HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Fortnightly Newsletter 15. Wednesday, 16th July, 2014.

Missed a copy of our newsletters? You will find them on our school website. Our school’s website is found at:  http://www.huntingdon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

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!

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.
             Mrs Popplewell will replace Mrs McCann!
             Mrs Golding will replace Mrs Trotter

Tuesday 15th  Term 3 starts for all students. Welcome back!
Friday  18th  Mrs Jayne Burton’s final day. Thank you!
Monday  21st  Welcome Back Mr Fuhrmann returns!
Wednesday 23rd  Happy birthday Harper Marr-Grogan!
Thursday 24th  School leaders to lay a wreath at Ellenborough Falls to commemorate Remembrance Drive.
              Mobile Library Van
Friday  25th  School Tree Day.

Monday 28th

District Athletics Carnival. Laurieton.
Welcome back Mrs McCann.
Semester 1 Reports sent home this week.
BAGO Community of Schools’ 2014 Education Week Presentation Night. Wauchope Country Club.

There are now only 41 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 to Term 3!!

Mr Fuhrmann returns next week, and as this is my last week as relieving Principal, I would like to thank all the students and parents for making my time at the helm as enjoyable as it has been! We have a wonderful school, and I am very proud of it!!

The week before the holidays we had our Small Schools Athletics carnival and I would like to thank all the volunteers who cooked some special treats and others who helped out in the canteen on the day, and a very big thank you to Mrs Platts, who spent many hours preparing for the day!

The BIG news…Huntingdon won the Small Schools Athletics Trophy, the one we haven’t won it since 2005! Great achievement by our students! Well done everyone!

At the end of July (Week 3) is Education Week and we will be opening our school for you to come in and visit your child’s classroom. We’ll have a special morning tea and more details will follow.

Semester 1 school reports will also be sent out during Education Week.

Afternoon Bus and pick up notice: In term 3, Mrs Elliott will be on bus duty everyday and all students waiting to be picked up can be collected from Mrs Elliott’s room.
SPECIAL VISITORS ... Healthy Harold visited us on Monday 23rd June 2014

Kyle, Shaun and Meg all give Harold a hug!

Everyone Loves Harold!
Mrs Sheila Gee had her magical 80th birthday before the holidays. We were honoured to be able to thank her for all she does for our school. The cake was delicious too!

Mrs Amanda Platts had her birthday during the holidays. Hope you had a memorable day Amanda!
Our Assembly winners
Athletics Carnival
Friday 20th June 2014
Aren’t we so proud?
THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS NEXT WEEK … All students are reminded to bring back their library books to return by next Thursday when the Mobile Library Van visits us again. It's the van's first visit after the holidays. Please return all outstanding books and keep borrowing.

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 Mr Fuhrmann will be attending the excursion. More news to follow.

Your Child: Too Sick for School?

A sniffle. A cough. A sore throat. Children come down with illnesses big and small. Some are contagious, some are not. How do you know when to keep your child home from school?

3 Questions to Ask About Your Sick Child

To know whether your child should stay home from school, answering these three quick questions, will guide you:

1. Does your child have a fever? Fevers of 38.3° C or more are generally a sign of illness, so children should stay home from school.
2. Is your child well enough to engage in class? If ill kids seem too run down to get much out of school, keep them home.
3. Do you think your child has a contagious illness, such as the flu or pinkeye? If so, keep them home until they're no longer infectious.

When Children Should Stay Home From School

- **Fever** is the body's way of destroying the germs making it sick, and it's a common symptom of infections such as flu. Keep your children home if their temperature is 101° F or higher. Wait until children are fever-free before letting them return to school.
- **Diarrhea** is often the result of infection, food poisoning, or a side effect to medications like antibiotics. Keep children home until stools are formed and your doctor gives the okay. Make sure your sick child stays well-hydrated.
- **Vomiting** is another way for the body to rid itself of the germs making it sick, and is usually caused by a stomach virus or stomach infection. Keep children home if they've vomited twice or more in the last 24 hours. They can return to school after symptoms clear up or your doctor says they're no longer contagious.
- **Severe cough and cold** symptoms should keep kids home from school. A serious cough could be a sign of contagious conditions like whooping cough, viral bronchitis, or croup. It can also be a sign of asthma or allergies.
- **Sore throats** can be a symptom of strep or a common cold. If your child has been diagnosed with strep throat, keep your child at home for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics. If your child has a mild cold, it's okay to go to school.
- **Pinkeye (conjunctivitis)** is contagious, and children should stay home from school for the first 24 hours after treatment begins. Symptoms of pinkeye include eye redness, irritation, swelling, and pus.
- **Headaches** can be a symptom of contagious conditions like viral gastroenteritis, flu, meningitis, and strep throat. Opinions differ on whether a child should be kept home. If your child doesn't have any other signs of illness, and feels okay, your child can go to school.
- **Rashes** can be the sign of contagious conditions such as chickenpox, bacterial meningitis, or impetigo. Children should be kept home until they're diagnosed. They can return to school after symptoms are gone and their doctor gives the okay.

- **Earaches** aren't contagious. There's no need to keep a child with a mild earache home, as long as your child feels well enough to concentrate.

- **Mild cold or respiratory symptoms** are no reason to keep children at home so long as their nasal drainage is clear and their cough is mild.

**FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL**

Educational Experience has given us an opportunity to raise 20c in every dollar that is spent through their fundraising website.

If you think you would like to organise some early Christmas Shopping and get some quality educational toys and gifts then please log into [www.edex.com.au/fundraising](http://www.edex.com.au/fundraising)

Please make sure you nominate Huntingdon Primary School when finalising your order. Thank you!