HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER...

Wednesday 10th Hastings Camden Haven District Netball trials.
Good luck Madison Platts! (Postponed)

Thursday 11th Happy birthday Indyana Hamilton!

Thursday 11th EnviroMentors Show on Worms.
K and Yr. 1 9.00 am – 10.00 am.
Yr 2 and Yr 3 10.00 am – 11.00 am.
Yrs 4, 5 and 6 11.30 am – 12.30 pm.

APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED...

Thursday 11th Mobile Library van visit.
Friday 12th Happy birthday Gideon Marr-Gogan!

Upper primary are going fishing! 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.
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.

Last day Term 1. Happy holidays everyone!

Saturday 13th An ARABIAN NIGHT Spectacular at Byabarra Hall.
$35 per head for dinner and dancing.

Monday 22nd Happy birthday Mrs Wendy Trotter!
APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...

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 1. Welcome back all staff!

MONTHLY PLANNER FOR MAY ...

Wednesday  1st  First day back at school Term 2.
Welcome back ALL students!
Happy birthday Flynn Warburton!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...

DAYLIGHT SAVING ... Most of our students seem to have coped fairly well adjusting to the time changes after daylight saving ended during the weekend. Daylight saving will be reintroduced in NSW on Sunday, 6th October.

WISHING ALL OF OUR STUDENTS A SAFE APRIL HOLIDAY! Upon reflection, Term 1 has certainly been a very busy but also very rewarding one. On behalf of all of the staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students a safe and enjoyable April holiday! A reminder that school resumes for all Huntingdon students on Wednesday, 1st May.

We’re all set to experience the 2013 Wauchope Show.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO EXISTING BUS ROUTES AND TIMES ... Mr Bob Gilligan from Busways has sent home to all families the proposed new bus routes starting from the beginning of next term. Some of the feedback I have received is very much in favour of the proposed changes while others have expressed concerns that the students travelling from Byabarra will need to spend extended times on the bus.

If you are not happy with any aspects of the proposed changes then you have until this Friday, 12th April to contact Busways to let them know of your concerns. It was only after much lobbying that I was eventually able to get the Byabarra Mini Bus reinstated at the start of last year.
Mrs Linda Finlayson’s group.

A NEW STARTING TIME FOR OUR TERM 2 P & C MEETING ... We will be discussing the new bus routes and changes at our first P & C meeting in Term 2. This will be held on Monday, 6th May, starting at a new time of 3.15 pm. To enable all of our parents with younger children to attend we will have a child minding service available.

Mrs Roseanna and Mr Lionel Cowan’s group.

WE ALL ENJOYED THE WAUCHOPE SHOW ... Last Friday all Huntingdon students, staff and sixteen parents and volunteers were fortunate to have been given the opportunity to visit the Wauchope Show free of charge. Our thanks to the Wauchope Show Society and Mr Bob Gilligan from Busways for making this possible.

Xander, Beaudean, Jack and Tyler finding out how Mr and Mrs Faint keep water tanks clean and fresh.

I have to congratulate all of our students on their behaviour during the day and a BIG thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. We really appreciated your help and assistance which enabled us to move about the show in small, safe groups.

OUR AMAZING HELPERS ... Thank you to all of our group leaders Mrs. Shalohm Carson, Mrs Roseanna and Mr Lionel Cowan, Mrs Linda Finlayson, Mrs Maree Hirst, Mrs Rachel and Mr Patrick McCann, Mr David Warburton, Ms Alexia Gibbin, Mrs Michelle Luke, Mrs Tiane Mison, Mrs Kenetta Coombes, Mrs Amanda Platts, Mrs Tina Jakobsson, Mrs Maree and Ms Audrey Smith-Petrovic, Mrs Michelle Styles. Thank you for making the day such an enjoyable one and for looking after the students in your group.

A SPECIAL A – Z TASK ... One of the tasks each group leader was given was to try and find as many A to Z words of things they found at the show and to record these onto their A – Z sheet. Amazingly every group bar one managed to find at least one word for each letter of the alphabet. A terrific effort!
The leader of the group that found the most A–Z words was going to be shouted a free turn on the scariest ride at the show but I wasn't able to determine the winner until the end of the day when all of the sheets were handed in.

*The winning group! Congratulations boys and Ms Oszpet!*

**AND THE WINNER IS ...** After tallying the words found on each sheet here are the results from each group. Mrs Carson 98, Mrs Coombes, 44, Mr and Mrs Cowan 52, Mr Fuhrmann 105, Mrs Finlayson 158, Mrs Hirst, 92, Mrs Luke 52, Mrs Jakobsson 114, Mrs McCann 160, Ms Oszpet 182, Mrs Platts 72, Mrs Smith-Petrovic 26, Mrs Styles 168 and Mr Warburton 59.

As a result, Ms Oszpet's group narrowly won with Mrs Styles, Mrs McCann and Mrs Finlayson's groups not far behind. Mind you there were some funny words that I wasn't able to include in the total of some groups. Examples include **N – No money left!** and **K – Kids going mad!** Very funny!

**HUNTINGDON WINS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TROPHY FOR OUR GREAT ART AND CRAFT WORK ...** From the feedback I have received everyone really enjoyed the day and a highlight was finding our students' winning art and craft work. As our school numbers have grown we are now classified as being in the Middle Group Section. I am not quite sure which schools we are competing against but apparently we won!

**Yippee! We won!**
Congratulations to all students whose work was selected to be displayed at the Wauchope Show and who were lucky enough to be awarded a prize. We will be displaying some of our winning art and craft work in the foyer of our Admin Library in Term 2.

Fancy seeing you here! Mrs Tiane Mison’s Group and Mr Paddy and Mrs Rachel McCann’s Groups meet outside the food area.

My thanks to Mrs Elliott, Mrs McCann and Ms Oszpet for helping to get the art and craft work ready and a special thank you to Mrs Platts and Mrs McCann for taking it in and picking it up.

OUR ADMIN – LIBRARY BUILDING FOYER IS REPAINTED … During last week we had painters come in to repaint the foyer area of our Admin – Library building. It now looks fresh and new. I hope you notice the difference next time you visit our school.

DISTRICT NETBALL TRIALS … The District Netball trials were to be held in Grant Street in Port Macquarie today but were postponed due to the courts being too wet. Madison Platts is the only player attending from our school.

WOOLWORTH’S EARN AND LEARN PROMOTION … This promotion has started again and our P & C will collect any tokens sent in by families. My thanks to all families and community members who collect these tokens for us. We redeem them for some great learning resources.

OUR OWN BOWER BIRD … Last week I was wondering why I kept finding bits of dark blue paper near the path next to the Admin-Library Building. It was only when I went to pick them up that I noticed the bower of our resident bower bird – complete with blue pegs and other blue treasures! It was pretty amazing! It’s a pity I didn’t notice it prior to our blue colour day!

Mrs Maree Smith-Petrovic, Audrey, Jessie, Nikita and Emilie having fun.

MSP SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS … I have been asked when our school photographs are likely to be returned. I am not quite sure when they will be ready but if they are not returned by the end of this week then they should be ready by the beginning of Term 2.

This is not as fast as my dad’s Ford!
Mrs Shalohm Carson and Zuriah loved the slippery slide.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT REFUNDS ... Mrs Trotter has very kindly organised all refunds for our Swimming for Sport Program in Term 1. These were handed back to all students after lunch yesterday. Some families also had returns owing to them from our Swimming for Sport Program in Term 4 last year, which weren’t collected. These were also sent home yesterday.

Hairy Grub Invasion ... During the holidays our white cedar tree, which is the main food source of our hairy grubs, will be removed from our school playground, cut up and then mulched. Our large Liquid Amber tree is also going to be pruned as it is getting too big. Some of our smaller pine trees and the lower branches of some of the trees in our car park area were also removed and mulched last week.

Working Bee Early in Term 2 ... We will be having a Working Bee early in Term 2. As the weather starts to cool we are also looking for some volunteers to come in and help us to re-establish our vegetable gardens and maintain our orchard and rainforest area. If you would like to assist and have some spare time then please contact the school.

Happy Birthday Tyler ... Last Wednesday it was Tyler’s birthday and to help make the day a special one Mrs Styles very kindly brought in a cup cake for everyone. Many thanks! The Angry Birds cake she made for Tyler was a delight to behold!

Tyler and Beaudean enjoyed the poultry section of the show. They were looking for a comedi-hen!

Mobile Library Visit ... Tomorrow will be the last time the Mobile Library Van visits our school in Term 1. Students are reminded to bring their books in to return and maybe borrow something to read for the holidays. Upper primary students have been given a special Holiday Reading Challenge during the April holidays. I sincerely hope that all Huntingdon students will do some reading during the holidays!

The Enviromentors Show ... This wonderful, free performance will be put on for all of our students by the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council tomorrow morning. The theme for this year’s show is Worms.

Anzac Day Ceremony ... Tomorrow afternoon the Upper Primary class students will be involved in running our school’s 2013 ANZAC Day Ceremony. It shouldn’t take very long and members from the Wauchope RSL Sub Branch are hoping to attend. At this point in time I am still not sure who our official guest or guests will be. More news to follow.
WE'RE GOING FISHING … This Friday, after completing their Mini Projects on Fishing, the Upper Primary students are all going fishing in Port Macquarie at Settlement Point. Students are only permitted to attend if they have been working on and completed their We’re Going Fishing Mini Projects. Students have started their We’re Going Fishing Mini Project presentations and some of their research has been interesting.

Joseph Hamilton went fishing for a prize at the show.

My thanks to all parents who have indicated they are joining us on Friday and can assist with transport. It promises to be a fun and rewarding day and we are hoping for favourable weather.

As well as receiving lots of fishing resources from the Department of Primary Industries we will have three or maybe four Fishing Volunteers joining us and assisting our students on the day. They are Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Brian Tolagson, Mr Ben Hicks and Mr Greg Sawyer. We will also have fishing inspector Mr Tom Bennets coming in during the day to talk to all of the students. They are very kindly bringing in numerous fishing rods for our students to borrow and use and we also have lots of hand lines available if we need them.

As a special treat we will be cooking some sausages for lunch for all students and volunteers on the day but students are still asked to bring in their own morning tea and lunch just in case the gas barbecue doesn’t work.

FISHING IN THE HOLIDAYS … Several Huntingdon students have taken up the offer to attend the special fishing class during the holidays. Notes regarding this were sent home several weeks ago. Students not only get expert tuition on the day but also get to fish and then keep their rod and equipment used.

COLOUR DAY FRIDAY :- This Friday we are asking students in Kinder to Year 3 to wear and bring in something that is grey.

OFFICIAL ANZAC DAY MARCH IN WAUCHOPE … I am hoping to see a record number of our students attending this year’s official ANZAC Day March in Wauchope on Thursday, 25th April. I will meet students outside the Wauchope RSL Club at approximately 10.20 am. Students will need to wear their school uniform on the day.

The official march starts at approximately 10.30 am and the ANZAC Day Ceremony at the cenotaph outside the Wauchope Library takes approximately one hour. A barbecue lunch is usually provided for students at the Wauchope RSL Club afterwards.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK … The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others. Solomon Ibn Gabriol

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” - Aristotle

ZIPTALES … A reminder that in the school holidays students who are bored or have nothing to read at home are able to access the ZIPtale site for 2013 as well as Reading Eggs and Mathletics at home.
I know a funny joke? Do you?

THIS WEEK’S WINNING JOKES …

Q … Why do elephants paint their toenails red, green, pink, black and purple? (Ben Clifford)
A … So they can hide in the JELLY BEAN jar!

Q … What do you write on a car’s grave? (Jack Kidd)
A … RUST in peace!

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WANTED! CAN YOU HELP? We still need more clean tin cans to make telephones out of. If you can assist then please send them in. Many thanks!

BEHAVIOUR WHILE WAITING FOR THE BUSES … During the week I received a complaint from a concerned community member about the behaviour of some of our students while they were waiting for the bus in the morning. They were being silly, playing with a ball and running onto the road, which is not only dangerous but also not acceptable. I have spoken to all students involved and I am not anticipating any more complaints. Please talk to your children about the behaviour we expect if you are leaving them unattended at the bus stop in the morning. Many thanks!
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