HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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RECEIVE 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!

**MAY MONTHLY PLANNER …**

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<td>19 th</td>
<td>Happy birthday Adam Bramwell!</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
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<td>Michael Crossland Inspirational speaker organised by Wauchope Rotary Club for our Stage 3 students. At Wauchope Public School at 11.30 am. We need will with transport. UNI NSW Computer Skills.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Mrs Besseling and Nikesh Nath! Ms Eva Wong RSPCA visit.</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Tyson Boese! Mobile Library Van visit.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Special hot dogs lunch order. Friday's Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an ee as in bee noun and tell us all about it. Nikita Fuller leaves for Stewart House. We hope you enjoy your stay! Senior Constable Dean Magennis visit. 1.30 pm</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
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<td>Nikita Fuller leaves for Stewart House. We hope you enjoy your stay!</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Mrs. Shirley Fowler!</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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<td>Saturday</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Isabella Paulson!</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Ben Clifford!</td>
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<td>Space Tour Show. Visiting performance.</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Emilie Turner! UNI NSW Science.</td>
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<td>Nikita Fuller returns from Stewart House. Friday's Assembly blend for this week. Bring in a ch as in chair noun and tell us all about it.</td>
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<td>Queen's Birthday public holiday.</td>
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<td>Welcome to the teaching staff from the Uni. of New England for three weeks Ms Hayley Burn.</td>
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<td>13 th</td>
<td>Friday's Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an sh as in ship noun and tell us all about it.</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
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<td>UNI NSW Writing.</td>
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<td>UNI NSW Spelling.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>Our Year 5 students present the 2 Way FM Community Radio Station's ' School's Out ' Program. 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Patrick Magennis! Mobile Library Van visit.</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Mrs. Sheila Gee!</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Jessie Smith-Petrovic! Life Education Van visit with Mrs. Leanne Goggin and Happy Healthy Harold.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Mrs. Amanda Platts!</td>
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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 98 more sleeps before the Primary students and students from the other small schools head to Sydney for our Major Excursion.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT …

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO SIENNA AND ISABELLE LESLIGHT … Since our last newsletter it gives me great pleasure to welcome the Leslight Family to our school. Sienna is in Kindergarten in Ms Oszpet’s Classroom and Isabelle is in Year 3 in Mrs Elliott’s Classroom.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS MYNOTT … For the past fortnight Mrs. Jenna Mynott has very kindly assisted Ms Oszpet in the Kindergarten and Year 1 class while doing her practical experience with us. Sadly, Mrs Mynott has had to return to the University of New England and her time with us has come to an end. On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Mynott every success in her future endeavours. We hope she stays in touch with us.

On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school I would like to officially welcome Sienna and Isabelle and the Leslight family to our school and we hope that your stay with us is a happy, long and rewarding one.

HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY! Hopefully all Huntingdon mums were spoilt on Sunday, 11th May which was Mothers’ Day and enjoyed their cards and gift which some of the Huntingdon students had made and purchased.

P & C MOTHERS’ DAY STALL … A special thank you to Mrs Kylie Magennis for kindly organising our two fantastic Mothers’ Day Stalls for all of our students. It was really appreciated and we raised approximately $180 as a result. What a fantastic effort!!
We hope that all Huntingdon mums enjoyed receiving their special gift packs from the many that were on offer.

Riley and Liam McCann and Nikita Fuller with some of the $2 and $4 Mothers’ Day gift bags available at Mrs Kylie Magennis’ Mothers’ Day stall.

SMALL SCHOOLS’ CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS ... On Friday, 6th May the Small Schools’ Cross Country Championship was held at the Wauchope Showground. I have to congratulate all Huntingdon students who attended and tried their very best on the day.

There were some terrific individual performances during the day. Congratulations to all students who managed to finish first, second, third or fourth in their respective age race because they have now qualified to represent our school and Small Schools at the Regional Cross Country Championships in Kempsey on Friday 30th May.

ROLLANDS PLAINS THANK YOU ... Mrs Leanne Parker, the principal of Rollands Plains Public School, presented me with a thank you letter during the week thanking the Huntingdon parents who assisted them on the day of the Small Schools’ Cross Country in the canteen. Their help was very much appreciated.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS ... A special permission note will be given this week to all students who qualified to represent our school at the Regional Cross Country Championships in Kempsey on Friday, 30th May. We will need help with transporting and supervising our students on the day and are asking if there are any parents who would like volunteer to be our Regional Cross Country Team Managers.

More Huntingdon Cross Country winners after receiving their certificates and ribbons last Friday.

STEWARD HOUSE DONATION DRIVE ... Many thanks to all families who supported the Stewart House Donation Drive by placing a gold coin in the envelope provided and then returning it to the school by last Thursday. Stewart House is the only charity that our school officially supports and Nikita Fuller will be leaving to spend two weeks at Stewart House next Monday. We can’t wait to hear all about her time spent there when she returns. Good luck to everyone who returned their envelopes as there are some great prizes to be won.
**DISTRICT TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS …** Beaudean Taylor represented our school at the Hastings Camden Haven PSSA Touch Football trials on Wednesday, 7th May in Port Macquarie. Unfortunately, despite trying his best, and being a great ambassador for our school, Beaudean was unsuccessful in making it into the Zone Team. I have to commend him for his efforts! Well done Beaudean!

![Beaudean in action at the Cross Country.](image1)

**BUS BEHAVIOUR …** During the past two weeks I have had to talk AGAIN to all students about the ongoing issue of inappropriate behaviour while travelling to and from school on the buses. I have told Robert and Michael that we have adopted a Zero Tolerance to any students who are letting themselves and the school down in this regard.

I know that the students who are doing the right thing are sick and tired of Robert, Michael and all of the staff having to take up their time because of the behaviour of a small group of students who will not do what they are told to.

Please inform your children that they can expect to spend a week off the playground if their bus passes are taken away from them due to any inappropriate behaviour on the buses. Many thanks!

**STAGE 3 TRANSITION DAY …** Our Year 5 and 6 students travelled by bus to Long Flat Public School on Friday, 16th May to participate in the Year 7 Transition Day. While they were there they managed to mix and mingle with other students from the small schools as well as Wauchope Public School.

During the day students were placed in mixed teams and they participated in a variety of sports including Mini Tennis, Volleyball, Touch Football, Soccer, Cricket, Table Tennis, Hockey Polo and Barrel Ball just to mention a few. The weather was marvellous and the day, despite being very tiring, passed very quickly.

![Indiah Faint, Amelia Paulson, Jorjia-Rose Styles, Nikita Fuller and Tyra Coombes strike a pose at the Year 7 Transition Day at Long Flat.](image2)
Jye Baker was feeling the heat on the Mini Tennis Court.

Lucas Warburton sums up the day!

SCHOOL FAMILY DISCO... The inaugural Huntingdon P & C Family Disco was held last Friday, 16th May starting at 6.00pm and finishing at 8.00pm. The cost was $5 for the disco and $5 for the food, drinks and lollies etc. and it was a tremendous success. We raised more than $450 and the night was a lot of fun.

A special thank you to everyone who was able to attend on the night. Mr and Mrs McCann did a fantastic job organising the strobe and coloured lights and the music and Mr and Mrs Magennis and Acacia cooked and served up the sausages for the sausage sandwiches which were delicious.

Mr and Mrs Magennis cooking the sausages at the Family Disco Night.

A special thank you to Mrs McCann and Mrs Michelle Styles for organising the hands, wrist bands, chips, drinks and lollies as well as all parents who helped in some way during the night, including the cleaning and tidying up.

Students who attended have already requested that we hold another one and we are looking at the possibility of having another social at the end of Term 3 when the weather is a little warmer. We will keep you informed.
As well as playing games and giving away prizes for the best dancers during the night students and parents, as well as grandparents, were invited to join in. A special mention to Jorjia-Rose Styles who ended up being the 2014 Term 2 Limbo Champion during the night. What an amazing effort!

Is this the prize I get for winning the Limbo Championship?

GET WELL WISHES … Over the past two weeks we had Mrs Gwen Ellis and Mrs Janet Elliott have operations and Mrs Ellis will be on sick leave until the end of this week. Fortunately Mrs Elliott has returned to school and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school to wish them a quick and speedy recovery.

Mrs Elliott serving customers at the Family Disco Night

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN 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.

Harry Jakobsson and Jacob McDonald enjoying the Family Disco Night.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO .... The following students all celebrated their birthdays over the past two weeks. They are Ms Britni Wade, Jorjia-Rose Styles, Lucas Warburton, Brayden Cunningham and Adam Bramwell.

Adam celebrated his birthday with everyone yesterday!

TUESDAY LUNCH ORDERS ... A reminder that Mrs Styles is making lunches available EVERY week for all students this term. Orders have to be sent in by 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.

Brayden at the social with his mum, celebrated his birthday on the 13th May.

THE SMALL SCHOOLS’ SYDNEY EXCURSION ... Mrs Leanne Parker, the principal of Rollands Plains Public School and the organiser of the Small Schools’ Sydney Excursion, is currently trying to work out the numbers wishing to go from all of the small schools. The coach will only be able to take 46 students and there may not be enough space on the bus to take everyone wishing to attend.

If this is the case then students in Year 3 may have to wait another year before being able to go. I am still waiting to hear how many students from all of the schools were able to pay their deposit and return their permission notes by last Friday. I will keep you informed.

Mrs Leanne Parker, Mrs Marion Ricketts, principal of Comboyne Public School, Mr Paul Mason principal of Long Flat Public School and myself will be attending the excursion.

Bet you can’t blow out all of the candles in one go! Jorjia-Rose celebrated her birthday on the 8th May.

MORE GARDENING HELPERS WANTED ... Ms Candice Zycki and Mrs Michelle Luke are looking for any parents or community members who might also like to become involved in helping them to re-establish our garden beds and orchard. If you can assist then please contact the school.
NAPLAN TESTING …  Last week all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the national NAPLAN tests. Huntingdon Year 3 and Year 5 students’ responses to the tests varied with many saying parts were easy while others were challenging. We’ll have to wait and see how our students faired when the results are returned later in Term 3.

THIS WEEK’S FUNNY PHOTO …  Guess who found the book they had been looking for in the Mobile Library Van?

**THIS FORTNIGHT’S WINNING TENNIS JOKES…**

**Q …**  Why are fish never good at tennis? (Nicholas Atkins)

**A …**  Because they don’t want to go near the NET!

**Q …**  Why is tennis such a noisy game? (Jedd Faint)

**A …**  Because each player raises a RACQUET!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT …**

**SPECIAL HOT DOG LUNCH ORDER …**  This Friday we are having a special hot dog lunch order day to raise money for admission to the Space Tour Show which will be visiting our school on Tuesday, 3rd June. The cost to see the show is $7 per student and we are hoping to cover as much of this as possible so that all students will be able to attend the show free of charge. Please return all hot dog orders with money by Thursday morning. Many thanks!

Are there any books on Space we could borrow Mrs Cox?
Happy Mothers' Day mum!

Last Friday was kindergarten ‘ie’ blend day... Many thanks to all students who went to the trouble of finding an ‘ie’ as in thief noun to bring in and talk about at our whole school assembly. This Friday we are asking the students to bring in an ‘ee’ as in bee noun.

Look what we made!

A special thank you to Mr Colin McDONALD for very kindly sending in some great photographs of our students at the Small Schools’ Cross Country Championships. Many thanks!

Mrs Heather KIDD and Mrs KNUCKEY for very kindly assisting with transport to take the Year 5 and Year 6 students in to Wauchope Public School to hear Michael Crossland speak today. Many thanks!

More Cross Country results in our next newsletter.

Community News...

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.