**HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

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**Fortnightly Newsletter 21.** Tuesday, 13 th October, 2014.

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**RECEIVE OUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL …** Please contact the school so we can add your name to our ever growing list of families receiving their newsletters by e-mail. Many thanks!

Great news! There are now only 65 more sleeps until it’s Christmas Day!

**OCTOBER MONTHLY PLANNER …**

**Tuesday 14 th** Happy birthday Beaudean Taylor!

**Wednesday 15 th** Hastings Small Schools’ collegial meeting.
Huntingdon PS. 4.00 pm.
Visit from Peter from Australia Post.

**Thursday 16 th** Tennis Coaching Clinic with Mr Greg Alchin. K – Yr. 6.
Mobile Library Van visit. Welcome back Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs Virginia Cox.

**Friday 17 th** Happy birthday Cooper Dick!

**Sunday 19 th** The 17 th Asian Games Opening Ceremony in Icheon Korea.

**Monday 20 th** Huntingdon vs Long Flat Cup Tennis Championship.
At Long Flat PS with Mr Jarad Alexander.

**Wednesday 22 nd** Happy birthday Bailey Gavin!
Responsible Pet Education Program For Schools visit.
Ms Vicki Collins. K & Yr. 1 9.30 am and a session for Yrs. 2 & 3 at 10.15 am
Special author Mr Colin Thompson visit with Mrs Virginia Cox.

**Thursday 23 rd** Kindergarten Orientation Day 1. Welcome all of our Kindergarten parents.
Tennis Coaching Clinic with Mr Greg Alchin. K – Yr.6
Mobile Library Van visit. Welcome back Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs Virginia Cox.
Wauchope Post Office stamp talk.

**Tuesday 28 th** Stage 3 Small Schools’ Health Day at Huntingdon Public School. Welcome Mandy Lindsay, Jane Newman, Leesa Roach, Darryl Ford and Tayt Rosenbaum.

**Thursday 30 th** Kindergarten Orientation Day 2. Welcome all of our new Kindies!
Happy birthday Calais Gavin and Nikita Fuller!
Tennis Coaching Clinic with Mr Greg Alchin. K – Yr.6
World Teachers’ Day Awards presentation at Little Fish Café Port Macquarie. 3.30 pm.

**Friday 31 st** Huntingdon’s Monster School Social.
K – Yr. 6 $10 entry including food and beverages.
Only 100 tickets – ‘ cats ‘ sold so be quick purchasing yours!
Join us for a great family fun night! 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

**NOVEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER …**

**Tuesday 4 th** Annual Huntingdon Cup. Three races K-1, Yrs. 2-3 and Yrs. 4 – 6 after Morning Tea.

**Wednesday 5 th** BAGO Community of Schools meeting Wauchope HS.
4.00 pm.

**Thursday 6 th** Kindergarten Orientation Day 3.
Tennis Coaching Clinic with Mr Greg Alchin. K-Yr 6
Mobile Library Van visit. Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs Virginia Cox.

**Friday 7 th** Surf Safety Talk with Hastings Lifeguard Mr Grant Hudson.

**Tuesday 11 th** Remembrance Day. Special Remembrance Day Assembly at 10.40 am.
Kevin Ward and Ted Scott special Wauchope RSL guests.

**Thursday 13 th** Kindergarten Orientation Day 4.
Tennis Coaching Clinic with Mr Greg Alchin. K-Yr 6

**Monday 17 th** Happy birthday Xander Brown!
Intensive Swimming starts.
Tuesday  18 th  Intensive Swimming.
Wednesday  19 th  Happy birthday Amelia Paulson !
              Intensive Swimming.
Thursday  20 th  Mobile Library Van visit. Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and
              Mrs Virginia Cox.
              Intensive Swimming.
Friday  21 st  Intensive Swimming.

Sunday  23 rd  Happy birthday Mrs Rachel McCann and Mrs Cheryl
              Carpenter !
Monday  24 th  Intensive Swimming.
Tuesday  25 th  Intensive Swimming.
              Huntingdon Yr 6 students present the ‘ School’s Out
              Program ’ at the 2 WAYFM Community Radio Station.
              6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Wednesday  26 th  Happy birthday Joseph Hamilton !
              Intensive Swimming.
Thursday  27 th  Intensive Swimming.
Friday  28 th  Final day of Intensive Swimming.

DECEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER …

Tuesday  2nd  Special Helpers and Volunteers’ Thank You
              MorningTea. 11.00 am
Wednesday  3 rd  Happy birthday Kelly Styles !
              Year 6 Orientation Day at Wauchope High School.
Thursday  4 th  Final Mobile Library Van visit. Mrs Elizabeth Robinson
              and Mrs Virginia Cox.
              Senior Citizens’ Day. Special visit.
Tuesday  9 th  Huntingdon’s 2014 Final Assembly in the School Hall.
              Annual presentations of academic, sporting, creative arts
              and citizenship awards and certificates.
              Announcement of school leaders for 2015.
Thursday  11 th  Happy birthday Luella Warburton !
              Broken Bago Senior Citizens’ Group visit.
              Special school performance 10.00 am
              Year 6 Farewell Dinner. Eastport Bowling Club.
              6.00 pm.
Tuesday  16 th  Huntingdon Christmas Tree.
              Santa arrives at 7.00 pm to give gifts to all of the children.

Wednesday  17 th  Last day Term 4. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing
              holiday !
Friday  19 th  Happy birthday Mrs Merridy Golding !
Thursday  25 th  Christmas Day ! Merry Christmas everyone !

Friday  26 th  Boxing Day.
Wednesday  31 st  New Year’s Eve.

JANUARY MONTHLY PLANNER …

Friday  2 nd  Happy birthday Harry Jakobsson !
Tuesday  13 th  Happy birthday Ms Katherine Oszpet !
Wednesday  21 st  Happy birthday Jacob McDonald !
Tuesday  27 th  All teaching staff return. School Development Day
              Term 1. Welcome back !
Wednesday  28 th  Yr 1 – Year 6 students return. Welcome back !
Thursday  29 th  Kindergarten students begin. Best Start testing begins.
Friday  30 th  Best Start testing for Kindergarten continues.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT …

TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNERS … Please note that I have updated most of the
things that have, are and will be happening for the remainder of the year. I have
also included the 2015 starting dates to assist families planning to go on holidays.

HUNTINGDON TERM 4 P & C MEETING … Our Term 4 P & C meeting was
held yesterday afternoon and it was wonderful to have some of our new families
attend. Many thanks ! On the agenda we discussed P & C fund raising for Term 4
and our 2015 Christmas Tree organisation as well as looking at any resources
and organisation for the remainder of the term.

Once again a BIG thank you to our wonderful and hardworking P & C Association
who will have contributed close to $10 000 to our school by the end of the year.
Wow !
Huntingdon’s P & C Canteen Manager Mrs. Michelle Styles and P & C Secretary Mr. Paddy McCann helped to raise funds at our recent Pancake Day.

At the meeting our P & C very kindly agreed to pay the entire $1,100 to cover the Intensive Swimming transport costs for ALL Huntingdon families and allow all of our students to attend for two weeks with only having to pay for the pool entry costs. Many thanks!

This kind contribution will, however, leave our P & C with minimal funds for the start of next year and to purchase new school uniforms including hats. We are hoping for a big roll up at our Monster School Disco on the 31st October. A special letter regarding P & C contributions follows.

A SPECIAL P & C LETTER REGARDING P & C CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR SCHOOL TREASURER MRS KYLIE MAGENNIS …

Dear Parents & Carers …

Since being appointed the P&C Treasurer for 2014 and including the past 12 months your P&C has contributed a whopping $9851.74 to the school as a whole. I wanted to thank you and to share with the school community this amazing figure & outline some of the wonderful resources that have been contributed to the school by the P&C committee & all members of the school community.

Just a few of the items and adventures that this figure has funded include:-

* I-Pads with protective cases for the classrooms
* Interactive white board for 1 classroom
* Gift vouchers for Reader of the Month awards with Scholastic Book Club.
* Annual donation to the school
* TV display (including installation) in office foyer area
* Bus travel cost for intensive swimming & attendance at the sports carnival
* Brand new seating for the students’ lunch area
* Classroom home readers updated (surprisingly expensive but reading is important!)
* Annual subscriptions to cover every child in the school for Reading Eggs & Mathletics
* Much needed updated resources for Jolly Phonics

The list above clearly shows how important all our fundraising activities are as every dollar we raise is invested back into the school to benefit your child or children.

One of our most significant fund raising activities happens at the start of each year in the form of your P & C contribution fee. This is a small fee that each family contributes annually and is separate to the annual Book Pack fee.

Cost for a single child family is $30, for families with two children it is $40 and for 3 or more children it is just $50.

These funds are very important as they make a significant impact on the quality of extra curricula learning resources and activities we are able to provide for the benefit of all children.

‘But surely the government pays for everything?’

The government pays for amazing staff, great buildings and all of the basics but if we want to give our children the very best learning opportunities, schools still need further resources and support which is why every school has a P & C.
If you can’t pay all at once that’s okay, we are able to receipt small instalments to make payment a little easier. If you can pay all at once, great! So... if you have already contributed, thank you so much!

If you have NOT yet contributed, please connect with the school office to finalise your payments by the end of Term 4 - we really need everyone on-board with this.

‘What if we would like to pay more than the minimum contribution?’

Additional funds (large or small) are always GREATLY appreciated! Thanks everyone for helping to make Huntingdon Public School a great place to learn.

Sincerely,

Kylie Magennis
Parent and Huntingdon’s P&C Treasurer

A special welcome to Max, Olivia, Jason and their families...

Welcome Max! Max Troth is in Year 1 in Ms Oszpet’s Classroom.

Olivia Brown has joined Mrs Elliott’s class and is in Year 2 and Jason Brown is in Year 4 and has joined the Year 4, 5 and 6 class.

A special welcome to Jason and Olivia Brown.

SPECIAL PANCAKE DAY LUNCH ORDERS...

A special thank you to Mrs Michelle Styles and Mr Paddy McCann for organising a great Pancake Day last Friday. The pancakes were delicious and very much appreciated! Many thanks to all families who placed an order.

GOLF PRACTICE DURING THE HOLIDAYS...

Next Monday, 20th October, four of Huntingdon’s best golf players will be travelling to the Kew Golf Club with Team Manager Mr Jarad Alexander to participate in the Lower Regional Public Schools Golf Championships.
Riley McCann keeping her eye on the ball and ready to sink her putt.

We have some really talented golf players and it was difficult to select the best four players for our team. My thanks to Mrs. McCann and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for very kindly giving some of our students the opportunity to practise during the school holidays.

The Huntingdon Golf Team is comprised of Beaudean Taylor, Lucas Warburton, Riley McCann and Jorjia-Rose Styles. Good luck on Monday!

HUNTINGDON’S DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPIONS ... Huntingdon Public School recently entered two teams in the District Public School Golf Championships held at the Wauchope Country Club. The four members of our school’s winning Maroon’s Team were Isabelle Leslight, Lucas Warburton, Patrick Magennis and Jorjia-Rose Styles. Members of the team were presented with their medallions and certificates at last week’s whole school assembly.

Isabelle, Patrick and Jorjia-Rose with their medallions. Unfortunately Lucas was absent last Friday when this photo was taken.

OUR 2014 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ... Our 2014 school and family photographs have been returned by Master School Photographers and were handed out last week. Please contact the school if you haven’t received your order.

From the feedback I have received so far it seems that everyone is happy with their photographs and we will get MSP back to take our official photographs in 2015. Hopefully we will be able to book the photographs a little earlier in the year.

UPPER PRIMARY HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE ... At Huntingdon Public School we always encourage our students to read. This includes reading during each holiday period. Students know that at Huntingdon Public School … “students who read – SUCCEED!”
One of the fun whole school photographs taken on our official School Photograph Day.

Congratulations to Ben Clifford, Thomas Driver, Jye Baker and Xander Brown for successfully completing the Spring Holiday Reading Challenge in the Upper Primary Classroom.

Lost Property Bin … As the weather warms up there are still numerous unclaimed items in our Lost Property Bin. This includes jumpers and coats. Please have a look in the Lost Property Bin next time you visit the school because we would love to return all items to their owners. Many thanks!

Calais Gavin enjoys borrowing books from the Mobile Library Van.

Mobile Library Van Returns This Term … All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books to return on Thursday, 23rd October when the Mobile Library Van visits us again.

Intensive Swimming … Please note the dates for our two weeks of Intensive Swimming in Term 4 because we will be needing some parent helpers and volunteers to assist us by taking a group. A permission note for this was sent home yesterday asking for volunteers.

Huntingdon vs Long Flat Tennis Cup Challenge … Huntingdon is playing against Long Flat at Long Flat School on Monday, 27th October in the annual Huntingdon vs Long Flat Cup. Huntingdon came home victorious for the second year in a row last year and we are hoping to make it three years in a row this year. Mr Jarad Alexander is Huntingdon’s Tennis Team Manager and will be transporting and supervising our team.

Tennis Coaching in Term 4 … Tennis Coaching for six weeks started last week. Tennis coach Mr Greg Alchin is teaching all students from Kindergarten – Year 6 each Thursday morning from 9.00 am – 10.30 am.
The Kindergarten and Year 1 students are loving their tennis with Mr Alchin. Maybe we will inspire some of our students to become future Australian tennis champions.

Jacob McDonald keeping his eyes on the ball.

NEW BELL … We are continuing to work on improving the volume of our bells being rung so that all staff and students can hear them. This is important as we need everyone to know if there is an Emergency Evacuation Procedure or need for a School Lock Down. We have added an amplifier but if that doesn’t work we will look at installing a hooter instead.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 4 NUMBER 2 … Last Saturday, 12th October the Huntingdon teaching staff came to school all day for our second School Development Day in Term 4. We worked on our School Management Plan for 2015 – 2017 by looking at our HSIE, PD, Health and PE, Science and Technology and COGS Units to be covered in the next three years and matched our teaching resources with each of the units.

We have some fantastic teaching resources!

THE OCTOBER BOOK CLUB HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT … All students who have received $5 Book club gift vouchers during the year are reminded that they will need to use them during the current year. Students have received their October Book club brochures from Mrs McCann last week. If any students or families would like to purchase some of the great specials on offer then we will need the order form and money returned on or before Monday, 20th October please.

GAME EXCHANGE … We are hoping to have our new Huntingdon Game Exchange operational before the end of this term. We have lots of board and card games available. Students are allowed to borrow a game for the weekend or holidays provided they look after them and have their homework up to date.

STILL MORE GAMES NEEDED … If you have any pre-loved board games, jigsaw puzzles or card games suited to Kinder – Year 6 that you could donate to the Huntingdon Game Exchange then we would love to add them to our collection.
SOME MORE MEMORABLE SYDNEY EXCURSION PHOTOGRAPHS …

Joseph Kangaroo :- I don’t feel well?
Beaudean Koala :- Maybe you’ll need a HOP-eration ! Ha ! Ha ! Ha ! Ha !
Joseph Kangaroo :- Not funny !

Some Australian animal humour.

AUTHOR’S VISIT … Next Wednesday, 22nd October, we are going to be fortunate enough to have author Mr. Colin Thompson and Mrs. Virginia Cox visit our school to talk to our students about what it’s like to write a book and how you get inspired to write them.

OUR NEXT SCHOOL SOCIAL … Please save the date ! Friday, 31st October for our next fun filled family school social. A special flyer is attached.

Have fun dressing up although this is not compulsory ! Cost is $ 5 for the social and $ 5 for a sausage sandwich, ice block, popper, a packet of chips and a dip in the Trick or Treat bag.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO … Beaudean Taylor who celebrates his birthday today and Cooper Dick who celebrates his birthday on Friday 17th October.

Nikita Fuller – Lady Gaga impersonator.

We hope you both have a great birthday!
**WANTED ...** Mrs. McCann still needs more **clean**, ring pull lid tin cans for our Art and Craft work. Many thanks to all families who have sent some in already.

**SPECIAL MENTIONS ...** Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs Taylor for bringing in a special treat for the Upper Primary class on Beaudean’s birthday.

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**Guess who enjoyed the cricket coaching session ?**

Jordyn Davies, Kyle Luke and Kelly Styles all read their recounts about Mr. Burkes’ visit and their participation in the cricket coaching session to the Upper Primary class. We really enjoyed listening to them.

**SAVE THE DATE WINNERS ...** All Huntingdon students were recently involved in the **Save The Date Colouring in Competition** organised by Mr. and Mrs Sipkes from Byabarra who are opening up their beautiful gardens to help raise money for the Wauchope Hospital.

After visiting our school last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Sipkes had the unenviable task of selecting the two winners of the fantastic prizes that were also very kindly donated by them. After much consideration Mr. and Mrs. Sipkes announced the two winners. The **Years 3 – 6** winner of the **Ice Cream Maker** was Riley McCann and the **Kindergarten - Year 2** winner of the **Milk Shake Maker** was Lochlan Driver. Congratulations Riley and Lochlan! Well done!

**Q ... How deep is a frog pond ? A ... Kneedeep ! Kneedeep ! Kneedeep !**
WE GET OUR DOWNPIPES AND GUTTERING REPLACED ... During the weekend we had several of our downpipes replaced and we are getting some of our guttering replaced during this week.

Our new front fence which should have been completed during the school holidays will be completed early this term. Apparently the separate fence sections were delivered into our bus turning bay at the start of the school holidays and when the contractor, Mr Michael Eames, arrived during the week they had ‘miraculously’ disappeared! The thieves had kindly left behind the plastic tape that held the fence sections together.

The workmen installing our new downpipes.

If any of our families saw anyone acting suspiciously in our school car park at the start of the school holidays or know what happened to the fence sections then could they please contact the school. Mr. Eames has contacted the local police and they are aware of the theft.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS ... Ms Oszpet has very kindly organised four Kindergarten Orientation Days this term prior to us all going to Intensive Swimming, which is very exciting. We will get to meet our new Kindergarten students and their families on Thursday, 30th October.

All parents with students starting in Kindergarten next year have been notified of these days and we are looking forward to having our new Kindies and their parents come in to visit us during the term.

SEW AND SEW ... Mrs. McCann has been working on improving the Upper Primary students’ sewing skills by them asking them to make their own friendship bands. Students sewed brightly coloured buttons onto their elastic bands by hand and some excelled in the task.

Making these bands was fun! Lucas, Patrick, Ben and Xander showing off their bands which they sewed all by themselves.

DID YOU KNOW? Did you know that 1.3 million earths could fit inside our sun?

THIS WEEK’S THREE WINNING FROG JOKES ... (Ben Clifford)

Q .... What did the frog order at McDonalds?  
A .... French FLIES and a diet CROAK!

Q .... What do you say to a hitch-hiking frog?  
A .... HOP in!

Q .... Why are frogs so happy? (Xander Brown)  
A .... Because they eat whatever BUGS them!
FOOD FOR THOUGHT ... Thank you to everyone who sent in some CANS for Mrs McCann ( No pun intended ! ) to use in Art and Craft. Hope you enjoy today’s Food For Thought!

SEMESTER 2 PHOTOGRAPHS ... More than 1800 Huntingdon Semester 2 School Photographs are available for parents to borrow on a flash drive if they would like to. This includes the 600 plus photographs taken on our Small Schools’ Sydney Excursion. We are also updating the photographs on display in our foyer.

Cooking sure is a sure way of having fun as you learn!

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE ... Unfortunately I have had to talk to some students about running on the concrete this week. I have spoken to all students to remind them of our school rules and what we expect them to do to keep themselves safe at all times.

Courteous Considerate and Co-operative

PUPIL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ... Our Pupil School Council met on Monday and we discussed ways of making our school a better place. Grade representatives are looking at what students would like included in our 2015 – 2017 School Management Plan They have come up with some great suggestions. Some of them include:-

- Purchase some bikes and set up a bike track.
- Cubby fixed up or replaced.
- Vegetable Garden growing vegetables.
- Sprinklers to help grow grass.
- An obstacle track set up for Daily Fitness.
- Sandpit area for playing.
- Fix up the scarecrow.
- Koori Bush Tucker Garden set up.
- An Aboriginal mural.
- Boys’ Toilet operational. Check doors are high enough.
- Another water feature.
- Wi-Fi in all rooms.
- More excursions – Eg Going fishing was great fun.
- More padded hockey sticks.
- Netball Court set up.
- Handball court set up.

CALLING ALL STAMP COLLECTORS ... Representatives from the Wauchope Post Office have delivered some great resources to the school today encouraging all students to become involved in stamp collecting.

Some of Kelly Style’s great art and craft work.