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 …

Tuesday 29th Welcome to our School Support Staff Mrs. Cheryl Carpenter! Mrs. Carpenter will be in every Tuesday.

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!

Dancing starts with Mrs McCann.

MAY MONTHLY PLANNER … (May is Family Reading Month!)

Thursday 1st Mr. Robert Hirst School Counsellor visit.

Special May Family Reading Challenge Yrs. 4 – 6.

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

Tyra Coombes at the Regional Soccer trials in Grafton. Winning Wauchope Show items displayed in our foyer.

Friday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an ie as in snail noun and tell us all about it.

Saturday 3rd School Staff Development Day. First Aid Course Jamie Martin. 8.30 am – 4.00 pm at Huntingdon Public School. Comboyne Public School’s staff joining us on the day.

Sunday 4th Happy birthday Liam McCann!

MAY MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED …

Monday 5th P & C Meeting. 3.20 pm. Please join us and have a ‘cuppa’ while you are here!

Anti-Bullying Week.

Happy birthday Mr. McCann!

Welcome to the teaching staff from the Uni. of New England for two weeks Mrs Jenna Mynott.

Premier’s 10 Week Sports Challenge begins.

Wednesday 7th Mobile Library Van returns for Term 2.

Welcome back Elizabeth and Virginia.


P & C Mothers’ Day Stall 1. $2 and $4 items.

11.00 am – 11.30 am.

Thursday 8th P & C Mothers’ Day Stall 2. $2 and $4 items.

11.00 am – 11.30 am.

Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes due.

Thursday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an oa as in boat noun and tell us all about it.

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!

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Tuesday 14th NAPLAN Writing and Language tests Yr. 3 and Yr. 5.

Wednesday 15th NAPLAN Reading test. Yr. 3 and Yr. 5.

Thursday 16th NAPLAN Numeracy test Yr. 3 and Yr. 5.

Friday 17th Stage 3 Wauchope High School Transition Day.

Long Flat Public School. All day.

Mrs Jenna Mynott’s last day.

Professional Development – Teaching staff involved in Autism Course in Port Macquarie.

Friday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an ie as in pie noun and tell us all about it.

Huntingdon Public School’s Family School Disco.

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. $5 entry + $5 for food and drink.
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<td>Mrs. Evelyn Doak, Welfare Health &amp; Safety Consultant. Visit 11.00 am.</td>
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<td>Lower North Coast Regional Cross Country Championships. Kempsey. Friday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an oo as in moon OR book noun and tell us all about it.</td>
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**JUNE MONTHLY PLANNER ...**

| Monday    | 16th   | UNI NSW Writing. Radio Station’s ‘School’s Out’ Program. 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. |
| Tuesday   | 17th   | UNI NSW Spelling.                                                               |
| Wednesday | 18th   | Our Year 5 students present the 2 Way FM Community Radio Program.              |
| Thursday  | 19th   | Happy birthday Patrick Magennis! Mobile Library Van visit. Thursday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in a th as in thumb noun and tell us all about it. |
| Friday    | 20th   | Happy birthday Mrs. Sheila Gee! Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival. Blackbutt Oval. |
| Monday    | 23rd   | Happy birthday Jessie Smith-Petrovic! Life Education Van visit with Mrs. Leanne Goggin and Happy Healthy Harold. |
| Friday    | 27th   | Last day in Term 2. Wishing everyone a safe holiday! Friday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an ou as in couch noun and tell us all about it. |
| Monday    | 30th   | Happy birthday Mrs. Amanda Platts!                                              |

**JULY MONTHLY PLANNER ...**

| Monday    | 7th    | Happy birthday Jock Coombes!                                                   |
| Monday    | 14th   | Term 3 School Development Day. Welcome back all Huntingdon staff!               |
| Tuesday   | 15th   | Term 3 starts for all students. Welcome back!                                   |

There are now only 112 more sleeps before the Primary students and students from the other Small Schools head to Sydney for our Major Excursion.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...**

**WELCOME BACK!** A special welcome back to all staff and students for what promises to be a truly exciting and rewarding Term 2. I sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter and the opportunity to spend some quality time with their families and friends.

**MONTHLY PLANNERS ...** As always I have included all events that are and will be happening during Term 2 as well as at the start of Term 3. Hopefully you will find this information useful. No doubt there will be additions throughout the term and there could be some changes as well. I will keep you informed about these.
FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTERS ... Our fortnightly newsletters will be sent home every Tuesday from now on. Mrs. Cheryl Carpenter, our new Support Staff Team member, is in on this day and will be able to assist Mrs Trotter in getting the newsletters ready to be sent home each fortnight.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL ... Please contact the school if you are NOT receiving our newsletters by e-mail each fortnight and would like to add your name to the growing number of families who are enjoying receiving our fortnightly newsletters this way.

WE GET A NEW FRONT FENCE ... During the holidays our old front fence was removed and replaced. It has certainly made the entrance to the school look tidier.

MRS JENNA MYNOTT JOINS OUR TEACHING STAFF ... A special welcome to Mrs Jenna Mynott who joins our school’s teaching staff for the next two weeks. Mrs Mynott, who joins us from the University of New England, will be spending the majority of her time assisting Ms Oszpet in teaching the Kindergarten, Year 1 class.

P & C MOTHERS’ DAY STALL ... With Mothers’ Day coming up on Sunday, 11th May, Mrs Kylie Magennis has very kindly organised another two fantastic Mothers’ Day Stalls for all of our students this week. A wonderful array of items can be purchased and they have been selected especially to please all mums, nannas and loved ones. The price range for each item is either $2 or $4 so please ensure all students bring their money in tomorrow and on Thursday if they would like to purchase something for their mum or nanna on Mothers’ Day. Many thanks!

OUR EASTER HAT PARADE AND SPECIAL MORNING TEA ... A BIG thank you to Mrs. Michelle Styles and everyone who assisted in some way to make our Easter Morning Tea a special one last term. The muffins were sensational and it was a wonderful way to spend the last day of Term 1.

Thank you to all of our judges and all of the boys and girls who went to the trouble of making a hat and then parading in our Annual Easter Hat Parade. Ms Katherine Oszpet kindly organised our Easter Hat Parade for us and my congratulations to all of our winners. This includes the winners of our Easter Colouring in Competitions.

TERM 2 P & C MEETING ... Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend out first P & C meeting today. The occasion was a special one because it was Mr Patrick McCann’s birthday and we were able to help him celebrate his special day. We would, however, love to see more of our families attend. Our next meeting will be on Monday, 4th August.

Our new front fence is installed.

The Year 5 Easter Hats were colourful!
Our categories, the lucky judges and our 2014 winners were:

- The Nestiest Hat: Mr. Davey. Bailey Gavin.
- The Sparkliest Hat: Mrs Cunningham. Jack Kidd.
- The Hat With The Biggest Ears: Ms Wooster. Liam McCann.
- The Most Unusual Hat: Mrs McDonald. Rueben Hirst.

The Year 4 students had fun!

A special thank you to Aunty Colleen, Mrs Gwen Ellis, Mrs Paula Slade and Mrs. Virginia Cox for very kindly bringing in some Easter treats for everyone to share. Also a special thank you to Mrs Kylie Magennis for organising the P & C Easter Lucky Dips which proved to be very popular with both the students and staff. Many thanks!

The Kindies looked great!

The Year 3 students had a variety of styles and shapes.
Year 2 were all smiles!

THE EASTER BUNNY VISITS US ... A highlight of the last day of Term 1 was the Easter Bunny visiting us and leaving some chocolate Easter eggs for everyone. He also left his tiny footprints and a piece of his white tail which somehow was left behind at our front fence.

SCHOOL FAMILY DISCO ... One of the innovative Huntingdon P & C fundraisers we are having this term is the Huntingdon Family Disco which is on Friday, 16th May. It starts at 6.00pm and finishes at 8.00pm in our school hall. The cost is $5 for the disco and $5 for the food, drinks and lollies.

A special flier has already been sent home regarding this event. It promises to be a fun family night and we are looking at everyone attending. If it’s successful then we will organise similar nights later in the year. Please ensure students attending wear enclosed shoes.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY ... Thank you again to Mrs Rachel McCann for very kindly organising our school’s ANZAC DAY ceremony and the Upper Primary students who helped to run it. Unfortunately Mr. Kevin Ward, Mr. Ted Scott and Mr. Noel Crozier, our special guests on the day from the Wauchope RSL Sub-Branch, were unable to attend. They apologised for their non-attendance and have promised to visit us for our school's Remembrance Day Ceremony on Tuesday, 11th November.

OFFICIAL ANZAC DAY MARCH IN WAUCHOPE ON ANZAC DAY ... A special thank you to Beaudean Taylor, Lucas and Luella Warburton, Tyra, Wayde, Regan and Amber Coombes, Nicholas Atkins and Jye Baker for attending the official ANZAC Day March in Wauchope during the holidays. It was really appreciated!
NEW SCHOOL LEADERS’ BADGES … A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Taylor for very kindly organising and purchasing some new school leaders’ badges for our school because the clips on the old ones continue to fail. It was really appreciated and we are looking at purchasing some additional ones for the school leaders to use next year.

HUNTINGDON WINS AGAIN AT THE WAUCHOPE SHOW … Congratulations to all Huntingdon students who had their Art and Craft work selected and entered at this year’s Wauchope Show. Once again Huntingdon Public School was successful in winning the Middle School Category. Many thanks to Mrs Amanda Platts and Mrs Michelle Styles for helping to get some of our Wauchope Show entries organised and dropped off at the show.

This is the 19th year where our school has achieved this honour and it’s a real credit to all the staff, parents and students of our school for continuing to produce Art and Craft work that is of a high standard. What an achievement!

New and special visitors to our school regularly comment on the great appearance of our school’s three classrooms where the Art and Craft work from our students is always on display.

OFFICIAL WELCOME TO DOMINIC DAVEY … Last term Dominic Davey joined Ms Oszpet’s class in Kindergarten. On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dominic and his family to our school and we hope that your stay with us is a long, happy and rewarding one.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS THIS WEEK … All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books to return this Wednesday when the Mobile Library Van visits us again for the first time this term. After this week it will visit us every fortnight on a Thursday.

CANTEEN OPERATIONS FOR TERM 2 … Thanks to all students and parents who have put in a suggestion into our P & C’s Canteen Suggestion Box located in the Administration Building. Your suggestions continue to help Mrs. Michelle Styles and our Canteen Committee to improve on what we do. If you have any ideas or suggestions then don’t forget to place them into the box today.
Tyra was selected in the Lower North Coast Zone Soccer Team last term and travelled to Grafton to try and make it into the North Coast Regional Girls’ Soccer Team last Friday. We wished her every success and I received a call from her on Friday afternoon to say that she was selected in the North Coast Regional Soccer Team and will now travel to Sydney to try and make it into the State Team. What an achievement! Congratulations Tyra! Tyra has been given some raffle tickets to sell to help fund her expenses involved in this. If you would like to help Tyra in her endeavour, tickets are able for sale at Bago Store and Classy Café at a cost of $2 each. There are 4 prizes of sporting gear available to be won.

This term we are trialling a new method of selecting our Aussies of the Month. Congratulations to our Aussies of the Month winners in each of the three classes for April. The winners for April were Wayde Coombes, Liam McCann and Rueben Hirst. Congratulations!

Our Daily Fitness Program has started and will continue every day during Terms 2 and 3. Students come out for the last 20 minutes of each day Monday to Thursday to participate in a variety of physical activities. Last week and this week we have been getting students to build up their stamina in long distance running in readiness for the school and Small Schools’ Cross Country Championships.
**TUESDAY LUNCH ORDERS** … A BIG thank you to Mrs Styles who is trialling a new weekly lunch order system making lunches available EVERY week for this term. Orders have to be sent in on the Friday and my thanks to everyone who has sent their orders in for this week. If we don’t make use of this new lunch service then we could lose it! A reminder to send in orders for next Tuesday on or before this Friday. Many thanks!

**HUNTINGDON CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS** … These were run in age divisions last Friday and I have to congratulate all students for trying their best. Our 2014 Cross Country Champions will be announced in our next newsletter. My thanks to Mrs Platts and Mrs Luke for helping to stamp our runners as they ran the 1 to 3 kilometre course.

**SMALL SCHOOLS’ CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS** … This year the Small Schools’ Cross Country Championships will be held at the Wauchope Showground on Friday, 9th May. All Huntingdon students will be attending and travel will be by bus. The cost of the bus will be met by our P & C Association and our school funds and a special permission note and lunch order form was sent home for this last Friday.

Students will need to be in their school uniform, including a hat. They will also need to wear comfortable joggers and have something to drink with them. Please ensure students also have something warm to wear after their run in case the weather is cold.

**TERM 1 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS** … As well as receiving a new front fence and new library furniture we have had our TV monitor repaired and visitors to our school can now enjoy watching some of the 864 photographs that we have taken during Term 1 this year. If you would like to see them as well then you can check them out on our school’s website.

**THE SMALL SCHOOLS’ SYDNEY EXCURSION** … A special note regarding the Small Schools’ Sydney Excursion in Term 3 was given to the Year 3-6 students today. It contains additional information about the costs involved, accommodation and transport details as well as our itinerary for the four days.

I am hoping that all of the Year 4–6 students in the Upper Primary class are able to attend this excursion, and many from Year 3, as it will not only be a memorable experience but they will also be given the opportunity to form new friendships with students in the same grades from the other small schools.

**YEAR 6 – YEAR 7 TRANSITION** … My thanks to our Year 6 students from last year who have so far returned their Year 6 to Year 7 Wauchope High School Term 1 Transition Survey Forms. The information they provide helps us to better cater for the needs of our current Stage 3 students.

**STAGE 3 TRANSITION DAY** … This is planned for Friday, 16th May at Long Flat Public School. A special permission note was sent home with our Stage 3 students last week. Unfortunately we are not able to take our Year 5 students now as there is not enough room for them.

**RADIO STATION – SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM** … Please note that our Year 5 students will be running the 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station’s School’s Out Program on Wednesday, 18th June so I am hoping that they keep that evening free. It will be the only time this year that the Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to attend because in Term 3 it will be Year 4’s turn.

**OUR EASTER HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE** … Congratulations to Jye Baker – 19 nights, Emilie Turner – 18 nights, Thomas Driver – 17 nights and Ben Clifford – 15 nights, for managing to complete their holiday reading challenge. Well done! A special mention to Beaudean Taylor who read for 9 nights.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO … Liam McCann who celebrated his birthday on Sunday, 4th May, Mr Paddy McCann who celebrates his birthday today.

Jorjia-Rose Styles who celebrates her birthday on Wednesday, 8th May, Lucas Warburton who celebrates his birthday on Sunday, 11th May, and Brayden Cunningham who celebrates his birthday on Tuesday, 13th May. We hope you all have a wonderful and memorable birthday!

GARDENING HELPERS WANTED … Ms Candice Zycki and Mrs Michelle Luke are very kindly coming in on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm to work with our students in re-establishing our garden beds and orchard and they are looking for any other parents or community members who might also like to become involved. If you can you assist then please contact the school.

MAY IS FAMILY READING MONTH … Students in the Upper Primary class have been given a special May Family Reading Month Challenge where they are asked to read for a minimum of just 10 minutes every day in May. If they do then they can win some great prizes.

NAPLAN TESTS … These start for all Year 3 and Year 5 students next week. Good luck to all of our students who are involved in the NAPLAN tests this year.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU AND MENTION … A special thank you to Mr Paddy McCann for coming in during the last week of Term 1 and coaching all of our students in soccer. It was very much appreciated.

OUR WINNING FRUIT AND VEGETABLE JOKES OF THE WEEK …

Q … Why did the capsicum turn red?
A … It saw the salad DRESSING!

Q … Why did the orange go out with the banana?
A … He couldn’t find a DATE!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT …
**THIS WEEK’S FUNNY PHOTO ...**

Mr Rod Hall’s jet flyover at the official ANZAC Day March in Wauchope was a ‘real’ highlight. Regan is pointing out to Amber where the jet is coming from.

*Look up Amber!*

**DANCING WITH MRS McCANN ...**

Any students interested in dancing this year are having some dancing sessions every Wednesday at lunch time with Mrs McCann.

*Dancing is fun for everyone!*

**LAST FRIDAY WAS KINDERGARTEN ‘AI’ BLEND DAY ...**

Many thanks to all students who went to the trouble of finding an ‘ai’ as in snail noun to bring in and talk about at our whole school assembly. This Friday we are asking the students to bring in an ‘oa’ as in boat noun.

*Meg brought in part of a railway line and Jye brought in some pain-killers.*

*Our Easter Holiday Reading Challenge winners.*