HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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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 51 more sleeps until it’s Christmas Day!

OCTOBER MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Tuesday 28th Stage 3 Small Schools’ Health Day at Huntingdon Public School. Welcome Mandy Lindsay, Jane Newman, Leesa Roach, Daryl Ford and Tayt Rosenbaum. Fatty the Rat Rod visit with authors of the book by the same name Mr. Mitch Oxborough and Ms Anne Winter.

Thursday 30th 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. 4.00 pm.

Friday 31st 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!
Please note the time - 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER ....

Tuesday 4th Annual Huntingdon Cup. Three races K-1, Yrs. 2-3 and Yrs. 4 – 6 after Morning Tea.
Wednesday 5th BAGO Community of Schools meeting Wauchope HS. 4.00 pm.
Thursday 6th Kindergarten Orientation Day 3. Tennis Coaching Clinic with Mr Greg Alchin. Mobile Library Van visit. Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs Virginia Cox.
Friday 7th Surf Safety Talk with Hastings Lifeguard Mr Grant Hudson.
Monday 10th We welcome Ms Korryn Pettit to our teaching staff from Newcastle University for the next three weeks.
Tuesday 11th Remembrance Day. Special Remembrance Day Assembly at 11.40 am.
Thursday 13th Kindergarten Orientation Day 4. Tennis Coaching Clinic with Mr Greg Alchin.
Friday 14th Ms Tatiana Bye’s last day with us. Many thanks for being a great member of our school’s teaching staff!
Monday 17th Happy birthday Xander Brown!
Intensive Swimming starts.

Tuesday 18th Intensive Swimming.
Wednesday 19th Happy birthday Amelia Paulson!
Intensive Swimming.
Thursday 20th Mobile Library Van visit. Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs Virginia Cox.
Intensive Swimming.
Friday 21st Intensive Swimming.
Sunday 23rd Happy birthday Mrs Rachel McCann and Mrs Cheryl Carpenter!
NOVEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER …

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.  
  Ms Korryn Pettit’s last day with us. Many thanks for being a great member of our school's teaching staff !

DECEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER …

Tuesday 2 nd  Special Helpers and Volunteers’ Thank You Morning Tea. 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.  
  Starting at 10 am this year. Special lunch order. 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 Formal 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 …
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO MS TATIANA BYE … Ms Tatiana Bye has joined the Huntingdon teaching staff from Curtin University in Western Australia. News about our great little school travels far and wide !

Ms Tatiana Bye discovering what great workers Mrs Elliott has in her Year 2 – 3 classroom. Liam McCann for one !

On behalf of everyone at Huntingdon Public School I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms Bye to our school and we hope that her three week stay with us is a happy, enjoyable and rewarding experience ! Ms Bye will be teaching Mrs Elliott’s composite Year 2 and Year 3 class.


OUR NEXT SCHOOL SOCIAL ... Time is running out to purchase your tickets for our school Monster Social this **Friday, 31st October**.

Please note that the social starts at **5.30 am** and ends at **7.30 pm**.

Kyle Luke with his Monster mask.

A reminder that the cost is $5 for the social and $5 for an ice block, popper, sausage sandwich, a packet of chips and a dip in the **Trick or Treat** bag.

Calleigh Platts has pumpkins on her mind.

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Luella, Jessie and Jock with their skeletons that aren’t going to the disco. Why? They had no **BODY** to go with! It appears that our **P & C Monster Social** is going to be a great, fun night so make sure you get your tickets before Friday.
Last Wednesday the Upper Primary class was fortunate to be visited by author Mr. Colin Thompson and Mrs. Virginia Cox.

Mr. Colin Thompson, Colin Thompson, Beaudean Taylor and Virginia Cox.

Mr Thompson, who lives in Bellingen, has written more than 52 books, many of which have won awards.

Mr Thompson’s books can be located in any library – including ours!

Yesterday we were visited by authors Mr. Mitch Oxborough and Ms Anne Winter who wrote the book Fatty the Rat Rod.

Mr. Mitch Oxborough and Ms Anne Winter reading Fatty the Rat Rod to the students of our school.

A highlight of their visit was actually bringing Fatty, who the story is based on, to our school and allowing the students to actually meet her. Students were also allowed to write their names onto Fatty’s body, which they found amazing!

The Upper Primary students sitting on Fatty.
Ms Oszpet’s class with Fatty the Rat Rod.

Having the opportunity to meet two local authors has been a real inspiration for some of our students and we hope it encourages them to become ardent readers and enthusiastic writers themselves.

Mrs Elliott and Ms Bye’s class weren’t going to miss out on having their photo taken with Fatty the Rat Rod and the authors of the book.

Isabelle Leslight signing her name on Fatty’s body with Riley McCann waiting for her turn to add her signature.

All students who signed their name on Fatty’s body will know that their name will stay there permanently and when they read the Fatty the Rat Rod book they can tell their friends that their signature is on her.

A signed copy of Fatty the Rat Rod is currently available for borrowing from our school library but I think there are a lot of names of students on a reserved list who are all wishing to borrow the book.

Tyson Boese adding his name to Fatty’s body.
HUNTINGDON’S DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPIONS ... Huntingdon Public School recently entered two teams in the Lower North Coast District Public School Golf Championships held at the Kew Golf Club on Monday, 20th October.

Congratulations to the Lower North Coast District Golf Champions - Beaudean Taylor, Riley McCann, Jorjia-Rose Styles and Lucas Warburton.

Our Team Manager was Mr Jarad Alexander. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Taylor, Mrs Kylie Magennis and Mrs Kylie Van Acker Paulson for assisting with transporting our teams.

The four members of our school’s winning Blue Team were Riley McCann, Lucas Warburton, Beaudean Taylor and Jorjia-Rose Styles. Members of the Maroon Team were Patrick Magennis, Nikita Fuller, Amelia Paulson and Ben Clifford.

From the feedback I have received I have to congratulate all of our eight players for being great ambassadors for our school on the day. Well Done!

OUR OWN AUTHORS ... After having several authors visit our school to talk to our students during the past fortnight I have been delighted to read some of the poems and stories written by our students.

Luella Warburton with her wonderful Matches poem.

This is Keily Styles’ recount :- MILO CRICKET.

In Term 3 Mr Bourke came to our school to teach us cricket. I thought I was good. Kyle hit the ball the furthest in the class and so did Tristin. I was the wicket keeper half of the time.

A funny thing happened! Joseph Hamilton hit Mr Bourke on his bottom with the bat. Everyone started to laugh, even Mrs Elliott. Before that happened, we played some games like catching and running games. Mrs Elliott took the photos of Shaun and I. I had ten runs, the same as Jacob. Joey is a good team mate.

Mr Bourke had a Milo cricket bag which had ‘Milo Cricket’ on it. Kyle can get a bit competitive at some things and so can Tristin in soccer. I suppose I do too when I’m on a team.
I think my class is a good team. Cricket is a healthy sport. I love my class and the people in it as well as our teacher although she does use her grumpy voice at times.

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING …** Thank you to all families who have so far returned their Intensive Swimming money and permission notes. Please note that we start our Intensive Swimming on Monday, 17th November for two weeks.

Please note that we could still use some more parent helpers and volunteers to assist us by taking a group. A permission note for this has been sent home asking for volunteers.

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS THIS TERM …** All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books on Thursday, 6th November when the Mobile Library Van visits us again.

**HUNTINGDON VS LONG FLAT TENNIS CUP CHALLENGE …** Huntington played against Long Flat at Long Flat School on Monday in the annual Huntington vs Long Flat Cup. Huntington came home victorious for the past two years but the Long Flat team proved to be too strong for us this year. Congratulations to the Long Flat team!

Mr Jarad Alexander was Huntington's Tennis Team Manager and Mr and Mrs Taylor attended to cheer on and support our team. Many thanks! The Huntington team was comprised of Beadean Taylor, Ben Clifford, Patrick Magennis and Lucas Warburton. Thank you for trying your best!

**Both the Long Flat and Huntington teams after a hot day of competition.**

**TENNIS COACHING IN TERM 4 …** Tennis Coaching is continuing this week and is proving to be very popular. Tennis coach Mr Greg Alchin is enjoying teaching all students from Kindergarten – Year 6 each Thursday morning.

Mrs Elizabeth Robinson helping Isabella Paulson borrow the book she selected from the great selection available in the Mobile Library Van.
A reminder that the tennis court is available for our families to use during the holidays and weekends. Please contact the school if you need to borrow some tennis balls or racquets.

COMPANION PET PROGRAM VISIT … On Wednesday, 22nd October we were visited by Mrs Vicki Collins and her pet Border Collie Zac as part of the Companion Pet Program.

Jock Coombes patting Zac and Calleigh Platts thanking Mrs Collins.

Students in Ms Oszpet’s and Mrs Elliott’s class loved having the experience of interacting with Zac and learning how dogs communicate as well as how to keep themselves safe when approaching dogs.

TERM 3 GROUP WINNERS … The Upper Primary students have a cleanliness competition each term and Mrs Gwen Ellis awards points for the neatest group.

Term 3 Winner was North America – Winners ARE grinners!

SOME MORE MEMORABLE SYDNEY EXCURSION PHOTOGRAPHS …

Loser gets to eat the other’s yummy dessert.

How many gorillas can you spot in this photograph taken of our group at Taronga Park Zoo?
CRUNCH AND SIP STICKERS ... Although Fruit and Vegetable Month ended on the 19th September students are continuing to receive one stamp for a piece of fruit and two stamps for any vegetable they eat during our daily Crunch and Sip Program until we run out of Super Fruit and Vegetable Ring prizes.

Wow! Look at how many Huntingdon students have already accumulated 20 stamps and received a Super Fruit and Vegetable ring to keep.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ... Calais Gavin and Nikita Fuller who both celebrate their birthdays on Thursday, 30th October, 2014 and Jason Brown who celebrates his birthday on Saturday, 1st November.

We hope you have a Happy Birthday!

Jason Brown is looking forward to the school social which is on the day before his birthday.

Bailey Gavin celebrated his birthday recently.
SPECIAL MENTIONS ... The garden next to Mrs Elliott's classroom has been taking shape and the students have helped Mrs Elliott and Ms Bye to plant and grow a great variety of vegetables.

**Nikesh Nath helping to plant some vegetables.**

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS ... Last Thursday Ms Oszpet very kindly organised our first Kindergarten Orientation Day for our new Kindergarten mums and dads. It was wonderful to see so many of our new parents attend. Mr Alan Horton from Busways attended as well as our P & C President Mrs Amanda Platts and a nurse from the North Coast Area Health Service to talk about checking students’ vision.

We are looking forward to meeting all of our new Kindergarten students and their families this Thursday, 30th October.

Attending the Kindergarten Orientation Day were Mr Ben Trommels, Ms Farrah Simmick, Ms Stephanie Barber and Mrs Stacey McDonald.

**Mr Richard and Mrs Karen Crombie.**

**Mrs Krissy and Mr Reg Hamilton.**
SMALL SCHOOLS’ STAGE 3 HEALTH DAY ... Today the Stage 3 students from the Hastings small schools attended our Small Schools’ Stage 3 Health Day. This was kindly run by presenters from the Mid North Coast Local Health District. Mrs Jane Newman is an expert in Women’s Health.

As well as having the opportunity to meet boys and girls in Stage 3 from the other small schools the students learnt about ways to keep themselves safe and healthy and the changes they would experience as they went through puberty.

PUBERTY - DID YOU KNOW? Seemingly “adult” health concerns, such as high blood pressure, arteriosclerosis, and cholesterol levels find their roots in the early teen years. Attention should be paid to limiting high fat and sugar content and empty calorie foods.
THIS WEEK’S THREE WINNING TIMBERTOWN JOKES …

Q … What did the timber cutter say to his mate ?
A … Only 51 more CHOPPING days ‘til Christmas !

Q …. Whys do timber cutters walk slowly at the end of a hard day ?
A … They don’t walk slowly they LUMBER along !

Q …. Heard about the WOODEN car ?
A … WOODEN go ! ( Wouldn’t )

FOOD FOR THOUGHT … Hope you enjoy today’s Food For Thought !

EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY …

Bailey Gavin with some of the items his family has donated to our school canteen.

Max Troth with his Star Student Award for being a great class member of Ms Oszpet’s classroom and our school.

Isabelle and Joseph telling us to beware of BLACK cats – especially if you’re a mouse !
Stage 4 Gifted and Talented Class – Wauchope High School
2015 Applications

In 2015 Wauchope High School will be forming a Stage 4 Gifted and Talented class. This class will be a combined group of students from Years 7 and 8 who will undertake a true G&T program of learning with teachers trained in the delivery of G&T experiences and opportunities. Entry into this class will be offered on the basis of student performance on a selection test.

The class will undertake their studies in a range of modes suited to G&T students including a compacted curriculum mode and acceleration. Students will also explore stimulating and challenging material beyond the syllabus, engage in self-directed project based learning as well as team based and individualised project work.

If you wish your child to be considered for placement in the 2015 Stage 4 Gifted and Talented class you will need to complete an application form, which should arrive in the post in coming days or can be obtained from the front office at Wauchope High School. You will also need to arrange for your child to be present at Wauchope High School for the selection tests which will take place on Friday 14 November from 9 am – 11 am in the school hall.

I apologise for the delay in notifying you of this opportunity, however, we wanted to ensure that what we structured for 2015 was of the highest quality and standard possible before proceeding. If you would like to discuss your child’s enrolment at the school or an application for the 2015 G&T class please feel free to contact the school on 6585 1400 to arrange an appointment.

Regards

Glen Sawle; M.Ed, B.Sc.
Principal

Camden Haven Triathlon Festival

22nd/23rd November

Junior races to suit all ages and abilities from 1pm Saturday along with an ocean swim and senior/teams sprint triathlon on Sunday morning.

For more information and entry forms visit www.portmactriclub.com.au
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.

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

Thank You