HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY 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!

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER ....

Monday 24th Happy birthday Mrs Popplewell!
Sochi Winter Olympics end.
Start of Upper Primary swimming for sport.
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 26th LNC Zone Swimming Carnival at Kempsey Pool.
Good luck Lucas Warburton!

Thursday 27th Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson. Students will need their Hastings Library cards to be able to borrow.

Friday 28th Clean Up Australia Day for schools.
Whole school assembly. Students wear and bring in a purple item for show and tell.

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER ....

Sunday 2nd Happy birthday Lachlan Golden!

Monday 3rd Aboriginal Elder Uncle Bill O'Brien visit. 9.30 am.
Upper Primary swimming for sport. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

Tuesday 4th Happy birthday Mrs Elliott!
NSWTF Country Organiser Mr Ian Watson visit 3.00 pm.
Wauchope High School Twilight Tour.

Wednesday 5th Dallas and Peggy Kemp visit the school. They are bringing their rock and gem collections to show all students.
The Students may purchase rocks for $1 and $2 after the show.

Thursday 6th Enviro-mentors Show with Mrs Jacqui Murray.

Friday 7th LNC Tennis trials.
Whole school assembly. Students wear and bring in a brown item for show and tell.

Monday 10th Our Adopt A Cop Senior Constable Dean Magennis visit. 1.30 pm
P & C Meeting. 3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday 13th Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson.

Friday 14th Happy birthday Emilie Luke!
Dr Peter Elfar visit to talk to students about dental hygiene. 9.00 am
Whole school assembly. Students wear and bring in a pink item for show and tell.

Saturday 15th Happy birthday Jordyn Davies!

Monday 17th Upper Primary swimming for sport. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.
St Patrick’s Day.

Thursday 20th Autumn Equinox.
International Day of Happiness.

Friday 21st Whole school assembly. Students wear and bring in a green item for show and tell.

Saturday 22nd Happy birthday Shaun Hennessy!

Monday 24th Upper Primary swimming for sport. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.
HCH District Soccer trials Boys and girls.
Port Macquarie.

Tuesday 25th Happy birthday Ashwin Nath!
Upper Primary students involved in a visiting performance - Maker Machine Incursion.
Huntingdon students present the 2WAY FM local Community Radio ‘School's Out’ Program.
Listen in on 103.9 from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.
MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Wednesday 26 th  HCH District Rugby League trials 11 yrs and Opens. Port Macquarie.
Thursday 27 th  Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson. Year 6 Health Day.
Friday 28 th  Happy birthday Calleigh Platts ! Whole school assembly. Students wear and bring in a black – grey item for show and tell.

APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Friday 4 th  Small Schools’ Tennis Gala Day. Whole school assembly. Students wear and bring in an orange item for show and tell.
Sunday 6 th  Daylight saving ends from 3.00 am. Put clocks back one hour.
Monday 7 th  Final Upper Primary swimming for sport. 1.00 – 3.00 pm. LNC Zone Soccer trials.
Thursday 10 th  Easter Hat Parade. 9.15 am. Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson.
Friday 11 th  Happy birthday Indyana Hamilton ! School ANZAC DAY Ceremony. 10.00 am – 11.00 am. Whole school assembly. Students wear their school uniform today and bring in a white item for show and tell. Last day Term 1. Have a safe holiday !
Saturday 12 th  Happy birthday Gideon Marr- Grogan !
Sunday 20 th  Easter Sunday.
Monday 21 st  Easter Monday holiday.
Tuesday 22 nd  Happy birthday Mrs Wendy Trotter !
Friday 25 th  Day 1 Wauchope Show. Official ANZAC DAY March. Huntingdon students will be marching in the official ANZAC DAY March in Wauchope. Meet outside the Wauchope RSL. 10.15 am – 11.30 am
Saturday 26 th  Happy birthday Samantha Bramwell ! Day 2 Wauchope Show.
Monday 28 th  School Development Day. Welcome back all staff !
Tuesday 29 th  First day back at school for ALL students. Welcome back !

There are now only 183 more sleeps before the Upper Primary students and students from the other Small Schools’ head to Sydney for our Major Excursion.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...

HASTINGS CAMDEN HAVEN PSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL ... My congratulations to all students who represented our school at the Hastings Camden Haven PSSA District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 18 th February. Special thanks to Mrs Michelle Styles for being Huntingdon’s Hastings Camden Haven PSSA District Swimming Carnival Team Manager.

Representing our school were Tyra and Wayde Coombes, Lucas Warburton, Jack Kidd, Thomas Driver, Jorjia-Rose Styles and Riley McCann. Once again everyone who attended tried their best. Unfortunately everyone in our team with the exception of Lucas Warburton, who came fourth in the 11 Year Old Boys 50m Butterfly final, missed out on being selected in the Lower North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival. Congratulations Lucas !

Lucas will now represent our school at the Lower North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival to be held in Kempsey this coming Wednesday, 26 th March.
Here are the official results and times of all of our swimmers:

**Riley McCANN. 10 Year Old Girls.**
- 17th in the 50 Metre Freestyle 54.70
- 9th in the 50 Metre Butterfly 1:15.96
- 18th in the 50 Metre Backstroke 1:10.05
- DQ in the 50 Metre Breaststroke

**Tyra COOMBES. 12 – 13 Year Old Girls.**
- 11th in the 50 Metres Freestyle 42.41
- 12th in the 50 Metres Breaststroke 1:04.69
- 16th in the 100 Metres Freestyle 1:43.33

**Jorjia-Rose STYLES. 11 Year Old Girls.**
- 15th in the 50 Metres Freestyle 52.34
- 14th in the 50 Metre Backstroke 1:01.51

**Thomas DRIVER. 11 Year Old Boys.**
- 20th in the 50 Metres Butterfly 47.00
- 12th in the 50 Metres Backstroke 1:01.75
Wayde COOMBES  11 Year Old Boys.
14th in the 50 Metres Butterfly  46.53

Jack KIDD  11 Year Old Boys.
DQ in the 50 Metres Breastroke

Lucas WARBURTON  11 Year Old Boys.
4th in the 50 Metres Butterfly  56.54
19th in the 50 Meters Freestyle  46.53

The Huntingdon District Relay Swimming Team finished second with a time of 3:10.50 just 19 hundredths of a second behind Herons Creek. A great effort!

WE ARE GETTING A NEW FENCE ... I was informed last week that our application to get a new front fence has been approved. That's $10 000 worth of improvements which is fantastic news, especially seeing our current fence is falling down and being held up by star stakes in places.

Unfortunately our new fence will not look the same as our existing one because timber fence posts are no longer used because they require too much maintenance. The poles rot and are eaten out by white ants. They also require regular repainting at the school's expense. Consequently the Department of Education and Communities is installing a new 1.2 metre wire mesh fence which will be installed during the Easter holidays. It should also give any visitors a much better impression of our school.

What our new fence might look like.

OUR MOBILE LIBRARY VAN PROVES POPULAR ... All students are reminded to bring in their Hastings Library cards so that they can borrow books from the Mobile Library Van when it visits this Thursday. There are lots of great books, magazines and other items to borrow.

Joseph Hamilton and Jordyn Davies working out how many days until the Mobile library Van returns.
THIS FRIDAY IT’S CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY FOR SCHOOLS ... We pride ourselves on having a school playground that is relatively free of rubbish so there will not be a special need to have a School Clean Up Australia Day this Friday.

Unfortunately we have a few members of our local community who like to eat their fast food during weekends and evenings outside of our school and in our school parking area and then leave their rubbish there for us to collect the next morning. If you see anyone leaving or throwing their rubbish outside of our school please take note of their number plate and report them to the local authorities. Many thanks!

USING OUR TENNIS COURT AND SCHOOL FACILITIES ... Huntingdon families are welcome to make use of our tennis court during weekends, after school and during the holidays. It helps with our Neighbourhood Watch Program and we even lend you some racquets and tennis balls if you need them.

We do however advise that no smoking or alcohol are permitted onto the school grounds and women wearing high heeled shoes are not to walk onto the soft fall area of our Adventure Playground. Many thanks!

HUNTINGDON’S UPPER PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE GOING SWIMMING FOR SPORT ... My thanks to Mrs Magennis, Mrs Klotz, Mrs Driver, Mrs Van-Acker Paulson and Ms Zycki for kindly volunteering to assist with transport and take a group for swimming each Monday afternoon for the remainder of the term. It really is appreciated.

Beaudean hopes the weather will remain favourable and the water stays warm when we go swimming each Monday afternoon.

WE ARE EXPECTING SOME SPECIAL VISITORS ... Next Monday local Aboriginal Elder Uncle Bill O’Brien will be visiting the school to talk to all students about our local Aborigines and how they lived.

It should be a memorable visit and we are all looking forward to seeing what Uncle Bill brings and what he has to tell us.

MR AND MRS KEMP VISIT US AGAIN ... Peggy and Dallas Kemp will visit us on Wednesday, 5th March. They last visited our school four years ago and live at Wittritin near Kempsey. They have a regular gemstone and rock collection stall at Laurieton Riverside Markets and are passionate about rock collecting.

The Upper Primary students are currently studying and researching a unit of work on Australia – An Ancient Land. As a part of their work, students are collecting rock samples and placing them in their own rock collection box. My thanks to everyone who has sent in some egg cartons to make this possible.

The students spray painted their egg cartons gold or silver last week with the kind help of Ms Candice Zycki and can’t wait for Mr and Mrs Kemp to come in and talk to them about how to collect and identify the rocks they find. Mr and Mrs Kemp will also be bringing in some gems and semi-precious stones for all students to purchase if they would like to. All students will be able to have a look at some samples of Mr and Mrs Kemp’s fabulous rock and gemstone collection when they bring them in on the day.
WE HAVE NEW HAND TOWELS AND A NEW SICK BED ... A special thank you to Mrs Amanda Platts for purchasing, on behalf of our P & C Association, some new blue and maroon hand towels and a new sick bed for students to use when they are feeling ill. It’s greatly appreciated!

OUR WINNING JOKES OF THE WEEK ... Well done Jorjia-Rose Styles!
Q ... Why don’t you tell someone a joke while ICE-SKATING?
A ... Because the ice might CRACK UP!

RUNNER UP ... Well done Jorjia-Rose Styles!
Q: What do you call a sleeping child?
A: A Kid-NAPPER!

LAST FRIDAY WAS KINDERGARTEN YELLOW COLOUR DAY ... Many thanks to all students who went to the trouble of finding a YELLOW item to bring in for Show and Tell at our assembly last Friday. This Friday it’s the colour purple.

Nicholas Atkins’ yellow T-Shirt says it all!
My thanks to Mrs Amanda Platts, Mrs Michelle Luke and Mrs Kathleen Dick for being our guest judges last Friday. Judges base their decisions on whether or not the item is interesting, educational – can we learn something from it - the correct colour and how well the students can tell us about where it came from, what the item is and what it is used for.

SPECIAL MENTIONS / THANK YOU’S... A BIG thank you to Mrs Wendy Trotter for very kindly sending in some magazines for the Upper Primary students to use.

Thank you to Ms Candice Zycki and Mrs Kathleen Dick for helping in the Upper Primary classroom with reading and helping students to get their rock collections painted. It was greatly appreciated!

Thanks also to Mrs Michelle Luke for helping with Maths in Mrs Elliott's Room.

MRS ELLIOTT'S CLASS NEWS ... Students have been having fun completing their Australian Projects. Kyle Luke brought in a super-size jar of the iconic Vegemite and Isabelle Zaccagnino brought in a model of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

It wouldn’t surprise me if some of these projects end up winning a special prize at this year’s Wauchope Show.

Maths is fun – especially when Mrs Luke helps us.

A big serving of Vegemite anyone?

There’s no toll on this bridge!
FOOD FOR THOUGHT …

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ... Mrs Lynne Popplewell who celebrates her birthday today and Lachlan Golden who celebrates his birthday on Sunday, 2nd March. We hope you both have a memorable day!

FARMERS – DROUGHT RELIEF ... We are looking at having a fun fundraising event to raise money to assist our farmers who are currently suffering from the drought. More news to follow.

REMINDER ... Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 10th March at 3.00 pm. Please note this in your diary.

COMMUNITY NEWS …

"For your chance to play at an A-League game, register now with the Wauchope Soccer Club". Online registration is now open for 2014. Playing soccer is a great way to keep fit and to learn team dynamics.

Go to the REGISTRATION page at www.wauchopesoccerclub.sportingpulse.net to register.

If you need assistance or to make a payment, we are holding the following sessions at the Wauchope RSL Club:

- Saturday 22nd February: 10am – 2.30pm in Auditorium 2
- Thursday 27th February: 5pm – 7pm in Auditorium 2

For more information ring club registrar, Tracey Eastwood on 0400929480.