HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER ....

Wednesday 6th
Regional Swimming Championships. Coffs Harbour. Good luck Shakora, Kim, Tyra and Lucas! Twilight Tour. Wauchope High School. Year 6 and parents. 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm. ET4L Migration. All our computers are being reimaged today.

Thursday 7th
Welcome back Mr Anderson!

Friday 8th
Swimming for sport. Yrs 2 – 6 only. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. 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.

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Thursday 14th
Hast-C/Haven PSSA Dist. Boys & Girls Soccer Trials Swimming for sport. Yrs 2 – 6 only. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Weather permitting.

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! Celebrate Jesus Community Fun Day. Bain Park 9am – 2pm.

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.

Lucas, Kobey, Panellist Mrs Julie Anne Murphy, Flynn and Jack had fun presenting the 2 WAY FM School’s Out Program last year.
MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Thursday 21st 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 22nd Happy birthday Shaun Hennessy!

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.
Monday 25th Happy birthday Ashwin Nash!
Wednesday 27th 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.

Thursday 28th Happy birthday Calleigh Platts!

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Thursday 28th 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.
Wednesday 3rd Happy birthday Tyler Styles!

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.
Wednesday 10th Happy birthday Zuriah Carson!
Hastings Camden Haven District Netball trials.
Thursday 11th Happy birthday Indyana Hamilton!
**APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...**

**Guess who’s celebrating a birthday?**

Friday 12th Happy birthday Gideon Marr-Grogan!

**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.

**APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...**

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!

**MONTHLY PLANNER FOR MAY ...**

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

Tuesday 30th **School Development Day 2.** New syllabus training.

Wednesday 1st **First day back at school Term 2.** Welcome back **ALL** students!
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ...

MORE WET WEATHER AND LOCAL FLOODING ... Just after we thought it would be safe to return to school after all of the rain last week we were inundated with more torrential rain over the entire weekend. Consequently the Oxley Highway was again partially flooded on Tuesday morning and it was a case of wait and see in case we had to evacuate the school again.

Fortunately, despite the occasional light shower, we received no more heavy rainfall and the river and floodwaters have since subsided.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN CASE OF 1 IN 100 YEAR FLOODS ... Luckily Huntingdon’s teaching staff and non teaching staff were able to get through the floodwaters and make it to school on Tuesday morning. If, however, the Oxley Highway had been closed, or Colonel’s Creek had been flooded then there would not have been anyone able to get to school to check that any students had been dropped off.

If at anytime in the future we are unable to get to school due to flooding then Mr and Mrs Hirst have very kindly agreed to come in to the school to ensure that no students had been dropped off or are left unattended. If Mr and Mrs Hirst are not available then we would contact Mr and Mrs Wyatt as a backup.

My thanks to both families for very kindly agreeing to be there at times of extreme weather to assist our students if we can’t. Hopefully we will never be in the situation where we need to call upon their services but we need to ensure that we have systems in place to ensure everyone’s safety.

COMBOYNE BUS IS UNABLE TO PROCEED PAST BYABARRA ... With the heavy rains causing a major landslide and water damage to the Comboyne Road all traffic has been suspended until the road is declared safe. Fortunately the closure of the road is only affecting a minority of our students.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL UPDATE ... Huntingdon students who qualified by swimming fast enough times at the Zone Swimming Carnival at the Port Macquarie Swimming Pool on Friday, 22nd February will now travel to Coffs Harbour for the Regional Swimming Championships being held there today.

Thank you to Mrs Tiane Mison and Mrs Tammy Driver for very kindly being our Regional Team Managers and helping to transport and supervise our team. It is greatly appreciated!

Students who were successful at the Zone Swimming Carnival were Shakora Mison who came third in the 50 metres final and our relay team. Our relay team members are Kimberley Driver, Lucas Warburton, Tyra Coombes and Shakora Mison. Congratulations and good luck today!

The wet weather hasn’t dampened Hayley, Marcus, Chloe or Liam’s spirits.

Good luck to our Regional Swimming Team!
SWIMMING FOR SPORT UPDATE ...  Swimming for sport started last Thursday and a lot of students forgot to bring in their costumes and towels. Please note that we are swimming every Thursday this term, weather permitting. Unfortunately, with the wet weather and overcast conditions students and volunteers found the pool water temperature to be quite cool last Thursday. We are hoping to see some more sunshine and hope that conditions are more favourable this Thursday.

Thanks again to all volunteers who assisted last Thursday. Please note that if the weather looks unfavourable tomorrow or any Thursday then we make a decision as to whether or not we will go swimming by 11.00 am.

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

TWILIGHT TOUR ...  All Year 6 students who are applying to enrol at Wauchope High School in 2014 are invited to attend a special **Twilight Tour** of the school with their parents tonight starting at 4.30pm. Tours leave from the hall every half hour so I hope that all of our Year 6 students and their parents get the opportunity to attend.

**Nicholas, Ava, Tristin and Riley** are hoping it will be sunny on Thursday so we can go to the pool for swimming.

**We had a chuckle when we read Jack’s T-shirt !**

**Reuben and Lochlan** brought in some beautiful pink roses.
No – it’s not lipstick but a pink eraser!

HEAD LICE: Please note that head lice have made a re-appearance at our school. We are therefore asking all parents and guardians to be vigilant and regularly check their children’s hair for these unwanted ‘guests!’ If we don’t all keep head lice in check then they will keep on multiplying.

Some interesting facts about head lice, their eggs (nits) and baby offspring (nymphs): A single louse can lay up to 150 eggs a month. They can’t jump or fly but only crawl. Students usually get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person. This is why we encourage girls with long hair to wear it in a ponytail, or braided.

Don’t expect an itch! Many lice do not cause itchiness so you have to look closely for them. No treatment kills all of the eggs. You have to re-treat or comb the hair in seven days when the newest eggs start hatching. Some advise doing the conditioner and combing treatment every second day until you have found no lice for ten days. Lice don’t live long off their hosts.

We have some publications available for parents about head lice and their treatment. Please contact the school if you would like this sent home to you.

HEAD LICE TRIVIA: Did you know that head lice have been causing havoc for millennia with evidence of infestations found on 5000 year old Egyptian mummies.

MOBILE LIBRARY LAUNCH: Last Thursday morning I was invited to attend the official launch of the Port Macquarie Hastings Council and Westport Bowling Clubs’ jointly funded Mobile Library Van in Port Macquarie.

The official cutting of the ribbon.

Federal Member Mr Robert Oakshott and our Mayor Mr Peter Besseling attended the official opening and it’s great to see so many of our students now using the Mobile Library with their own library cards. The Mobile Library Van will visit us again on Thursday, 14th March.

CANTEEN NEWS: Next Thursday and Friday, 14th and 15th March will be “Green Food” days (for St Patrick’s day). Prices will range from 50c to $1.50 and students don’t need to pre-order. Green food will be readily available on those days. There will be no set lunch orders for that week. Examples of food available will be green choc chip cookies, choc mint slice & rainbow slushies.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn. John Lubbock.

HORSE SAFETY TALK: Our Horse Safety Talk planned for last Friday has had to be postponed until this Friday due to the wet weather. We are hoping to have Mrs Kylie Magennis and Tas visit us this Friday providing it doesn’t rain.
LUNCH ORDERS... Please note that all lunch orders for Friday had to be in by today. A special thank you to Mrs Amanda Platts and the Canteen Committee for organising this for us and a special thank you to Ben and Erina and everyone at the Wauchope Bakery for their kind assistance in making our first lunch order for the year possible.

Patrick’s pink puffer fish!

DOG AND FISH JOKES...

Q ... How do you communicate with a fish?
A ... Drop it a LINE!

Q ... Why is a lost Dalmatian easy to find?
A ... He’s always SPOTTED!

SPECIAL VISITOR - MATHS TEN PROGRAM... Best Start Co-ordinator Mrs Maree Kemp visited the school last week to talk to all of the staff about an exciting new Maths Program involving our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

Mrs Maree Kemp will be working with Mrs Elliott and Ms Oszpet.

SPECIAL THANK YOU ... A special thank you to Mrs Michelle Styles for very kindly coming in and helping me to test some of the Upper Primary students on their 2 x to 12 x multiplication tables. It is really appreciated!
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, Port Macquarie Hastings Council,
Wauchope Chamber of Commerce, Academy of Music

WAUCHOPE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE.
Wauchope Junior Rugby League is seeking more players for it's U6 & U10 teams. Junior Rugby League is on Saturdays in 2013. If anyone would like to play please contact:-

The Secretary, Cassie Linards on 65 864792 for further details. All players receive a Wauchope JRL Blues jacket as part of this year's registration.

Cassie Linards
Secretary
Wauchope JRL

TIMBERTOWN NEWS ...
I am emailing regarding our upcoming event A Day out with Thomas the Tank Engine which will be held on Sat 9 th & Sun 10 th 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.