HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Tuesday, 16th December, 2014.

Missed a copy of our newsletters? You will find them on our school website. Our school’s website is found at: http://www.huntingdon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

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 9 more sleeps until it’s Christmas Day!

DECEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Tuesday 16th Huntingdon Christmas Tree. 6 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 Oszpét!
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 ...

OUR LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2014 ... This will be our final newsletter for 2014. Special thanks to all of the staff, families, community members and volunteers for helping to make the year such a fun and rewarding one!

Happy birthday Luella Warburton!
Luella celebrated her birthday last Thursday.
MERRY CHRISTMAS ... As this is our final newsletter for the year I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of the staff, to wish everyone a very ...  

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Hopefully the Christmas break, if you're fortunate enough to be having one, will give you the opportunity to spend some quality time with your family, friends and those you hold dear to you. May your holiday be a very relaxing and enjoyable one!

THE YEAR IN REVIEW ... As another busy and rewarding year draws to a close it is once again extremely satisfying to reflect on some of our accomplishments and achievements during the year and it gives me great pleasure to recount just a few of them in our final newsletter for the year. Upon reflection 2014 has been another very busy and rewarding year.

Our amazing Year 6 students are ready for high school.

FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 ... Sadly the time at Huntingdon for Beaudean Taylor, Patrick Magennis, Lucas Warburton and Ben Clifford is ending and they are looking forward to the new adventures and challenges that await them in high school. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of the staff and students, to thank them for their leadership, help and support throughout the year.

I hope that some of our Year 6 to Year 7 transition programs that were implemented during 2014 will help to make your transition to high school a relatively smooth one. The feedback I have received from our Year 6 students who made the transition to high school last year has been very positive and we will be asking for similar feedback from our current Year 6 students in Term 1 and again in Term 4 next year.

We hope that Beaudean Taylor, Patrick Magennis, Lucas Warburton and Ben Clifford will continue to be positive role models and make their families and our school proud of them and their achievements. We wish them every success in the future. I hope they will remember some of the fun times and rewarding experiences they have had while they have been members of our school and they stay in touch with us.

We hope you continue to have ‘fun as you learn in high school!’

THANK YOU TO THE YEAR 6 FOR THEIR BEAUTIFUL GIFT ... Unfortunately after the Year 6 received their $10 gift vouchers from Councillor Adam Roberts representing Port Macquarie-Hastings Council at our Final Assembly their gift to the school was presented. It is a beautiful bronze sundial and we will find a great place for it somewhere in our school playground. Many thanks! Many thanks to...
Beaudene Taylor, Patrick Magennis, Lucas Warburton and Ben Clifford and their families for such a wonderful addition to our school. It was truly appreciated!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR TEACHING AND LEARNING SUPPORT STAFF ... A really big thank you to all of our hard working and dedicated teaching staff for all of their efforts throughout the year.

I am very fortunate to be able to work with such a fantastic team of dedicated and hardworking people and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their ongoing support throughout the year and for helping to make our school the special place that it is.

Thank you Mrs Besseling and Mrs McCann.

Many thanks Ms Oszpet, Mrs Elliott, Mrs McCann, Mrs Besseling and Mr Alexander for all of your help and support throughout the year. It certainly has been appreciated. Also a special thank you to Mrs Lynne Popplewell, Ms April Elliott, Ms Hayley Burn, Ms Tatiana Bye, Mrs Amanda Platts and Mrs Korryn Pettit for kindly joining our teaching and support staff throughout the year. It was really appreciated!

We sure are lucky to have had so many people selecting our school to complete their teaching practicums and work experience in.

Thank you Ms Oszpet and Mrs Elliott

Ms April Elliott and Mrs Amanda Platts.
WE SAY FAREWELL TO THE TAYLOR, WYATT AND MAGENNIS FAMILIES...
Sadly, our association with the Taylor, Wyatt and Magennis families has come to an end as their children and foster children leave us to attend Wauchope High School.

A ‘little’ Lucas Warburton and Patrick Magennis!
We have had the pleasure of seeing our four Year 6 boys mature and grow into fine young men, especially those who arrived in Kindergarten and Year 1 many years ago. It’s been a real pleasure to have taught your children and we have valued everything that you have done for the staff, parents and students of our school while they have been with us. Many thanks! We hope that you stay in touch with us!

Excursions are fun but no one cooks better than Mrs Wyatt and my mum.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORT STAFF...
No small school could survive without their non-teaching support staff and Huntingdon Public School is no exception. We are very fortunate to have five of the most dedicated and hardworking support staff in the world employed right here at our school! In the office, we couldn’t survive without Mrs Wendy Trotter, Mrs Merridy Golding and Mrs Cheryl Carpenter.

Thank you Mrs Wendy Trotter and Mrs Merridy Golding. Mrs Golding celebrates her birthday this Friday, 19th December.

The responsibility of looking after the financial management side of things is always an onerous task and this year was no exception. Being in the front office makes Mrs Trotter, Mrs Golding and Mrs Carpenter three of the most important people in our school and they play a very important role in ensuring that all visitors are made to feel welcome. Those who do visit us soon discover that our school is indeed a happy, safe and caring place and appreciate our hospitality.

Thank you Mrs Cheryl Carpenter!
Mr David Anderson and Mrs Gwen Ellis are also valued and important members of our team. A special thank you for all of your efforts and hard work during 2014.

Mr David Anderson not only takes pride in keeping our school grounds looking their very best, but he also is on hand to complete the numerous minor tasks and repair jobs that crop up throughout the year. He regularly attends our Working Bees and sets up the lights in our hall for special occasions such as our Christmas Tree and Final Assemblies.

Thank you Mrs Ellis and Mr Anderson on behalf of all of the staff, parents and students for all of the little extra things you both do that help make our school the special place that it is. It is greatly appreciated!

OUR P & C AND COMMUNITY HELPERS ...

Of course no school can survive without the help and support of its parents and school community and Huntingdon Public School is once again very proud of its achievements in this area in 2014. We always encourage parental participation in all aspects of our school and are always open to suggestions of how this can be improved.

A big thank you to all members of our P and C Association for their wonderful help and support in 2014. It has been another extremely busy but rewarding year for so many reasons. A special thank you to our P & C Executive, our President and School Uniform Co-ordinator Mrs Amanda Platts, our Secretary Mr Paddy McCann, our Treasurer, Mrs Kylie Magennis, and School Canteen Co-ordinator Mrs Michelle Styles for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Thank you Mrs Ellis and Mrs Gwen Ellis and Mr David Anderson for all of your efforts and hard work during 2014.

Cleaning the school can often be a thankless task and we are very fortunate to have someone as dedicated as Mrs Ellis on our staff to ensure that our school is kept spotlessly clean and tidy. Mrs Ellis regularly provides a cleaning service that is above and beyond the call of duty and we thank her for being so dedicated.

Mr Anderson mowing and keeping our school looking great!

Mrs Amanda Platts. Guess who’s a Bulldogs fan?
Mrs Michelle Styles and Mr Paddy McCann serving pancakes.

We couldn’t have achieved what we have without your guidance, support and leadership. I don’t think I have ever known the Huntingdon P & C to be so financial, which is wonderful. We will be looking for ways to have an even greater number of Huntingdon parents and community members involved in all aspects of our school in 2015.

Our Treasurer Mrs Kylie Magennis has done an amazing job!

It’s always very encouraging to receive feedback from parents, community members and visitors that they feel welcomed and comfortable when they visit our school.

Just some of our wonderful volunteers who attended our Special Volunteers’ Thank You Morning Tea, with our students.

A special thank you to all of our mums, dads, grandparents, relatives and friends who have given so much of their time and helped the staff and pupils in all aspects of school throughout the year. It certainly has been appreciated and we look forward to your continued involvement and support in 2015.

Our canteen has been really successful .

Our healthier school canteen operated very smoothly and efficiently throughout the year and it is a credit to Mrs Michelle Styles and Mrs Amanda Platts and everyone involved in the operation of the canteen for it being so successful.

Special thanks to Mrs Michelle Styles and Mrs Amanda Platts for all of the time they have spent trying to make our canteen best suit the needs of our students and ensuring that the canteen is well stocked and everything is always in readiness for our special lunch days. We really appreciated it!
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of our school community for their help and support and our P and C Association for their hard work and efforts in trying to raise the much-needed funds that flow back to the pupils at our school. The money raised has certainly helped to enrich our teaching programs and helped to purchase much needed resources. On behalf of us all, many thanks!

To all of our wonderful parent helpers and volunteers, like Ms Brittni Wade, who have come into the Upper and Middle Primary and the Infants’ Classrooms during the year, many thanks for making our task an easier one and enriching the lives of our students. We are looking forward to your continued involvement in 2015.

Thank you Joshua Bramwell for setting up the Wi-Fi in the Infants and Upper Primary classrooms.

I would also like to sincerely thank Mrs Sheila Gee for her very kind and generous donation to our school at our Final Assembly. It was really appreciated and we will survey the staff and the students to find out what educational resource or resources they would like to purchase in 2015. We will keep you informed.

Many thanks to ALL our wonderful volunteers for all of your help and support during 2014 and for helping to make our school the special place that it is! I have seen the great gains made by our students in all aspects of school including literacy, numeracy, swimming, sport and the Creative and Performing Arts as a result of the programs you have helped us to implement.

On behalf of all of the students and parents of our school, many thanks! Thanks also to all of our wonderful helpers who come in on a regular basis to assist us in all of the Key Learning Areas. We are very grateful for your support.

A BIG THANK YOU TO AUNTY COLLEEN, MRS De VERTEUIL, MRS DRIVER, AND MRS McCANN ... Many thanks to our Scripture teachers Mrs Phyllis De Verteuil, Aunty Colleen and Mrs Tammy Driver for teaching all of our students Scripture throughout the year. As well, Mrs Rachel McCann has very kindly taught the students who don’t attend Scripture in our Ethics Class, for which we are grateful.

SEMESTER 2 STUDENTS’ REPORTS ... These have been finalised, proof read and copied and have all been sent home after our Final Assembly. My apologies for not getting them sent home any earlier. Congratulations to all of our students who have received a Principal’s Award sticker from me and who have been working consistently throughout the year. There were many Huntingdon students who have achieved some outstanding results. Well done!
THANK YOU TO OUR ADOPT A COP ... During the year we have been fortunate to have our Adopt-A-Cop Senior Constable Dean Magennis visit us and answer some of our students' questions. We are looking forward to having our Adopt A Cop Senior Constable Dean Magennis return each term in 2015.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER... Last Thursday the staff and Year 6 students as well as their parents and partners farewelled our Year 6 students at a special dinner. Traditionally this is a fun night and I am unable to mention too much about the night so as not to spoil the surprise for our Year 6 students next year.

The boys had a great night and it was wonderful to look back over the years when they first started at Huntingdon Public School. My thanks to all of the staff for assisting on the night.
2015 - 2017 SCHOOL PLANNING SURVEYS ... With it being such a busy time of the year we will be sending home some of our school surveys and evaluations to assist us with our future planning at the beginning of next year.

OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREE :- This will be happening tonight starting at 6.00 pm and we are looking forward to seeing everyone, including Santa who will be arriving at 7.00 pm.

Santa will arrive at 7.00 pm !

We sincerely hope that all Huntingdon students are on Santa's Nice List as I have heard he is bringing presents for those who are.

OUR 2014 FINAL ASSEMBLY :- Last Tuesday was our Final Assembly and I would like to congratulate all of our students who received recognition for some of their great efforts throughout the year. I will give a full report on our Final Assembly in our first newsletter next year. This was the first year that we decided to have our Final Assembly earlier in the day when it wouldn't be so hot and it certainly was successful.

Many thanks to our special guests and presenters. Councillor Adam Roberts represented the Hastings Council and Gayle and Keith Ramsey very kindly donated $200 to our library from the Port Macquarie Escapees Motorhome Chapter. Unfortunately Mr and Mrs Kool were unable to get here due to Mr Kool suddenly becoming ill. Despite the warm weather our Final Assembly did turn out to be another special and memorable one.

I have heard that parents and guests enjoyed the three classes performing and we are already looking at ways to make next year’s Final Assembly an even better one.

Many thanks to our school leaders, Captains Beaudean Taylor and Lucas Warburton and Vice-Captains Patrick Magennis and Ben Clifford for all of their help and support throughout the year. I also have to congratulate our school Captains for 2015 - Jorjia Rose Styles and Thomas Driver and Vice Captains - Amelia Paulson and Jye Baker. Well done !

OUT OF UNIFORM SCHOOL MUFTI DAY ... Tomorrow is the last day of school for all of our students so they are permitted to come to school out of uniform but no thongs, strappy dresses or inappropriate slogans on T-shirts please.

SPECIAL MENTIONS ... A big thank you to Mrs Paula Slade, our post-'woman' for very kindly spoiling all of our students by presenting them with a special annual Christmas Cane this week. The students always appreciate Mrs Slade’s thoughtfulness.
Thank you to Mr Colin Besseling for very kindly visiting our school to talk to all of the Upper primary students about his passion for woodwork. Bailey Gavin’s weekly English theme was Woodwork last week so we invited Mr Besseling to bring in some of the wonderful projects that he had made to show everyone. We all learnt a lot and really appreciated it!

Tyson Boese checking out some of the fantastic things Mr Colin Besseling has made out of timber.

Q ... How many chimneys does Santa go down every Christmas?
A ... Stacks!

Q ... What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?
A ... Crisp Cringle.

OUR FINAL XMAS JOKES FOR THE YEAR ... Ho! Ho! Ho!

LOST PROPERTY BIN ... Final chance for all parents to come in and have a look in our Lost Property Bin because we have had unclaimed and unnamed articles of clothing in it for more than two terms. We have shown and asked students if any of the items belong to them but no-one seems to want them. Please note that all articles of clothing not claimed by the end of the year will be washed, dried and then added to our Pre-loved Uniform Bin or donated to a local charity.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN WILL RETURN IN 2015 ... All students were reminded to bring in their library cards and all their borrowed books on Thursday, 4th December when the Mobile Library Van visited for the final time in 2014.

Mrs Elizabeth Robinson will return in the Mobile Library Van next year.

OUR FINAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR :- Maybe it’s an appropriate one for the Festive Season.

Don’t educate your children to be rich.
Educate them to be happy, so they know the value of things, not the price.

Q ... How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
A ... Deep pan, crisp and even!

Q ... What is green, white, and red all over?
A ... A sunburnt elf.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING... Mrs Merridy Golding who celebrates her birthday on Friday, 19th December, Harry Jakobsson who celebrates his birthday on Friday, 2nd January, Ms Katherine Oszpet who celebrates her birthday on Tuesday, 13th January and Jacob McDonald who celebrates his birthday on Wednesday, 21st January.

HUNTINGDON’S SPECIAL GRANDPARENTS’ DAY ASSEMBLY AND PERFORMANCE... Huntingdon Public School celebrated Grandparents’ Day on Thursday, 11th December and we held a special Grandparents’ Day Concert which was performed by all of our students. It was a memorable morning despite the stormy weather and it was pleasing to see so many of our parents and grandparents being able to attend.

The School Concert Performance started at 10.00 am and featured songs, dances, poem recitals, some funny skits and plays. We also invited members from the Broken Bago Day Club and Mrs Robyn Flanagan’s Senior Citizens’ Group to join us on the day. After the performance we all enjoyed a shared morning tea.

OUR CARPETS ARE CLEANED... All Huntingdon classrooms had their carpets steam cleaned yesterday. It will mean that they look fresh and clean in readiness for the start of the 2015 year.

SPECIAL MENTIONS... Congratulations to Lucas Warburton for being awarded the Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medallion for Excellence in Swimming. Lucas received his medallion from our P & C President Mrs Amanda Platts at a special assembly yesterday. !

Mrs May Sale from the Broken Bago Day Club presenting Jorjia-Rose Styles with her award for Creative and Performing Arts.

Congratulations Lucas !

The carpet cleaners have arrived !
SOCCER NEWS:
Wauchope Soccer Club Online Registrations are opening 5th January 2015.
For further information and to access the My Football Club registration system, visit our website: www.wauchopesoccerclub.sportingpulse.net. You can also become a fan on our Facebook page “Wauchope Soccer Club” to be kept in the loop over summer.
Looking forward to seeing you next year...
Many thanks,
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Hi All Tennis Players ...

With the holidays fast approaching we have decided to offer 3 tennis camps for December to cater for those schools finishing early as well as the other schools. The dates for the camps are:

Camp 1: Thursday 11th & Friday 12th December
Times: 8.30-11.30 or 8.30-3.30pm
Cost: For the 8.30-11.30 session $35.00 per day, For the 8.30-3.30 session $60.00 per day

Camp 2: Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th December
Camp 3: Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th December
Time: Mini Tennis 8.30-10.00 am or Full Session 8.30-11.30
Cost: 3 Day camp Full $75.00 Mini $50.00
Per Day Full $35.00 Mini $20.00

January Camp Dates are as follows:
Camp 4: Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th January
Camp 5: Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th January
Camp 6: Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd January

Time: Mini Tennis 8.30-10.00 am or Full Session 8.30-11.30
Cost: 3 Day camp Full $75.00 Mini $50.00
Per Day Full $35.00 Mini $20.00

If you are interested in booking in please email Port Macquarie Tennis Club at pmtc@bestit.net.au or phone 65 849940. Please could you forward this email to anyone else who is interested.

Regards  Greg Alchin

Free Dental Check Up for your Child at Lake Innes Medical and Dental Centre

With Christmas Holidays just around the corner why not take advantage of this time and book your child in for the dental treatment under the Medicare Dental Benefits Scheme.
If your child is aged 2-17 and your family meets the means test you could be entitled for up to $1000.00 per child dental care which could include basic essential dental treatment such as check-ups, x-rays, fillings and extractions. Don’t wait until it is too late!
Ring now for an appointment 6581 3131
Waiting times are minimal.

Go4Fun is a FREE program which aims to teach children how to be healthy and fit and stay that way! The program runs during the school term and has been specifically designed for above healthy weight children aged 7-13 years and their parent or carer in a relaxed atmosphere with trained nutritionist and exercise leaders.

Go4Fun provides a fun approach to learning skills for life. Each week involves fun games including free sessions at the local pool. Mid North Coast families highly recommend the program, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. A parent or carer must attend with their child.

Take part in a free Go4Fun program in term one 2015 after school on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at the Wauchope pool. Start date is January 29th.

REGISTER NOW! At Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back.
Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au
Dear School Communities,

Just a friendly reminder that you are duly invited to the…..

**Wauchope and Hinterland Christmas in Bain Park!**

Bain Park, Wauchope, Thurs 18th December 2014

2014 heralds the 4th Wauchope and Hinterland Christmas Celebration in Bain Park, hosted by the Wauchope Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.

Join with the Hastings Town Band, Sing Australia and the Combined Churches Choir singing our favourite Christmas Carols. The evening will be packed with things to do, see and hear!

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way...to make healthy Santas.**

Christmas is full of temptation: from bowls of chocolate, to puddings to pavlovas. It’s important you still aim for two serves of fruit + five serves of veg, every day.

Try and restrict your family’s treats until Christmas Day, and follow these three steps for healthier choices:

1. Serve vegie sticks with vegie dips as a starter, so you fill up on healthier food first.
2. Serve a large fruit salad or fruit kebabs alongside dessert.
3. Make sure half your plate is filled with vegies (think roasted or raw salads).

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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**The simplest way...**

This Christmas, get your kids eating strawberry Santas – they’re cute to look at, and delicious to eat!

Follow these instructions to keep your Christmas fun and healthy:

1. Wash your strawberries, dry, then slice off the tip
2. Spoon/pipe reduced-fat ricotta or cream cheese on the larger half, then put the ‘hat’ on top
3. Top hat with a little more of the cheese to make a pom pom
4. Cut a small amount of sultanas up for the eyes and place on gently.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Eat It To Beat It!