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 30 more sleeps until it’s Christmas Day!

NOVEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER ....

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 Keily Styles!
Year 6 Orientation Day at Wauchope High School.

Thursday 4th
Final Mobile Library Van visit. Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs Virginia Cox.

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!
Huntingdon Grandparents’ Day. Special school performance. 10.00 am
Broken Bago Senior Citizens’ Group visit.
Morning tea.
Year 6 Formal Dinner. Eastport Bowling Club. 6.00 pm.

Tuesday 16th
Huntingdon Christmas Tree.
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!
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 ...  The year is quickly coming to an end and it’s amazing to think that we only have four more weeks of Term 4 to go.

2 WAY FM COMMUNITY RADIO STATION’S SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM ...
Please tune in to the 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station’s School’s Out Program tonight from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm because our four Year 6 students will be running the program.

Our panellist will be Mrs. Julie-Anne Murphy and we always celebrate the Year 6 presenting the final broadcast as members of our school. Please listen in as they recall some of their fun times spent at Huntingdon Public School and what they are looking forward to doing when they get to high school.

HUNTINGDON ARE THE MID NORTH COAST DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPIONS...
On Friday, 14th November, Riley McCann, Patrick Magennis, Beaudean Taylor and Jorjia-Rose Styles travelled up to Kempsey for the Mid North Coast District Primary School Golf Championships. Patrick replaced Lucas Warburton who unfortunately wasn’t able to attend on the day.

Patrick Magennis, Riley McCann, Jorjia-Rose Styles and Beaudean Taylor. Our Mid North Coast Primary School Golf Champions!

Our team played the team from Macksville Public School and after a thrilling round of golf Huntingdon Public School was eventually declared the winner after a count back. Congratulations!

This now concludes the North Coast Primary School Golf Championships but next year Co-ordinator Mr Ray Robbins has indicated that the winning team could go on and play in a state and maybe national final. Something to look forward to!

Special thanks to Mr. Patrick McCann and Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Leanne Taylor for being Huntingdon’s Golf Team Managers and helping to transport the students to and from Kempsey Golf Course on the day. It was really appreciated and the team couldn’t have competed without your help.

Lucas, Ben, Beaudean and Patrick will be presenting the ‘School’s Out Program’ tonight from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.
The Huntingdon Golf Team with their winning medallions.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS US FOR A FINAL TIME IN 2015 ... All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and all their borrowed books on Thursday, 4th December when the Mobile Library Van visits for the final time in 2015.

We certainly have been fortunate to have the Mobile Library Van come and visit us every fortnight and on behalf of all of the staff, parents and students I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs. Virginia Cox for all of their wonderful support throughout the year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson ready to scan some of the library books.

Year 6 student Ben Clifford finding an interesting magazine to borrow.

Our students and the staff have certainly enjoyed the Mobile Library Van’s fortnightly visits and we are looking forward to its return next year.

HASTINGS CAMDEN HAVEN DISTRICT CRICKET TRIALS ... On Friday, 14th November the Hastings Camden Haven District Cricket trials were held at Stuart Park in Port Macquarie. Talented cricket player Jack Kidd represented our school and tried his best but unfortunately wasn’t selected in the District Team. Great effort Jack!
INTENSIVE SWIMMING ... We started our Intensive Swimming Program last week and I have to admit it’s wonderful to see so many of our parents volunteering to come in and assist each day. Trying to organise our big group of young non-swimmers is an awesome task and I have to thank Mrs Janet Elliott with assistance from Mrs Kylie Salms for looking after the Kindies and Year 1 and Year 2 students so well. Also assisting with swimming is Austswim trained Ms Jaclyn Elliott.

Jace and Tyla Davies are enjoying going swimming each day.

The weather has been really favourable but we do need each student to bring in their own sunscreen. A reminder that the only day students may purchase something at the Wauchope Pool Shop is this Friday, 28th November. A BIG thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! It’s been really appreciated!

TENNIS COACHING IN TERM 4 ... Tennis Coaching concluded after six weeks and all students’ tennis skills have certainly improved as a result. We thanked our tennis coach Mr. Greg Alchin for very kindly implementing the coaching program and we are hoping to run a similar one next year.

The $4 weekly cost for each student participating for the six weeks was met by the school and this was partially possible as a result of our school’s involvement in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge.

School leader Ben Clifford thanking Mr Greg Alchin.

With the Christmas holidays almost upon us a reminder that our tennis court is available for our families to use. Please contact the school if you need to borrow some tennis balls or racquets.

The Upper Primary students loved their six weeks of tennis coaching.
Many thanks to the Huntingdon Canteen Committee for organising a special lunch order for everyone last Friday. It was the one time of the year when we had hamburgers and pies available and everyone who ordered their lunch on the day was not disappointed.

Luella, Calleigh and Jordyn let their taste buds do the talking at the special lunch order day last Friday.

A HEAD LICE AND TICK WARNING … With the dry, extremely hot weather we have been experiencing lately a reminder to all parents to regularly check your children for ticks and head lice as they are prevalent at the moment. We would like to keep our school a head lice free one and this will only be possible if all parents continue to monitor their children’s hair on a regular basis. Many thanks!

IMPETIGO OR SCHOOL SORES … Please read as some of our students have been diagnosed with having school sores.

What is impetigo?
- impetigo is also known as school sores
- it starts with blisters on exposed parts of the body, such as hands, legs and face
- the blisters burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day
- the sores are itchy
- the sores spread easily to other parts of the skin
- impetigo is easily spread to other children and adults if they touch the sores

What to do?
- go to the doctor
- check and clean every day
- gently wash the sores with warm water and a soft cloth - wash the sores until the crust comes off and wash away the pus and blood
- check other children for impetigo - use any cream from the doctor on the sores
- cover sores with a cloth or plaster to help stop the infection from spreading
- keep your child’s nails short and clean
- wash your hands with soap and dry thoroughly before and after touching the skin or sores
- make sure your child washes their hands with soap often, and dries them thoroughly, especially if they touch the sores

How are school sores spread?
- fluid or pus from sores gets on other skin
- keep sores clean and covered

What to do if it gets worse?
You need to go back to the doctor if any of these things happen:
- sores last more than a week
- sores become red or swollen
- sores have pus in them
- your child has a fever
The infection may have spread to other parts of the body or blood. Your child may need blood tests and antibiotics. It is important to take the antibiotics every day until they are finished, even if the impetigo seems to have cleared up earlier. The antibiotics need to keep killing the infection in the body after the skin has healed.

**Time off from school?**

One day after treatment has started and the sores start to heal. Check with your doctor or public health nurse or school.

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS ...** On Thursday, 13th November we had our final Kindergarten Orientation Day. Special thanks to Ms Katherine Oszpét for organising the four Kindergarten Orientation Days and everyone who assisted in some way to make it possible.

We sincerely hope that the Kindergarten Orientation Days have been rewarding for all of our new Kindies and their parents and that it will make the transition from their pre-schools and home an easier and relatively stress free one. We will be evaluating the success of our Kindergarten Orientation Days to consider how we can improve our planning next year.
GET WELL WISHES ... Get well wishes to Mrs Madeleine Besseling and Ms Katherine Oszpet. Unfortunately, Mrs Besseling will not be returning to Huntingdon Public School this year and we all wish her the best of health. We are hoping that she might be able to re-join the teaching staff sometime in Term 2 next year.

This week we welcome Ms April Elliott to our teaching staff. Ms Elliott will be taking Ms Oszpet's class with Mrs Korryn Pettit while Ms Oszpet is away. We wish Ms Oszpet a speedy recovery and are looking forward to her return next Monday.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO STUDENTS ... Amelia Paulson who celebrated her birthday on Wednesday, 19th November and Joseph Hamilton who celebrates his birthday tomorrow on Wednesday, 26th November.

We hope that you both enjoy your special day!

THIS WEEK'S UPPER PRIMARY WINNING CIRCUS JOKES ...

Q ... Did you hear about the dog who went to see the flea circus ?
A ... He STOLE the show !

Q .... What did the cannibal say when he ate the clown ?
A ... This tasted FUNNY !

Q .... Did you hear about the human cannonball ?
A ... He got FIRED !

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE STAFF ... Mrs. Cheryl Carpenter celebrated a milestone birthday on Saturday, 22nd November and Mrs. Rachel McCann celebrated her birthday on Sunday, 23rd November. We hope that both birthday celebrations were memorable!

Mrs. Cheryl Carpenter celebrated her milestone birthday on Saturday.

SIX INTERESTING CIRCUS FACTS - THE UPPER PRIMARY CLASS' THEME FOR THIS WEEK. DID YOU KNOW?

1. The word circus comes from the Latin word meaning circle, or ring!

2. A traditional circus is a trained company of acrobats, animals and clowns that work in unison.

3. Performers let you know their act is finished with their own special signature, a wink or a hand gesture.

4. The human cannonball travels at warp speeds of 95-115 kms per hour!

5. Whistling backstage is considered bad luck.

6. The circus is over 2000 years old!

HUNTINGDON GRANDPARENTS' DAY ... Huntingdon Public School is celebrating Grandparents' Day by inviting all of our students’ grandparents to our school on Thursday, 11th December for a special School Concert Performance put on by all of our students.

Talented cricketer Jack Kidd with his nan.

The School Concert Performance will start at 10.00 am and will feature songs, dances, skits and plays. We have also invited the Broken Bago Group to join us on the day. After the performance we will be having a shared morning tea. More news to follow.

HUNTINGDON'S 2014 FINAL ASSEMBLY ... This year we will be trialling starting our Final Assembly on Tuesday, 9th December earlier in the day because the afternoons have been extremely hot. This year we will be starting our Final Assembly at 10.00 am and there will be a special lunch order available on the day for staff, students and any parents who are attending and would like to stay on for lunch. A special lunch order form will be sent home next week.

Our Final Assembly is always a highlight of the year as we acknowledge and celebrate our students’ achievements and their successes in the Key Learning Areas as well as Citizenship. We will also announce who will be our school leaders in 2015. Next year we will be selecting a new School Captain and School Vice-Captain.
Ben Clifford and Lucas Warburton have applied to be considered for placement in the Stage 4 Gifted and Talented class at Wauchope High School in 2015 by sitting for the selection test last Friday morning. We all wished Ben and Lucas the best of luck with their application!

NEXT MONDAY WILL BE OUR FINAL SCRIPTURE CLASSES FOR 2014 ...
Many thanks to Aunty Colleen, Mrs Phyllis De Verteuil and Mrs Tammy Driver for kindly coming in each week to run our three Scripture classes. Thank you also to Mrs Rachel McCann for very kindly running the Ethics Class for students who do not attend any of the Scripture classes.

We sincerely hope that we can continue to run our two Scripture Classes and our Ethics Class in 2015.

SPECIAL MENTIONS ... Congratulations to Liam McCann and Keily Styles for being selected as the most enthusiastic singers during our last Friday Whole School Assembly. Well done!

SCHOOL LEADERS 2015 ... We have ten interested Year 5 and Year 4 students who would like to be our School Captain or School Vice-Captain next year. Students have until Monday, 1st December to plan and prepare a short speech which they will deliver to the whole school on that day.

Students will need to plan their speeches and convince everyone why they should vote for them and why they would be great leaders of our school next year.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL NEWS ... A letter in the Wauchope Gazette.

A special someone in Wauchope

WHAT is important in our community, the community I have lived in for the last 45 years? A few things come to mind.

The first one is the spirit of kindness. Second would be the opportunity to live and thrive within the community.

Third is the challenge to search and find somebody that might need me to help lift his or her spirit up.

This letter is written from the heart to try and help someone in our community, a hard worker with a determination to do the best for herself and her two young sons. Five years ago, a little lady with her two little boys moved into my town of Wauchope.

She started her little Thai restaurant at Timbertown shopping village.

She started it from nothing and it required huge determination and lots of hard work but she has now run the business for five years and has many friends and contacts in our town. Having a flat above the restaurant has been very convenient for her and her two boys. She realised that her new town was small and quiet, compared with Port Macquarie and would not generate the business flow of a larger town; however, she was quite happy to settle down here and set roots.

It hasn’t been easy as there are just a certain number of customers and many other eating houses vying for their custom. A nasty incident where she was assaulted and robbed did not help. It came to mind that there is one very strong and determined little lady.

She told me that Timbertown Shopping Village is built for her. She has her little flat above the shop, her boys are happy with Huntington School and above all she has a kind and understanding landlord. After sharing part of her life, I wish to share with the town a little of Thara Thai, the business and the lady behind it all. Like me, Thara has no family here but many friends.

She is having a celebration night: a Thai BBQ on November 29. It would be nice if people would support this hard working mother and her two sons.

I congratulate her on her achievements and I wish her well.

Jinny McIver
Huntingdon.