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 44 more sleeps

NOVEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER ....

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 10.40 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.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER ....

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!
Monday 24th Intensive Swimming.
Tuesday 25th 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 26th Happy birthday Joseph Hamilton! Intensive Swimming.
Thursday 27th Intensive Swimming.
Friday 28th 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 2nd Special Helpers and Volunteers’ Thank You Morning Tea. 11.00 am

Wednesday 3rd Happy birthday Kelly Styles! Year 6 Orientation Day at Wauchope High School.
Thursday 4th Final Mobile Library Van visit. Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs Virginia Cox. Senior Citizens’ Day.
Tuesday 9th 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 11th 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.
DECEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED …

Tuesday  16th  Huntingdon Christmas Tree. 6.00 pm
Santa arrives at 7.00 pm to give gifts to all of the children.

Wednesday  17th  Last day Term 4. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday!

Friday  19th  Happy birthday Mrs Merridy Golding!

Thursday  25th  Christmas Day! Merry Christmas everyone!

Friday  26th  Boxing Day.

Wednesday  31st  New Year’s Eve.

JANUARY MONTHLY PLANNER …

Friday  2nd  Happy birthday Harry Jakobsson!

Tuesday  13th  Happy birthday Ms Katherine Oszpet!

Wednesday  21st  Happy birthday Jacob McDonald!

Tuesday  27th  All teaching staff return. School Development Day
              Term 1. Welcome back!

Wednesday  28th  Yr 1 – Year 6 students return. Welcome back!

Thursday  29th  Kindergarten students begin. Best Start testing begins.

Friday  30th  Best Start testing for Kindergarten continues.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT …

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO MRS. KORRYN PETTIT …  Mrs Korryn Pettit has joined the Huntingdon teaching staff from Newcastle University and it's great to have her here.

On behalf of everyone at Huntingdon Public School I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Pettit to our school and we hope that her four week stay with us is a happy, enjoyable and rewarding experience! Mrs Pettit will be spending most of her time teaching in Ms. Oszpet’s classroom.

Thank you Ms Tatiana Bye. Good luck for the future! We will all miss you!

Mrs. Korryn Pettit has joined the Huntingdon teaching staff for the next four weeks.

A BIG THANK YOU TO MS. TATIANA BYE …  This Friday will be Ms. Bye’s last day with us and her three weeks as part of our teaching staff have certainly passed very quickly.

Thank you Ms Tatiana Bye. Good luck for the future! We will all miss you!
On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Ms. Bye for all of her hard work, support and dedication while she has been a member of our school's teaching staff. We hope you keep in touch with us and we wish you every success in all of your future endeavours.

WE WELCOME MRS. AMANDA PLATTS TO OUR TEACHING SUPPORT STAFF... Our P & C President, Mrs. Amanda Platts, is completing her course to become a qualified School Learning Support Officer. In order to achieve this Mrs. Platts has joined Huntingdon’s teaching support staff starting last week and we are very fortunate and grateful for her help and support, especially at this busy time of the year.

Mrs. Amanda Platts will be working primarily in Ms. Oszpet and Mrs Elliott’s classrooms assisting students and staff for the rest of the year.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY AWARDS – CONGRATULATIONS MRS. RACHEL MCCANN... We celebrated World Teachers’ Day on Thursday, 30th October with a special awards ceremony at the Little Fish Café in Port Macquarie. At the ceremony teachers from primary and secondary schools as well as TAFE and Universities were honoured by receiving a World Teachers’ Day Award.

Nominations were invited from both public as well as private schools and Mrs. Rachel McCann received an award after being nominated by Huntingdon Public School. Her citation was:

Mrs. Rachel McCann is a valued member of Huntingdon’s Teaching Staff. As our school's librarian she is passionate about our students reading on a regular basis and also performing to the best of their abilities in all of the Key Learning Areas. Mrs McCann’s expertise in technology has enabled her to establish and maintain our informative school’s website and she regularly keeps us informed about any new or innovative teaching strategies.

By implementing our GATS and STLA Programs Mrs McCann has used her expertise to enrich the learning experiences of students at our school with special needs. She is always encouraging students to eat healthily and Huntingdon Public School wouldn’t be the special place that it is without her input.

Mrs McCann truly is a ‘treasure’ and very deserving of this prestigious World Teachers’ Day Award. Congratulations Mrs McCann and thank you for everything that you do!
Unbeknown to me some people on Huntingdon’s teaching and non-teaching staff had secretly nominated ‘ yours truly ’ so you can imagine my absolute surprise when my name was read out. I felt truly humble and must say it was a day I will always remember! My sincere thanks to everyone involved.

Hastings’ Director of Schools Mr. Mark Youngblutt was at the awards presentation.

OUR NEXT SCHOOL SOCIAL … What a fun night our first school Monster Theme Social turned out to be on Friday, 31st October. The staff, parents and students as well as their families and friends had a fun night and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves – despite the hot weather.

In all, a total of more than $600 was raised on the night for our P & C and I have to thank everyone involved for such a terrific result. Many thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. McCann for organising the music during the night and the brilliant light show in the hall.

Our Adopt-A-Cop Constable Dean Magennis did a great job cooking the sausages with Mrs. Maree Hirst assisting to get the sausage sandwiches out to everyone.

Ms Bye and Mrs Elliott had fun!

Is this really Jessica and Lee Cunningham?
Dancing the night away – Thank you Mr. and Mrs. McCann!

Can you believe it’s Xander, Jye, Patrick and Flynn!

Mrs. Maree Smith-Petrovic trying to work out which witch is which!

Mrs Angela Marr-Grogan keeping her two monsters - Harper and Gideon - under control.
Mr. Magennis and Mrs. Hirst churning out the sausage sandwiches.

Look out! If you don’t pay Mrs. Kylie Magennis could put a SPELL on you!

A BIG thank you to all families who participated and made the night a memorable one. Special thanks to our hard working P & C Association for another great event. A special thank you to Mrs. Amanda Platts and Mrs. Michelle Styles for helping to organise the night’s lollies and food and Mr and Mrs. Troth for bringing in a delicious dessert.

Guess who the good fairy Lucas is trying to change BACK after he was turned into a MOUSE? It’s Liam McCann!

HUNTINGDON’S DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPIONS ... The four members of our school’s winning Blue Team will be travelling to Kempsey on Friday for the Mid North Coast District Primary School Championships. Riley McCann, Lucas Warburton, Beaudean Taylor and Jorjia-Rose Styles will be playing Macksville for the title.

Special thanks to Mr Paddy McCann and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for being Huntingdon’s Golf Team Managers and helping to transport the students to and from Kempsey. It’s really appreciated!
HASTINGS CAMDEN HAVEN DISTRICT CRICKET TRIALS ... This Friday the Hastings Camden Haven Cricket trials are being held at Stuart Park in Port Macquarie. Talented cricket player Jack Kidd will be representing our school on Friday and we wish him the best of luck.

Jack Kidd ready to play cricket on Friday

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS THIS TERM ... All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books on Thursday, 13th November when the Mobile Library Van visits us again.

Huntingdon students who read - succeed!

INTENSIVE SWIMMING ... We start our Intensive Swimming Program on Monday and we will be swimming every day for two weeks. Thank you to all families who have so far returned their Intensive Swimming money and permission notes. Please note that we could still use even more parent helpers and volunteers to assist us by taking a group. Please contact the school if you are able to assist as we are finalising our groups this week. Many thanks!

TENNIS COACHING IN TERM 4 ... Tennis Coaching is continuing this week and all students are loving the experience. Tennis coach Mr Greg Alchin is enjoying teaching all students from Kindergarten – Year 6 each Thursday morning.

Jason Brown is hoping to be selected in the Huntingdon vs Long Flat Tennis team in 2015.
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.

HASTINGS LIFEGUARD MR. GRANT HUDSON VISIT ... Last Friday Hastings Lifeguard, Mr Grant Hudson, visited our school to talk to all students about how to keep themselves safe when they go to the beach.

With the warmer weather we have been experiencing lately we want all Huntingdon students to know how to keep themselves safe when they are at the pool and at the beach.

SNAKE AND TICK WARNING ... Mr Hudson mentioned that with the warmer weather a lot of snakes have been sighted on our local beaches recently and there is also a tick warning at the moment. Please be careful if you are heading to our local beaches and remember to check for ticks after students and pets have been playing in bushy or grassy areas.

Our school captain Beaudean Taylor thanking Mr Hudson for kindly visiting our school and giving us all his safety talk.

SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER DAY ... Many thanks to the Huntingdon Canteen Committee for organising a special lunch order for everyone this coming Friday. It’s our one time of the year when we have hamburgers and pies available so please ensure that all lunch orders are returned by Thursday morning or you will miss out. Many thanks!

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY ... Many thanks to Ms. Katherine Oszpet for organising our special Remembrance Day Ceremony today with the assistance of the Year 4, 5 and 6 students. More news to follow next newsletter.

SPECIAL MENTIONS ... During the week Mr. Joshua Bramwell very kindly came in and connected the Upper Primary classroom to Wi-Fi. This now allows all of the Year 4, 5 and 6 students to have access to a laptop computer throughout the day. Many thanks to Joshua for your help and support and for also connecting the Infants’ Classroom to Wi-Fi earlier in the term.
Mr. Joshua Bramwell – ICT genius!

SOME MORE MEMORABLE SYDNEY EXCURSION PHOTOGRAPHS …

Isabella … “Did you hurt your bandaged arm boxing?”

“No Mr Fuhrmann – I did NOT push this car over!”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO … Bodhi Paulson who celebrated his birthday on Monday, 3rd November, 2014 and Xander Brown who celebrates his birthday on Monday, 17th November.

Bodhi enjoying his birthday cone with his mum.
MORE SPECIAL MENTIONS … Winners in the recent Stingers Stamp Collecting Colouring In Competition.

Congratulations to everyone who entered. Well done to all our winners!

Huntingdon Astronauts who recently completed successful missions on various Maths Planets.

Guess who’s our new Astronaut and now knows ALL of his 2x – 12 x multiplication tables?

THIS WEEK’S THREE WINNING BEACH JOKES …

Q … What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A … a FSH!

Q … What did the ocean say to the sand?
A … Nothing! It just WAVED!

Q … What did one ocean say to the other ocean?
A … SEA you later!

BEACH AND SURF SAFETY DID YOU KNOW? The Surf Life Saving movement began in 1907 when volunteer lifesavers began to protect the lives of fellow beachgoers on Bondi Beach, by performing patrols and rescues. Since this time, volunteer lifesavers have saved more than 615,000 lives.

Surf lifesavers spend more than 1.4 million hours a year patrolling our beaches, pools and coastlines. Together surf lifesavers and Australian Lifeguard Service (ALS) lifeguards rescue around 12,000 people, provide emergency care to 64,000 and give safety advice to more than 900,000 others. And that’s every year.
The red and yellow of our surf lifesavers have been etched into the hearts and minds of all Australians. We watch over you. Next time you are at the beach, watch out for us. Find the red and yellow flags and always swim between them – remember, if surf lifesavers can’t see you they can’t save you.

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

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**EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY …** The Year 4, 5 and 6 students who have completed their weekly homework have enjoyed cooking every week with Mrs. McCann.

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**THE ANNUAL HUNTINGDON CUP …** Last Tuesday all Huntingdon students participated in the annual running of the **Huntingdon Cup**. This is always a highlight of the year and this year was no exception.

*Winners in Ms Oszpet’s class were Dominic Davey and Ashwin Nath.*

*Runners up in Ms Oszpet’s class were Max Troth and Rueben Hirst.*

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*Having fun as we learn and cook at the same time!*
Winners in the Upper Primary class were Tom Driver and Beaudean Taylor.

Runners up in the Upper Primary class were Jorjia-Rose Styles and Riley McCann.

Runners up in Mrs Elliott’s class were Tristin Bramwell and Kyle Luke. The winners were Jock Coombes and Nikesh Nath. (Unfortunately, Jock left the assembly prior to these photos being taken.)

MORE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL NEWS ...
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

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Principal