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!

APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Monday  7th Welcome Kylie Bell for one week’s Work Experience from Wauchope High School.
         Welcome Ms April Elliott.
         Mrs Janice McLachlan’s last day.
         Final Upper Primary swimming for sport. 1.00 – 3.00 pm.
         LNC Zone Soccer trials.

Wednesday  9th Lunch orders - Easter Morning Tea due back at school.

Thursday  10th Mobile Library Van final visit Term 1.
         School ANZAC DAY Ceremony. 10.30 am – 11.00 am.

Friday  11th Last day Term 1. Easter Bunny visit.
         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  12th Happy birthday Gideon Marr-Grogan!

Sunday  20th Easter Sunday.

APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...

Monday  21st Easter Monday holiday.
Tuesday  22nd Happy birthday Mrs Wendy Trotter!
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!

Monday  28th School Development Day. Welcome back all staff!
Tuesday  29th First day back at school for ALL students. Welcome back!
Wednesday  30th Happy 70th Birthday Mr Colin Besseling! We all hope you have a wonderful milestone birthday!

MAY MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Friday  2nd Huntingdon Cross Country Championships. Boys and girls age races from 5 years to 13 years.

Saturday  3rd School Staff 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  4th Happy birthday Liam McCann!

Monday  5th Anti-Bullying Week.
         Happy birthday Mr. McCann!
         Welcome to the teaching staff from the Uni. of New England for two weeks Ms Jenna Mynott.

Wednesday  7th Boys and Girls Touch Football Hastings Camden PSSA District selection trials. Port Macquarie.

Friday  9th Small Schools’ Cross Country Championships Wauchope Showground. All day. Kinder to Year 6.

Sunday  11th Happy birthday Lucas Warburton! Mothers’ Day! Wishing all our mums a fantastic day!

Tuesday  13th Happy birthday Brayden Cunningham! NAPLAN Writing and Language tests Yr. 3 and Yr. 5.

Wednesday  14th NAPLAN Reading test. Yr. 3 and Yr. 5.

There are now only 141 more sleeps before the Upper Primary students and students from the other Small Schools head to Sydney for our Major Excursion.
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ...

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER! This will be our last newsletter for Term 1 so on behalf of all of the staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy Easter!

We hope everyone gets the opportunity to have a happy, safe and relaxing break. A reminder that we need all students to return for what promises to be another exciting and rewarding term on Tuesday, 29th April.

OUR EASTER HAT PARADE AND SPECIAL MORNING TEA …

Please refer to the following flier which was sent home on Friday.

Huntingdon School Easter Hat Parade 2014

Friday 11th April – Commences at 9:15am

Children Parade Easter Hats, ‘In Our Hall’ – Your child will need an Easter hat, bonnet or cap for the parade. This is to be created at home and worn by children on the day.

Judging of the Easter Hat Parade Secret Category Winners.
Six secret categories have been sealed in an envelope. The envelope will be opened just before the parade to reveal the categories which will be judged by six lucky judges chosen at the parade.

Judging of the Term 1 Colouring Competition – this activity will be completed at school.

Please take a look at the Year 2/3 Australian Icon Projects on the stage in the hall. We are so proud of their efforts.

Parents will then be welcome to help children with this year’s Easter activities in their classrooms.

Our ‘Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea’ will follow. All children and attending parents are invited to order Hot Cross Buns / Scones etc. Children took home order sheets a week ago. Parents, please feel free to order on the same sheet as your child or children. Orders must be in no later than Wednesday the 9th April for catering.

Activities will conclude at approximately 11:30am.

We hope that all Huntingdon students have been busy making their Easter hats and bonnets in readiness for our Easter hat parade on Friday.

Ben Clifford and Jack Kidd with their Easter hats from last year’s parade.

A SPECIAL WELCOME AND A SAD FAREWELL …

Last week we discovered that our one day per week School Administrative Officer’s position, that had been temporarily filled by Mrs Janice McLachlan, has now been permanently filled. Mrs Cheryl Carpenter from Byabarra has accepted the position and will be joining our school support staff at the beginning of Term 2.

Mrs Carpenter joins us from Beechwood Public School and she has worked at Huntingdon Public School in the past relieving Mrs Trotter while she was on leave. On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Carpenter back to our school and I hope her association with us is a long, happy and rewarding one.
Mrs Cheryl Carpenter is joining our support staff.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Janice McLachlan for being a fantastic member of our school's support staff throughout Term 1 this year. It's been great to have her as a member of our team and we wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Mrs Cheryl Carpenter is joining our support staff.

Ms April Elliott and Ms Kylie Bell.

Welcome to the Teaching and Support Staff April and Kylie!

This week we are fortunate to have two new members join our teaching and support staff. Ms April Elliott is taking Mrs Elliott’s place while she is on long service leave and Ms Kylie Bell is joining us for a week’s work experience from Wauchope High School.

On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both April and Kylie to our school and we hope you both find the week to be a rewarding experience for you.

Ms April Elliott and Ms Kylie Bell.

Stage 3 Small Schools’ Girls’ Health Talk ...

Last Thursday we had a mini Stage 3 girl invasion as girls from Rollands Plains, Herons Creek, Comboyne and Long Flat schools joined us for a special Small Schools’ Girls’ Health Day.

The session was run by Mrs Jane Newman and Mrs Mandy Lindsay from Community Health and some of the parents decided to also sit in on the talk as well. A big thank you to Mrs Leanne Parker from Rollands Plains School for very kindly sending in some feminine hygiene products in a special purse for all of the girls to take home and keep. It was greatly appreciated.

STAGE 3 SMALL SCHOOLS’ GIRLS’ HEALTH TALK ...
Mrs Newman and Mrs Lindsay will return in Term 4 when we run a **Stage 3 Small Schools' Health Day** for both the girls and the boys. This time though it will run for the whole day.

**HASTINGS CAMDEN HAVEN PSSA DISTRICT SOCCER TRIALS** ... These were held on the 24th March in Port Macquarie at Wayne Richards Oval. I have to congratulate **Tyra and Wayde Coombes, Samantha Bramwell, Lucas Warburton** and **Patrick Magennis** for representing the school. Everyone tried their best but only **Tyra Coombes** was selected to try out for the **Lower North Coast Zone Soccer Team** in Kempsey today.

**RADIO STATION – SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM** ... Unfortunately we had to cancel our Year 6 students running the 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station’s School’s Out Program last Tuesday night because three students informed me that they weren’t able to attend on the day before the program was to air. This was disappointing and only the second time in 24 years that we have had to cancel the program. I couldn’t ask our Year 5 students to fill in for the Year 6 students because there wouldn’t have been any time for them to return their permission notes let alone prepare their talks. Our Year 5 students will get to run the program in Term 2.

**THE SMALL SCHOOLS’ TENNIS GALA DAY** ... Last Friday Huntingdon sent its best eight tennis players to the Wauchope Tennis Courts to participate in the Small Schools’ Tennis Gala Day.

Tyra travelled up to Kempsey with her mum today and called the school this afternoon to inform us that she had managed to impress the selectors and was selected in the **Lower North Coast Zone Soccer Team**. Congratulations Tyra! What an achievement!

Tyra will now travel to **Grafton** to try and make it into the **North Coast Regional Girls’ Soccer Team**. We wish her every success!

Representing our school were **Thomas Driver, Ben Clifford, Lucas Warburton, Samantha Bramwell, Patrick Magennis, Jack Kidd, Beaudean Taylor** and **Wayde Coombes**.
All students tried their best on the day in the four Divisions. The results at the end of the day were as follows:

Beaudean Taylor and Wayde Coombes won the A Division.

Lucas Warburton and Ben Clifford won the B Division.

Jack Kidd and Thomas Driver won the C Division.

Samantha Bramwell and Patrick Magennis won the D Division.

All of our players ended up receiving a trophy for their efforts and I have to thank some of our spectators for cheering and supporting our team on the day.
Mrs Bramwell and Jordan, Mr and Mrs Magennis, Mr and Mrs Taylor with Beaudean's Nana, Joyce Mackaway and Jack's Nana, Thelma Campbell all helped to make the day a special one.

Nana Mackaway with Mr and Mrs Taylor watching Beaudean and Wayde.

Mr and Mrs Magennis watched Patrick win his games with Samantha.

STEWART HOUSE HERE I COME …  This year we nominated two students to attend Stewart House. Unfortunately only 20 students from the 32 Hastings District Schools are selected by a special panel and this year we are fortunate to have had Nikita Fuller selected to attend.

Nikita will certainly have lots of exciting things to tell us after she returns from her two week adventure. Stewart House is the only recognised charity our school supports. Stewart House is located in Sydney and is right next to South Curl Curl Beach and South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club.

Teachers and Residential Supervisors look after the children across their 12 day visit. The program includes excursions, art, craft, dance and fitness, personal hygiene and activities to build self-esteem and social skills. Excursion visits include the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Olympic Park, Taronga Park Zoo, Maritime Museum, Australian Museum, sporting events, television stations and the Sydney Aquarium.

A SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR UPPER PRIMARY STUDENTS …  The Upper Primary students were involved in the Maker Machine Incursion Workshop on Tuesday, 25th March. During their visit Jethro and Sam turned me into a 3D statue using a 3D printer and all students were asked to design and then make their own 3D robot.
After designing and drawing their robot, students made a prototype before actually creating their robotic creatures which actually moved.

Xander Brown designing his robot.

All Upper Primary students enjoyed the experience and proved that they were capable of making, creating and inventing something new in minimal time.

Tyra Coombes’ bug robot looks cute.

A VOLUNTEER WITH A BIG HEART ... Last Tuesday, ex-Huntingdon student Becky-Lee Young visited our school to talk to all of the students and staff about her recent stay as a volunteer aboard a hospital mercy ship to Africa where she helped nurse and rehabilitate students and adults from the Congo. What an amazing and courageous thing to do!

Tyra Coombes thanking Ms Becky-Lee Young after her presentation.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY ... My thanks to Mrs Rachel McCann for very kindly organising our school’s ANZAC DAY ceremony this Thursday with the assistance of the Upper Primary students. Special guests on the day from the Wauchope RSL Sub-Branch will be Mr. Kevin Ward, Mr. Ted Scott and Mr. Noel Crozier.

OFFICIAL ANZAC DAY MARCH IN WAUCHOPE ON ANZAC DAY ... This year ANZAC Day, Friday 25th April, is in the school holidays. It is also the first day that the Wauchope Show opens. Traditionally Huntingdon students, dressed in their school uniform, have marched in the official ANZAC Day March assembling outside the Wauchope RSL Club at around 10.10 am. I will be there to greet them.

From here we march through Wauchope to the cenotaph at the clock tower near the library. The official ANZAC Day ceremony will take about 45 minutes with a highlight being Mr Rod Hall flying over the clock tower at 11.00 am in one of his jets.

We would like as many Huntingdon students to attend as possible and they are permitted to wear their pop’s or nan’s war medals if they would like to. Last year it was quite hot so please remind students attending to wear their school hat. Many thanks!
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 the final time this term.

Mrs Michelle Styles working with Mrs Elliott’s class.

ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT OUR HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE ... All students are encouraged to read during the Easter school holidays. A reminder that the Dog and Cat Reading Teams need to return their completed reading logs so we can decide which team will be the eventual winner.

SPECIAL EASTER MORNING TEA ... My thanks to Mrs Michelle Styles for very kindly organising our special Easter Morning Tea this Friday. We are all looking forward to not only the Easter Bunny visiting us and our Easter Hat Parade but also our Special Easter Morning Tea. What a wonderful way to end the term! Please note that there is NO charge for parents or visitors if they would like a cup of tea or coffee.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ... Dominic Davey who celebrated his birthday on Sunday, 6th April, Indyana Hamilton who celebrates her birthday on Friday, 11th April and Gideon Marr-Grogan who celebrates his birthday on Saturday, 12th April.

During the holidays Mrs Wendy Trotter celebrates her birthday on Tuesday, 22nd April and Samantha Bramwell celebrates her birthday on Saturday 26th April. We hope you all have a wonderful and memorable birthday!

Ashwin Nath and Calleigh Platts celebrated their birthdays recently.
OUR WINNING JOKE OF THE WEEK... (Xander Brown)

Q ... Why is Humpty Dumpty useless at bomb disarming?
A ... He CRACKS under pressure!

RUNNER UP :- (Ben Clifford.)

Q .... How do you get Pikachu on a bus?
A ... You Poke-him-on !

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THIS WEEK’S FUNNY PHOTO ... The water slide proved to be a lot of fun for the Upper Primary class on our last day of Swimming for Sport.

SPECIAL MENTIONS / THANK YOUS...

A BIG thank you to Mrs Kylie Magennis, Mrs Tammy Driver, Mrs Kylie Van Acker Paulson, Ms Candice Zycki, Ms Petra Klotz, Mrs Michelle Styles and Mr Douglas Taylor for very kindly volunteering and assisting with swimming this term. We couldn’t have gone without you.

Ms Zycki’s Marlin Group.

A special mention to Mr Tony Broderick for allowing us to use the water slide on our last day and Mrs Van Acker Paulson for paying for everyone to enter the pool. It was really appreciated!

Mr Taylor and Mrs Magennis’ Killer Whales.
A special thank you to **Uncle Bill O’Brien** who also visited us again last week to talk to all of the students about our local Aboriginal legends. It was really interesting and we are hoping that Uncle Bill will help us to identify an area in our school where we can establish a new **Bush Tucker Garden**.

Many thanks to Jack Kidd’s nana **Mrs Thelma Campbell** for very kindly assisting to take some of our elite tennis players to the **Small Schools’ Tennis Gala Day**.
LAST FRIDAY WAS KINDERGARTEN BLACK AND WHITE COLOUR DAY ...
Many thanks to all students who went to the trouble of finding an orange coloured item to bring in for Show and Tell at our assembly last Friday and a black and white one the week before that. This Friday we are asking the students to bring in something that is WHITE.

Mrs Elliott’s Green Team

What word rhymes with orange? There isn’t one!

Bodhi and Isabella Paulson looked great in their black and white skeleton outfits.
COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Subject: Celebrate Jesus colouring comp winners

Hello, just thought I'd let you know who the winners are of the colouring competition from your school. If you could inform these kids it would be great to let them know. Celebrate Jesus community day is still on tomorrow morning, where they can pick there prizes up. It will only be cancelled if raining. Thanks!

Huntingdon:-

- Gideon Marr-Grogan
- Nikita Fuller
- Joseph Waite
- Emilie Turner
- Calais Gavin
- Jordyn Davies
- Harry Jakobsson

Hastings Baseball/ T Ball Registration Day

Saturday 5th April 2014

9.00am to 11.00am

At Wayne Richards Park, Port Macquarie

Registration  for all ages including seniors.

For further details please contact

Dean Lawler on 0447773424

Msoszpet's class wishes everyone a Happy Easter!

Aunty Colleen presenting prizes to Nikita, Joseph and Emilie.