to Mrs Colleen Coombes for enquiring about this.

INTERNATIONAL READING BLITZ ... Our Prime Minister Mrs Julia Gillard recently mentioned the importance of reading in schools. At Huntingdon Public School we have made reading the major focus for all of our students every year.

We have always encouraged and promoted the importance of reading at our school and parents and community volunteers have helped us to successfully implement our reading programs. Ask any Huntingdon students and they will tell you that ... “At Huntingdon, students who read – succeed!”

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN ... Due to the weather the Mobile Library Van with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Gail Wood will not be visiting or school this week. The next scheduled visit will be Thursday, 14th March. It’s wonderful to see so many of our students joining the Hastings Library and becoming responsible for their own library cards.

Hopefully this should be the last of our whole day power disruptions and we won’t get to see the ORANGE generator again!
CANTEEN COMMITTEE MEETING .... Mrs Amanda Platts is looking for any interested parents and community members who would like to assist during the year in our school canteen. If you would like to help or can assist in any way then we are having a special meeting tomorrow morning at 9.00 am at school.

If you can’t attend the meeting tomorrow but would like to put your name down to assist in the canteen with special lunch orders throughout the year then please complete the attached Canteen Helper Survey form. Many thanks!

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY ... A big thank you to our Vice-Captain Flynn Warburton for finding some money and handing it in. If the money is not claimed by anyone then at Huntingdon we return it to whoever found it. Well done Flynn!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES ... Jorjia – Rose Styles for excellent application in all of the Key Learning Areas. Well done!

SPECIAL MENTIONS / THANK YOU's ...

HORSE SAFETY TALK ... The Upper Primary students looked at Horses as their weekly English theme last week. Mrs Kylie Magennis has very kindly agreed to come in with Tas, one of her horses, to do a special Horse Safety talk. This is really appreciated!

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING POOL ... Many thanks to the Kidd Family for very kindly donating Emily's Huntingdon school uniforms to our Pre-Loved Clothing Pool! If your children have outgrown their school uniforms and you would like to donate them back to our school then it would be greatly appreciated. Money from our Pre-Loved Clothing Pool is donated back to our P & C.

Our P & C Secretary Mrs Kylie Magennis (helping in the canteen here) will be giving a special Horse Safety Talk this Friday.

Terrific effort Jorjia – Rose.
Tyler Styles and Emilie Turner correctly guessed the orange Harmony Day badge and boot brought in by me at last Friday’s assembly.

Nicholas Atkins brought in a wonderful orange Aboriginal painting.

Patrick Magennis’ orange Feather Bird was a winner.

We all loved Meg’s Winnie the Pooh book.
COMMUNITY NEWS ...

WAUCHOPE YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS ...

In association with the Lasiandra Festival Cabaret/ Variety Afternoon
The Wauchope Youth Theatre presents an afternoon of non stop talent
Special guests, Brianna Rankin, Anne Russell, Angus Gill
Academy of Music students Chiara Ruhl, Caitlyn and Liam Toomey, Haley Farrugia

Wauchope RSL 1pm 3rd March Bookings  The Framer/ Arts supplies 65840184 $10.00 per ticket

Special thanks to Lasiandra Festival, Wauchope Gazette, Wauchope RSL, Wauchope Uniting Church, Port Express, The Framer/Art Supplies  Bago Real Estate, Mower World, Cooks Concept, Hastings Council, Wauchope Chamber of Commerce, Academy of Music

HASTINGS MOONLIGHT MOVIES.

Hastings Moonlight Movies will make a splash at Laurieton Pool this Friday night with a free family screening of the movie Brave (PG). The entertainment will kick off with children’s games and activities from 6pm with the movie to screen from 8.15pm.

The event is free for the family including entry to the pool. The Aqua Scramble and BBQ refreshments will be available for a small fee. Patrons are invited to bring along their own picnic, chairs, rugs and blankets. Children must have adult supervision. The movie will be screened weather permitting.

Hastings Moonlight Movies is an annual event held in Port Macquarie, Laurieton and Wauchope. This year, Council hopes to extend the reach of this popular family event throughout the year during school holiday periods and for key community events. For more information, visit the website at hastingsmoonlightmovies.com.au

WAUCHOPE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE.

Wauchope Junior Rugby League is seeking further players for its U6 & U10 teams to play. Junior Rugby League is on Saturdays in 2013. If anyone would like to play please contact:-

The Secretary, Cassie Linards on 65 864 792 for further details. All players receive a Wauchope JRL Blues jacket as part of this year’s registration.

Cassie Linards
Secretary
Wauchope JRL

WNA SOCIAL NETBALL INC.

Wauchope Wednesday Night Social Ladies Competition is looking for team nominations to commence on 6 March 2013. Ages of female competitors must be High School & up. This competition has been running since 1979 & it would be a shame to see it fold due to lack of interested players.

Team nominations close Friday 1st March & those wishing to submit a team or interested in playing please contact:-

Faye O’Neill on 0419 230 260. Games are played at the Wauchope Indoor stadium between 6pm & 8.30 pm & umpires are provided for this competition. Kind regards

Daphne McInherny
Treasurer
WNA SOCIAL NETBALL INC.

***** Please Note:

Wauchope Junior Netball have vacancies in the 7,8 and 11 year age groups. Anyone still wishing to join, please contact Sue Johnson on 0439 852 853.
TIMBERTOWN NEWS...

I am emailing regarding our upcoming event **A Day out with Thomas the Tank Engine** which will be held on Sat 9th & Sun 1th March. It will be a weekend packed full of fun and we were wondering if this event could be included in your next newsletter. We hope we can repay the favour to you at a later date. All proceeds from a raffle held on the day will be donated to the Hastings Autism & Aspergers Assoc.

All enquiries can be sent via email to accounts@timbertown.com.au or phone on 02 65861941.

Thankyou for your time.
Kind regards
Judy Lockwood  Events Dept.

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**Bedwetting**

A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet, please visit the website:
www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au
or phone 1300 135 796

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**The Schoolkids Bonus**

starts in 2013 and replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR). You don’t need to collect receipts. Payments will automatically go into your bank account in January and July.

$410 a year for each primary student (paid in two instalments of $205)

$820 a year for each secondary student (paid in two instalments of $410)

**Are you eligible?**

You could be eligible if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive a family or income support payment (eg: Family Tax Benefit Part A) or you’re a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

Se if you’re eligible at:
australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus
or call 132 468

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**Wauchope Hockey Club**

**Great Value Sport for Children**

Registration Days 2nd March & 9th March at Port Macquarie Hockey Field (Ocean Drive) 9am - 11am.

2013 Season begins soon.

Junior players wanted for U7s, U10s, U13s, U18s.

Games played on astro turf in Port Macquarie each Saturday morning. U18s on Thursday Nights.

ONLY $110 rego for U7, U10.

$130 rego for U13 & U18 in the junior competition.

NEW players get a FREE hockey stick, shin pads, a ball and mouth guard.

Enquiries Phone:
Juniors - Peter Farrugia 6582 2167
Farrugia_02@optusnet.com.au
or Paul Mason 6587 4255 pmason@acenet.com.au
We are still very short on helpers for our school canteen this year. Canteen operates usually on a Friday, with occasional Thursdays instead.

If you haven’t already indicated your ability to assist, please return the attached note to indicate your availability:

Name: __________________________

I am able/unable to assist in canteen duties during 2013.

Signed: __________________________