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!

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER ....

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<td>Happy birthday Mrs Elliott! NSWTF Country Organiser Mr Ian Watson visit 3.00 pm. Wauchope High School Twilight Tour.</td>
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<td>P &amp; C Meeting. 3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our Adopt A Cop Senior Constable Dean Magennis visit. Swimming for sport.</td>
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MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

| Thursday  | 13 th  | Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson. |
| Friday  | 14 th  | 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 | 15 th  | Happy birthday Jordyn Davies! |
| Monday  | 17 th  | Upper Primary swimming for sport. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. St Patrick’s Day. Seniors’ Week. |
| Friday  | 21 st  | Whole school assembly. Students wear and bring in a green item for show and tell. |
| Saturday | 22 nd  | Happy birthday Shaun Hennessy! |
| Monday  | 24 th  | Upper Primary swimming for sport. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. HCH District Soccer trials Boys and girls. Port Macquarie. |
| Tuesday | 25 th  | 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. |
| 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. |
| 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 ...

| Thursday  | 3 rd  | Combined Sml Schools’ Year 6 Girls’ Health Talk. |
| 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. |
There are now only 176 more sleeps before the Upper Primary students and students from the other Small Schools head to Sydney for our Major Excursion.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...

LOWER NORTH COAST ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL ... My congratulations to Lucas Warburton who represented our school at the Lower North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival in Kempsey on Wednesday, 26th March. Special thanks to Mrs Natalie Warburton for being Huntingdon’s Lower North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival Team Manager and taking Lucas to Kempsey.

Unfortunately Lucas just missed out on being selected in the Regional Team. He came 5th in the 11 Year Old Boys 50 metres Butterfly event, which is a great effort. Well done Lucas! We are proud of you!

SWIMMING FOR SPORT ... The Upper Primary students are going swimming for sport every Monday weather permitting so it was disappointing to have to cancel swimming for sport today because six students forgot their swimmers.

Well done Lucas Warburton – our Zone Swimming representative.

My apologies to all parents who volunteered to take a group and who had to be notified of the cancellation today. Mr Alexander and I were just as disappointed as the students who remembered to bring in their $3 for the pool as well as their swimming gear.
Hopefully next week will see everyone remember or we might have to cancel swimming for the remainder of the term. If the weather is threatening then we will make a decision if we are going to go or not by morning tea time.

**DOG LOVERS VS CAT LOVERS READING CHALLENGE ...** All students are involved in a special reading challenge. After deciding if they would like to read for the Dog or Cat teams students agree to read for a certain amount of time every day. Once they complete their Reading logs their commitment to reading will help provide some much needed books to students that are disadvantaged.

My thanks to Riley McCann for the delicious soup and Tyra Coombes who brought in some yummy chocolate pancakes. Also, a BIG thank you to Bailey Gavin who baked a fantastic banana, berry chocolate cake for everyone to share and taste. It certainly was a hit with everyone – staff included.

**OUR MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS ...** Most of the Huntingdon students remembered to bring in their Hastings Library cards so that they could borrow books from the Mobile Library Van when it visited us last Thursday. Please remind your children to also return the books that they have borrowed every fortnight. Many thanks!

**UPPER PRIMARY CLASS’ WEEKLY COOKING THEME ...** Ben Clifford’s weekly English cooking theme proved very popular in Week 4 this term and some of the students in the Year 4, 5 and 6 classroom not only did some of their own cooking as an extension task for homework but they also brought what they had made in for everyone to have a look at and in some cases sample. My thanks to Riley McCann for the delicious soup and Tyra Coombes who brought in some yummy chocolate pancakes. Also, a BIG thank you to Bailey Gavin who baked a fantastic banana, berry chocolate cake for everyone to share and taste. It certainly was a hit with everyone – staff included.

**YEAR 6 TWILIGHT TOUR IS ON TUESDAY ...** A reminder to all Year 6 students and parents that the Wauchope High School Twilight Tour is happening this Tuesday afternoon. All of the Year 6 students have received several fliers regarding this event. Many thanks to all of the Year 6 families who have already returned their Year 7 Expression of Interest High School survey forms to the school.
Please note that we require these returned as soon as possible so that we can let Wauchope High School know who will be attending in Year 7 in 2015. Many thanks!

Year 6 student Indiah Faint about to paint her rock collection.

MR AND MRS KEMP VISIT US AGAIN …

A reminder that Peggy and Dallas Kemp will visit us on Wednesday, 5th March. The Upper Primary students are asked to bring in their rock collections if they would like some of their samples identified on this day. Also Mr and Mrs Kemp will be bringing some rocks and semi-precious stones for students to purchase for $1 and $2 if they are interested.

OUR WINNING COOKING JOKES OF THE WEEK ...

Well done Jye Baker!

Q … What’s a sea monster’s favourite meal?
A … FISH and SHIPS!

RUNNER UP …

Well done Nicholas Atkins!

Q … What do you get if you cross a cow and a duck?
A … MILK and QUACKERS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO …

Mrs Janet Elliott who celebrates her birthday on Tuesday 4th March. We hope you have a memorable day!

Ms Oszpet and Mrs Elliott holding a nulla-nulla.
LAST FRIDAY WAS KINDERGARTEN PURPLE COLOUR DAY … Many thanks to all students who went to the trouble of finding a purple coloured item to bring in for Show and Tell at our assembly last Friday. This Friday it’s the colour BROWN.

Mrs Elliott’s class dressed with their fantastic yellow items.

SPECIAL MENTIONS / THANK YOU’S… A BIG thank you to Mrs Michelle Styles for very kindly bringing in some mangoes for everyone to enjoy during Crunch and Sip last week. They were absolutely delicious and the students enjoyed eating them.

MRS ELLIOTT’S CLASS NEWS … Congratulations to Harry Jakobsson for passing his 2 x tables and Meg Driver, Lochlan Driver and Jock Coombes all passed their 10 x tables. Well done!

Meg Driver has completed a great project on the Devil’s Marbles while Calleigh Platts completed her Australian project on Bondi Beach. It’s really wonderful to see the Middle Primary students coming up with such great work. Hopefully they will be able to win an award or two for their efforts at this year’s Wauchope Show.

Now that’s a mango smile if ever I saw one!

Jorjia-Rose Styles, Amelia Paulson and Nikita Fuller enjoying the mangoes.
Calleigh Platts with her cool Bondi Beach project.

Meg and Lochlan Driver as well as Jock Coombes passed their 10x tables.

APPROPRIATELY SOME ‘ROCK’ FOOD FOR THOUGHT …

TEACHERS who INSPIRE realize there will always be ROCKS in the road ahead of us. They will be STUMBLING BLOCKS or STEPPING STONES. It all depends on how we use them.

REMINDER … Our next P & C meeting will be held next Monday, 10th March at 3.00 pm. We would love to have some of our new families attend and tea and coffee will be available. Please note this date in your diary. Unfortunately we are unable to provide child care for this meeting.

Our 2 x Tables Whiz Harry Jakobsson.
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS … The dates, cost and information regarding the University of NSW Competitions have been sent out separately. If any parents or guardians are interested in having their children participate in these then please ensure they are returned with the correct money by Tuesday, 18th March.

Pity there’s not a University of NSW cooking competition! Bailey Gavin shows us the special cake he baked.

SPECIAL THANKS … To Ms Candice Zycki, Mrs Kylie Magennis, Mrs Michelle Styles, Ms Petra Klotz and Mrs Tammy Driver for very kindly assisting with swimming and transporting students to the Wauchope Pool last Monday. It was greatly appreciated!

We received 20 cubic metres of compost thanks to Claudia Saddleton and Remondis Recycling.

Mrs Natalie McCauley and Wendy from the Teachers’ Mutual Bank visited us last week and donated some pens, an umbrella and numerous other items to our school.

Thanks to our wonderful P & C Ms Oszpet’s class now has the use of four new i-Pads which the students are using on a daily basis.

Ashwin Nath, Reuben Hirst, Marcus Cowan and Indyana Hamilton Using the Kinder – Year 1 new i-Pads.

FIRST AID – CONTAGIOUS DISEASES INFORMATION … During last week we sent home information to all families regarding some common ailments and infectious diseases that students are likely to get or be exposed to during their childhood years. Please keep this information handy as it is a quick reference for you as to whether or not your child or children are showing any of the symptoms, the recommended treatment and exclusion periods if applicable.

For your information it has also been brought to our attention that there is a particularly nasty vomiting and diarrhoea virus doing the rounds at the moment that can last up to 5 days. Please be aware of this if your child is showing signs of being unwell.
EGG CARTONS … Many thanks to everyone who has kindly sent in egg cartons for the Upper Primary class to use during the past three weeks. We have managed to get an egg carton for everyone to spray paint and use for their rock collection and therefore don’t require any more. Thanks again!

Some of the Upper Primary rock collections are looking terrific!

NEWSLETTERS BEING SENT HOME FORTNIGHTLY … With ever increasing paper and photocopying costs as well as the amount of time it takes to produce our weekly newsletters we are looking at the option of sending them out on a fortnightly basis rather than weekly. We will keep you informed.

DEC POLICY - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE … Please note that attendance at school is mandatory. This term we have been experiencing an extra-ordinary high number of partial and whole day absences which is causing us some concern. With recent media coverage about many families taking students out of school to have another holiday during the school term we are under increased pressure to record and inform our Home School Liaison Officers about students and families whose children are continually late or absent.

Huntingdon Public School has always prided itself on having an outstanding attendance record and we need your assistance to keep it that way. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Many thanks!

COMMUNITY NEWS …

Wauchope Hockey Club
Best Value Sport for Children

Registration Days 1st March @ Wauchope RSL 10am-12am
Or 15th March at Port Macquarie Hockey Field
(Ocean Drive) 10am - 12am.

These Rego days are for BOTH - Juniors & Seniors
2014 Season begins soon.

Junior players wanted for
U7s, U9s, U11s, U13s and U16s.
Games played on astro turf in Port Macquarie each Saturday morning. U16s to be either Thursday or Friday Nights. (TBD)

ONLY $110 rego for U7, U9, U11.
$130 rego for U13 & U16.

Enquiries Phone:
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Seniors - Simon Carpenter 0400 370 041
Or Club Secretary Paul Mason 6587 4255