HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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RECEIVING 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!

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER …

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.

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED …

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 School ANZAC DAY Ceremony. 10.30 am – 11.00 am.

Friday 11 th Last day Term 1.
Happy birthday Indyana Hamilton !
Easter Hat Parade. 9.15 am in the hall. 
Special Easter Morning tea. 
Whole school assembly. Students wear their school uniform today and bring in a white item for show and tell. 
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 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 !

Wednesday 30 th Happy 70 th Birthday Mr Colin Besseling ! We all hope you have a wonderful milestone birthday !

MAY MONTHLY PLANNER …

Saturday 3 rd Staff School Development Day. First Aid Course Jamie Martin. 9.00 am – 3.00 pm at Huntingdon Public School. 
Comboyne Public School’s staff joining us on the day.

Sunday 4 th Happy birthday Liam Waite !
There are now only 155 more sleeps before the Upper Primary students and students from the other Small Schools travel to Sydney for our Major Excursion.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT …
FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTERS … Starting from today our weekly newsletters will be sent home fortnightly. We apologise for the change. At Huntingdon Public School we have always prided ourselves on keeping you well informed and we intend to continue to do just that but due to time constraints and economic reasons we will be trialling the fortnightly newsletter from now on.

Harry Jakobsson and Jacob McDonald enjoy receiving news about special lunches like the hot dogs and chocolate milk last week.

If, for some reason, there are any important messages or other information that we feel parents and guardians need to be aware of that isn’t mentioned in the fortnightly newsletters then we will forward this information home by way of a coloured flier.

STAGE 3 SMALL SCHOOLS’ GIRLS’ HEALTH TALK … A final reminder that we need all girls in Stage 3 to return their special permission note regarding the upcoming Small Schools’ Special Girls’ Health talk to be held on Thursday, 3rd April starting at 11.30 am if they haven’t done so already.

There will be a combined girls and boys Small Schools’ Health Day organised in Term 4 so the boys don’t have to worry about missing out.

We are looking forward to girls in Stage 3 from Rollands Plains, Herons Creek, Comboyne and Long Flat joining us for this mid-morning session.

HASTINGS CAMDEN HAVEN PSSA DISTRICT SOCCER TRIALS … These are being held today in Port Macquarie at Wayne Richards Oval. The girls’ coach and selector is Mr John Baker from Wauchope Primary School and the boys’ coach and selector is Mr Trevor Thompson from Tacking Point Primary School.

Representing our school today we have Tyra and Wayde Coombes, Samantha Bramwell, Lucas Warburton and Patrick Magennis. We wished all of them the very best of luck and I know that they will be trying their best. More news on how they went in our next newsletter.
RADIO STATION – SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM ... Our Year 6 students will be running the 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station’s School’s Out Program tomorrow night starting at 6.00 pm. You can tune in to the radio station on 103.9 and listen in as the boys and girls talk about all of the exciting things that have, are and will be happening in our school.

Participating in the School’s Out Program gives all of our students extra confidence in their Literacy skills, especially in the areas of talking and listening.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2014 ... Please note that the Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes are not due until the 9th May so there is no urgency to get them back immediately. Many thanks to all the families who have already returned their envelopes. We do have a few extras for any families wishing to enter the prize draw more than once. Please contact the school office.

Wayde Coombes in action at last year’s District Soccer Trials.

We hope everyone gets the chance to listen in to the Year 6 students from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Mrs Julie Anne-Murphy will be our guest panellist. This year the Upper Primary class students will be given the opportunity to run the School’s Out Program. Next term it will be all of Year 5’s turn.

Flynn and Lucas Warburton, as well as Beaudean Taylor, enjoyed participating in the 2WAY FM Community Radio Station’s School’s Out Program last year.

SENIORS’ WEEK ... Last week was Seniors’ Week and we are looking at the possibility of maybe having a special function especially for all of our nans and pas next year. We used to hold a special Seniors’ Week function in the past and the Huntingdon students even adopted some of the nans and pas at Bundaleer Nursing Home. We will put this on the agenda of our next Pupil School Council meeting.
A SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR UPPER PRIMARY STUDENTS ... Tomorrow the Upper Primary students are in for a treat because the Maker Machine Incursion Workshop is visiting our school. Here is some information about the workshop which is designed for Year 4 to Year 6 students. It should be a truly amazing workshop!

Maker Machine is a Melbourne based incursion program that brings 21st century tools such as 3D printers and robotics to schools and clubs throughout Australia.

The cost for the show is $250 and this is being met by our school funds with some support from our P and C Association. Consequently there is no charge for students participating.

Hopefully everyone will get to make their own robot!

Maker Machine is the realisation of the dream of Melbourne-based industrial designers Jethro and Sam, where subjects such as Art, Maths and Science are brought together in fun, hands-on workshops. In our incursions children are shown cutting edge tools such as 3D printers and robotics as well as taking part in hands on activities including sketching ideas that come to life as robotic creatures, making music using drawings, 3D Scanning and 3D printing and more!

The workshops promote inter-curricular thinking, collaboration, teamwork and problem solving through experimentation. Our goal is to show that everyone has the ability to make, create and invent. There will be 3D printing, Robotics, Interactive Art and the students will have lots of fun!

A VOLUNTEER WITH A BIG HEART ... Tomorrow afternoon ex-Huntingdon student Becky-Lee Young is visiting our school to talk to all of the students and staff about her recent stay and visit to Africa working and helping people who are not as fortunate as us. We certainly are lucky to have some of our ex-Huntingdon students making the world a better place and having a positive impact on the lives of people around the world. More news to follow.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY RETURNS THIS WEEK ... All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books to return this Thursday when the Mobile Library Van visits us again for what could be the final time this term. As usual, there will be reading challenges during the Easter school holidays and we would love to see all students continue to read on a regular basis.

ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT THE DOG LOVERS VS CAT LOVERS READING CHALLENGE ... All students are involved in a Dog or Cat special reading challenge. I sincerely hope that all students in the Dog and Cat teams are reading for a certain amount of time every day until the competition finishes on Monday, 30th June.

We have additional Dog and Cat Reading Logs for students who have completed the ones they were given.
SPECIAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH DAY ... Once again a special thanks to Mr Patrick McCann, Mrs Michelle Styles and Ms Karen Kemp for organising our special Sausage Sizzle last Tuesday.

Many thanks Mr McCann, Ms Kemp and Mrs Styles for the great Sausage Sizzle lunch day!

Also a special thank you to all families who supported this P & C fundraising venture.

OUR WINNING JOKE OF THE WEEK ... (Nikita Fuller.)

Q ... What kind of star wears sunglasses?
A ... A MOVIE star!

RUNNER UP :- (Nikita Fuller.)

Q .... What did the envelope say to the stamp?
A .... STICK with me and we’ll GO places!

THIS WEEK’S FUNNY PHOTO ... A BIG thank you to Mr McCann who last week brought in some arm bands – creatively made by cutting up some white socks so that students playing soccer could easily identify who was in their team.

Liam and Mr McCann showing their cleverly made white armbands.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK ...

If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.

Bill Gates
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO … Ashwin Nath who celebrates his birthday on Tuesday, 25th March and Calleigh Platts who celebrates her birthday on Friday, 28th March. We hope you both have a memorable birthday!

SPECIAL MENTIONS / THANK YOUS… A BIG thank you to Mr Tom Burton from Busways for very kindly sending in the School Bus Safety Heroes Showbags for all of our students last week. It was very much appreciated!

A reminder that we have bus prefects on both buses and that we have spoken to all students about the importance of behaving in an appropriate manner when they are travelling on the buses to and from school. It is also important that students display and have their bus passes with them every day because it is a requirement that the bus drivers check them.

LAST FRIDAY WAS KINDERGARTEN GREEN COLOUR DAY … Many thanks to all students who went to the trouble of finding a pink coloured item to bring in for Show and Tell at our assembly last Friday. This Friday it’s the colours BLACK and GREY which ties in nicely considering we have another two weeks of darkness in the mornings before Daylight Saving officially ends on Sunday, 6th April.
Ms Oszpet’s students enjoyed checking out what was inside their bags.

SCHOOL MEDIA TEAM … Each week we send our school newsletters to the Wauchope Gazette and Port News. Last Wednesday our Kindies appeared in the Port News ‘Big Steps 4 Tiny Feet’ section.

Ms Oszpet was heard to say last Tuesday … “Let’s skip this lesson!”

SEMESTER 1 2014 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS … Unfortunately our TV monitor at the entrance to our school Administration Building has stopped working and we will need to send it in for repairs. We do, however, currently have 542 Term 1 school photographs available for parents to view on our school’s Website.

I have to give credit to the Upper Primary students who are in our school’s Media Team for helping to take many of these photographs.

Calais Gavin proudly displaying her Home Among The Gumtrees project.

There are certainly some fantastic projects being produced by our students and I wouldn’t be at all surprised if they win some prizes at this year’s Wauchope Show.
Jordyn Davies and Isabelle Zaccagnino with their Sydney Harbour Bridge miniature paintings.

Lachlan Golden’s Uluru looks great!