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For tonightly Newsletter 13. Tuesday, 3rd June, 2014.

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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!

JUNE MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Monday 2nd Happy birthday Ben Clifford!
Tuesday 3rd Happy birthday Mr Jarad Alexander!
Space Tour Show. Visiting performance.
Wednesday 4th Power outage. We are using a generator all day!
Happy birthday Emilie Turner!
UNI NSW Science.
Thursday 5th PJ Party Day. Special lunch - muffin and flavoured milk order.
Mobile Library Van visit.
Hastings Director Mr Mark Youngblutt visit. 9 – 11 am.
Friday 6th Nikita Fuller returns from Stewart House.
Friday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in a chair noun and tell us all about it.
Monday 9th Queen’s Birthday public holiday.
Tuesday 10th Welcome to the teaching staff from the Uni. of New England for three weeks Ms Hayley Burn.
Wednesday 11th Mr Fuhrmann on Long Service Leave.
Welcome Mrs Jayne Burton taking Mr Fuhrmann’s place.
Ms Katherine Oszpet Acting Principal while I’m on leave.

JUNE MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...

Friday 13th Friday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an ship noun and tell us all about it.
Monday 16th UNI NSW Writing.
Tuesday 17th UNI NSW Spelling.
Wednesday 18th Our Year 5 students present the 2 Way FM Community Radio Station’s ‘ School’s Out ‘ Program.
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.
Thursday 19th Happy birthday Patrick Magennis!
Mobile Library Van visit.
Thursday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in a thumb noun and tell us all about it.
Friday 20th Happy ‘ Milestone ‘ birthday Mrs. Sheila Gee!
Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival. Blackbutt Oval.
Huntingdon P & C are running the canteen.
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!
Thank you Ms Hayley Burn!
Friday’s Assembly blend for this week. Bring in an ouch noun and tell us all about it.

Monday 30th Happy birthday Mrs. Amanda Platts!

JULY MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Sunday 6th NAIDOC Week.
Monday 7th Happy birthday Jock Coombes!
Monday 14th Term 3 School Development Day.
Welcome back all Huntingdon staff!
Mrs Trotter and Mrs McCann on leave.
Friday 18th Mrs Jayne Burton’s final day.
Monday 21st Mr Fuhrmann returns from Long Service Leave.
Tuesday 15th Term 3 starts for all students. Welcome back!
Wednesday 23rd Happy birthday Harper Marr-Gorgan!
Thursday 24th School leaders to lay a wreath at Ellenborough Falls to commemorate Remembrance Drive.
Friday 25th School Tree Day.
District Athletics Carnival. Laurieton.
Welcome back Mrs McCann.
Monday 28th Education Week. NSW Public Schools – Creating The Future!
Monday 28th  Semester 1 Reports sent home this week.
   BAGO Community of Schools’ 2014 Education Week

There are now only 84 more sleeps before the Primary students and students
from the other small schools head to Sydney for our Major Excursion.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...
MY LAST NEWSLETTER FOR SEMESTER 1 ...
Unfortunately this will be my last newsletter for the term as I am going to be on Long Service Leave for several weeks. I am going to be a grandfather !!! Needless to say it’s all very exciting because this will be our first grandchild.

Due to the fact that I will not be away for very long Ms Katherine Oszpet will be Huntingdon’s Acting Principal while I am on leave and Mrs Jayne Burton will be taking the Year 4, 5 and 6 Upper Primary class for me during the time I am on leave. I will miss everyone while I am away. Ms Oszpet will be sending home the next newsletter on Tuesday, 17th June.

SPECIAL VISITORS ...
Ms Eva Wong recently visited our school and talked to us about the wonderful work that is carried out by the RSPCA.

On Wednesday, 21st May, Ms Eva Wong talked to all students about the importance of looking and caring for our pets and animals properly. All students were given the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the cat and dog toys she brought with her.

One of the highlights of Ms Wong’s visit was every student receiving an autumn copy of the RSPCA’s Animania book which normally retails for $6.95 and contains great mini posters, word finds, puzzles and lots of interesting articles about cats, dogs and other animals.
OUR SEMESTER 1 REPORTS ... Our Semester 1 students’ reports will be sent home early in Term 3 during Education Week. With Term 2 being such a short one Mrs Elliott, Ms Oszpet, Mrs Besseling and I are still completing our student assessment tasks which include the testing of students in some of the Key Learning Areas.

As a consequence we will be sending home our Semester 1 reports in Term 3 from now on. This also allows us to accurately record and report on students’ Semester 1 whole and partial absences. What has been really rewarding is seeing the wonderful progress some of our students have been making.

Regan Coombes ensuring that Rusty has lots of fresh, clean water.

UPPER PRIMARY STUDENTS WRITE 4 FUN ENTRIES ... Huntingdon Public School’s Year 4, 5 and 6 students have received a Certificate of Commendation for their great entries in the 2014 Write 4 Fun Competition. A record of 10 of our students’ entries made it through to the final judging stage. Our school was one of only 2% nationwide to have achieved such a result.

Indiah Faint with her rabbit Prince wrote a great story about her nan and pop.

MRS ELLIOTT’S GREAT WRITERS ... Students in the Middle Primary Classroom have been writing recounts about people who help us in our community. I have had the pleasure of reading some of them. Here is Luella Warburton’s recount of Mr Anderson’s visit to Mrs Elliott’s classroom.

MR ANDERSON.

Last Thursday Mr Anderson came and talked to us about the Fire Brigade. He is the Captain of Byabarra Rural Fire Brigade. He has volunteered for 26 years.
Mr Anderson wears a helmet, an air tank, a mask and goggles. He has a hose and gloves. He wears pants and boots. He also has reflecting strips on his clothes. If a house is on fire and you’re in the house you crawl down because you might breathe in smoke.

The fire truck has a ladder, siren, hose, breathing apparatus and cutters. If a fire truck was coming you would know by the siren and also if a fire truck was coming pull up and let it go through.

Mr Anderson with the Year 2 and 3 students.

Mr Anderson is also our GA which is a General Assistant. He cleans, mows and sprays for spiders. He gets paid and he also works at other schools. This is a picture of Isabelle and Keily. Isabelle is wearing the coat and Keily is wearing the captain’s hat and Mr Anderson’s pants.

Women can also be fire ladies. Calleigh’s dad is a fireman, He’s a towny fireman and Mr Anderson is a bushy fireman. Mr Anderson doesn’t get paid for being a fireman. In Mr Anderson’s truck he has food because they might be out there for a long time and they also have a drink of water.

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 STUDENTS LISTEN TO MICHAEL CROSSLAND ...

On Tuesday, 20th May Huntingdon Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Wauchope Public School to listen to Michael Crossland give an inspirational talk about overcoming adversity, staying positive and not giving up when life becomes difficult.

Mr Crossland’s visit was very kindly sponsored by the Wauchope Rotary Club and Huntingdon Year 5 and 6 students appreciated being invited. My thanks to Mrs Rachel McCann and Mrs Heather Kidd for very kindly assisting with transporting our students on the day.
Inspirational speaker Michael Crossland.

LOWER NORTH COAST ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS ... We had four students represent our school at the Lower North Coast Zone Cross Country Championships in Kempsey on Friday, 30th May. They were Jorjia-Rose Styles, Jack Kidd, Thomas Driver and Kyle Luke.

My thanks to all parents and family members who assisted in getting our team to Kempsey. My congratulations to our team who all tried their best on what was a miserable day weatherwise.

Jorjia-Rose came 19th in the 11 Year old girls, Jack came 15th in the 11 Year old boys, Thomas came 49th in the 11 year old boys and Kyle came 54th in the 9 year old boys. Unfortunately no-one managed to qualify for the Regional Championships but we are very proud of our team and their efforts!

IT'S PYJAMA PARTY TIME AGAIN ... This Thursday, 5th June, all Huntingdon staff and students are invited to join in the fun as our P & C holds another Pyjama Party Fun Day. A highlight of the day will be the chocolate muffins and flavoured milks which students were given lunch orders for. My thanks to Mrs Amanda Platts for very kindly organising the day.

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. It’s the van’s second last visit prior to the holidays.

Some of our Easter holiday reading challenge winners.
HAPPY HEALTH HAROLD AND THE LIFE EDUCATION VAN ...  This will be visiting our school on Monday, 23rd June. My thanks to all families who have already paid their $40 Book and Stationery Fee because it includes the $9 entry to the Life Education Van.

Happy Healthy Harold visiting us is always a highlight of the year.
Just ask Xander!

TOO MANY ELEPHANTS IN THIS HOUSE ...  On Wednesday, 21st May, Mrs McCann read a story to all of our students. What made it special? Nationwide students in schools were all reading the same story – Too Many Elephants In The House.

TOO MANY ELEPHANTS IN THIS HOUSE ...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ....  The following staff, students & volunteers all celebrated their birthdays recently. They are Nikesh Nath, Ms Brittni Wade, Mrs Besseling, Adam Bramwell, Tyson Boese, Ben Clifford, Mr Alexander and Isabella Paulson.

Nikesh Nath celebrated his birthday on the 21st May.

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. Unfortunately Mrs Styles was very sick this week and unable to come in to do lunches. Hopefully Mrs Styles will be feeling much better soon.

SPACE SHOW ...  Our Space Show is happening today and all students are looking forward to going on an adventure into Outer Space. My thanks to everyone who recently purchased some hot dogs on our special lunch order day. Part of the proceeds of this is helping to cover the $7 entry costs for each of our students. The school is covering the rest.

It’s not very often that we get to have a visiting performance come to our school and we are hoping that everyone enjoys the show today.
Our Adopt A Cop Senior Constable Dean Magennis visited our school on Wednesday, 28th May and talked to all students about what it is like being in the Police Force. As usual there wasn’t enough time to answer all of our students’ questions so we are looking forward to having Senior Constable Dean Magennis return next term.

School Captain Beaudean Taylor thanking Senior Constable Dean Magennis.

The Mobile Library Van will visit us this Thursday … A reminder for all students to bring in their library books this Thursday, 5th June because the mobile library van will be visiting us again.

Mrs Elliott’s students borrowing from the Mobile Library Van.
MORE SPECIAL VISITORS ... Ms Oszpet’s daughter Kristi and son in law Ronnie Smith visited our school from the USA with Ms Oszpet's grand-daughter Audrey who is 9 and a half months old. Their visit was only a brief one but it was wonderful to show Ms Oszpet’s family our wonderful, small rural school.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ... Mr and Mrs Platts for very kindly bringing the fantastic Local Community LEGO models for the students to look at.

The students and staff alike enjoyed looking at the models and we all would have loved to have taken them home to play with. Many thanks for going to all of the trouble of bringing them in. It was really appreciated!

Ms Candice Zycki for very kindly coming in on Monday afternoon to start fixing up our vegetable garden and orchard. It’s really appreciated!

Everyone lends a hand at Huntingdon Public School including Harley!

Who said gardening wasn’t any fun?
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.

EVEN MORE SPECIAL VISITORS … Mrs Evelyn Doak, our Welfare Health and Safety co-ordinator, visited our school on Tuesday, 27th May to talk to the whole staff about her supportive role in helping us to keep everyone safe at our school.

Mrs Evelyn Doak checking that our WH&S records are up to date.

POWER OUTAGE … We are thankful for the warmer weather because we are experiencing another power outage tomorrow for the whole day. Mr Mackenzie will be installing a generator early tomorrow morning.

ARBORISTS VISIT … During the past two weeks we have had members from the Port Macquarie Hastings Council and O’Donnell and Hanlon inspect the identified trees in our school that need removing and pruning. It is anticipated that this work will be carried out in the very near future.

Mr Anderson has also started a winter pruning campaign and is cutting back some of our smaller shrubs and bushes in readiness for spring. In the meantime there is no immediate threat to anyone’s safety from any of the limbs of our trees falling onto anyone.

Mr Daniel Eakin inspecting some of our trees in the car park area.

THE SMALL SCHOOLS’ SYDNEY EXCURSION … Currently all students who have paid a deposit should be going to Sydney. The coach however, is filled and several students from the other small schools will be travelling by car with a staff member. This won’t, however, be anyone from Huntingdon Public School.

A reminder that Mrs Leanne Parker, Principal of Rollands Plains Upper Public School, Mrs Marion Ricketts, Principal of Comboyne Public School, Mr Paul Mason Principal of Long Flat Public School and myself will be attending the excursion. More news to follow.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT …

Kindergarten Kids are like little tubes of Play Dough—Open up the lids, add a pinch of imagination and just watch what they become!
THIS WEEK’S FUNNY PHOTO … “I reckon I can blow the candle out if I huff and puff and – here goes!”

THIS FORTNIGHT’S WINNING DOG JOKES...

Q … Why do dogs get ticks? (Joseph Waite)
A … Because they’ve been GOOD!

Q … What is a Boxer’s favourite drink? (Nikita Fuller)
A … PUNCH!

WE SEND A ‘MISSING YOU’ FAX TO NIKITA … As part of our Better Communication unit of work the Year 4, 5 and 6 students wrote and faxed messages to Nikita Fuller at Stewart House last Friday. We hope she enjoyed reading them. Nikita returns from Stewart House on Friday.

LAST FRIDAY WAS KINDERGARTEN ‘OO’ BLEND DAY … Many thanks to all students who went to the trouble of finding a ‘oo’ as in book noun to bring in and talk about at our whole school assembly. This Friday we are asking the students to bring in an ‘ch’ as in chair noun.

2 WAY FM COMMUNITY RADIO STATION ‘SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM’…
This term the Year 5 students will be running the 2 WAYFM Community Radio Station’s ‘School’s Out Program’ on Wednesday, 18th June from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. We hope that everyone will listen in and we don’t have to cancel the program this term. If we do then the 2 WAYFM Community Radio Station’s School’s Out Program will not be implemented in 2015.