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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 ....

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

**Thursday** 13 th  
Upper Primary Swimming for sport.

**Friday** 14 th  
Happy birthday Emilie Luke! Dr Peter Elfar visit to talk to students about dental hygiene. 9.00 am

**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.

**Thursday** 20 th  
Autumn Equinox.

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

**Saturday** 22 nd  Happy birthday Shaun Hennessy!

**Monday** 24 th  
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 Small 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.

**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!
APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Friday 25th 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 26th Happy birthday Samantha Bramwell! Day 2 Wauchope Show.

Monday 28th School Development Day. Welcome back all staff!

Tuesday 29th First day back at school for ALL students. Welcome back!

There are now only 169 more sleeps before the Upper Primary students and students from the other Small Schools head to Sydney for our Major Excursion.

WE WELCOME THE McDONALD FAMILY ... Last week we welcomed Jacob McDonald to our school. Jacob joins the Year 3 students in Mrs Elliott’s classroom and on behalf of all of the staff, parents and students I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the McDonald Family to our school and we hope that your stay with us is a happy and rewarding one.

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LOWER NORTH COAST ZONE TENNIS TRIALS ... Last Friday Wayde Coombes represented the school at the Lower North Coast Tennis trials in Port Macquarie. A great effort Wayde!

Talented Huntingdon tennis player Wayde Coombes in action.

Jacob McDonald is enjoying being at Huntingdon Public School and is in Year 3 in Mrs Elliott’s classroom.

Jacob has settled in really well and is enjoying his new school so much that for Brown Colour Day last Friday he asked his mum Stacey and dad Colin if he could bring in some chocolate ice cream and a cone for everyone to enjoy. As a result all Huntingdon students enjoyed a brown, chocolate ice cream cone last Friday afternoon.

The chocolate ice cream cones were certainly very popular with everyone after our whole school assembly and because it was a hot day it made the treat extra special. Students unable to eat dairy products were provided with an icy pole instead. Many thanks to the McDonald Family for their kindness and generosity.
Mrs Stacey McDonald serving out the cones and Mr Colin McDonald and son Patrick are enjoying eating them.

We asked some of the students if they enjoyed their ice creams. Needless to say they loved them.

Uncle Bill O’Brien visited us last Monday to talk to all students about the local Biripi Aborigines and how they used to live.

Uncle Bill showing students how the local Aborigines used ochre to make a face paint used for corroborees and performances.

Uncle Bill brought in lots of interesting artefacts including Aboriginal tools, weapons and samples of their clothing. He also brought in some pieces of flint used as a knife and a spear head to tie in with the Upper Primary unit on Australia – An Ancient land.

Students were fascinated to discover many new and interesting facts and were able to ask lots of questions. The visit proved to be so popular that we are going to be asking Uncle Bill to return again later in the year to tell us some Biripi Aboriginal legends. If you would like to read some yourselves they can be accessed by logging onto the following site:-

Aboriginal art and design features on these boomerangs.

We discovered that the spelling of the local Biripi Aborigines can vary and we are all looking forward to Uncle Bill’s return.

MR IAN WATSON ATTENDS OUR STAFF MEETING ON TUESDAY ... NSW Teachers’ Federation Country Representative Mr Ian Watson visited our school on Tuesday to talk to all of the staff about some of the changes that will be occurring in Education over the next four years.

What is very promising is the fact that more money is being allocated to schools from the Federal Government and, as a result, we are hoping to see an increase in our annual global funding. We will keep you informed.

MR AND MRS KEMP VISIT ... Peggy and Dallas Kemp very kindly visited us last Wednesday bringing with them some of their vast collection of rocks, minerals and gemstones. Students were able to feel some real alluvial gold and a nugget of silver as well as look at the many samples of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks that they brought in.

Highlights included samples of fossils. One of the ancient mussels was as big as a coconut. Students were able to ask questions after the talks.
One of the real highlights was that students who were interested could purchase some of the rocks that Mr and Mrs Kemp had brought in.

Mr Kemp with some of the crystals and gemstones he brought in.

Beaudean Taylor purchased a polished piece of Hematite or iron ore for his rock collection.

Tristin Bramwell and Marcus Cowan inspect a piece of silver.

DOG LOVERS VS CAT LOVERS READING CHALLENGE ... Please ensure your children are reading on a regular basis. Currently all students are involved in a Dog or Cat special reading challenge. After deciding if they would like to read for the teams students agree to read for a certain amount of time every day until the 30th June. Once they complete their Reading logs their commitment to reading will help provide some much needed books to students who are disadvantaged.

OUR MOBILE LIBRARY VAN WILL BE HERE ON THURSDAY ... Hopefully all Huntingdon students will remember to bring in their Hastings Library cards so that they can borrow books from the Mobile Library Van when it visits this Thursday.

Please remind your children to also return the books that they have borrowed, every fortnight. Many thanks!

P & C MEETING IS ON TODAY ... Our next P & C meeting will be held today Monday, 10th March starting at 3.00 pm. We would love to have some of our new families attend and tea and coffee will be available.
On the agenda we will discuss some of the following:-

- Students’ safety. Our trees being inspected. Bus Route 44 update.
- i-Pad feedback and demonstration – Thank you Ms Oszpet.
- Fund raising for Semester 1.
- Sharon Stewart’s visit. Mrs Elliott’s Gazebo. Fixing up the cubby house.
- Our new fence. Moving the existing fence line. Our new shed.
- 20 cubic metres of compost has arrived. Working Bee early in Term 2.
- Fundraising. Mothers’ Day stall in Term 2.
- The official Anzac Day March in the holidays.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone this afternoon after we return from swimming.

“ I’ll have this one ! ” Jack Kidd finds a BIG crystal he likes.

OUR TREES ARE TO BE INSPECTED … All of the trees in our school playground and entrance will be inspected by a qualified arborist to ensure that they are safe and there is not a danger of any falling limbs injuring any of our students.

OUR QUOTE OF THE WEEK … By Marie Cole.

THIS WEEK’S FUNNY …

Mrs McCANN has asked me to include the following :-

On Monday the Year 1 students were learning about the "ph" blend and were asked to look up additional "ph" words in their Jolly Phonics dictionaries. They collected a lot of words and were asked for their meanings. Some interesting and comedic responses followed.

When asked what a 'pharmacist' was they thought it was a person who worked on a farm and that a 'phantom' was an orange fizzy drink. OHHHH !!

(I suppose that is why they call it ‘ JOLLY ’ Phonics !!!! Mr F. )

OUR WINNING JOKES OF THE WEEK … Great work Amelia Paulson !

Once upon a time there were two chickens. One’s name was Pete and the other one’s name was Repete. One day a hunter came along and shot Pete. Who was left ?

A … Repete ( Tell the joke again, and again, and again … ) OHHHH !!
**RUNNER UP:**

Well done Nikita Fuller!

**Q ...** Why did the girl keep a bicycle next to her bed?

**A ...** Because she was sick of walking in her sleep.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ...** Emilie Luke and Jordyn Davies who celebrate their birthdays this week. We hope you have a memorable day!

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**Emilie Luke celebrates her birthday this Friday, 14th March.**

**LAST FRIDAY WAS KINDERGARTEN BROWN COLOUR DAY ...** Many thanks to all students who went to the trouble of finding a brown coloured item to bring in for Show and Tell at our assembly last Friday. This Friday it's the colour PINK.

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**Jordyn Davies celebrates her birthday on Saturday, 15th March. Here she is displaying some of her great handwriting.**

**SPECIAL MENTIONS / THANK YOU'S ...** A BIG thank you to Jorjia-Rose Styles for very kindly baking and bringing in some Gingerbread Men for everyone in the Upper Primary class to enjoy last week.
A BIG thank you to Mrs Gwen Ellis who very kindly donated a new sandwich maker to our school for the staff and parents to use. It was very much appreciated and we have been making use of it already.

A SPECIAL VISITOR ... Indiah Faint’s Weekly English theme last week was Physical Culture so I asked Ms Lisa Wannell to visit us on Friday to talk to all of the students about the Wauchope Physical Culture Club and what it has to offer.

Ms Lisa Wannell talked to all of the Upper Primary students and they were able to ask some interesting questions. One of which was how to join.

If any of the Huntingdon girls would like to become involved in the Wauchope BJP Physical Culture Club then please contact Ms Lisa Wannell on 0409 125 664 for a brochure and any additional information. It certainly looks like it’s a lot of fun.

SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...

Indiah Faint and Ms Lisa Wannell with some of her club’s winning banners.

STUDENTS’ PHOTOGRAPH & DRAWING COMPETITION:- Huntingdon students are invited to take a photograph or draw a picture of their dog or cat reading a book to win great prizes. Check out this month’s Scholastic Book Club brochures for additional information.