HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Fortnightly Newsletter 17.  Tuesday, 12th August, 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!

AUGUST MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Monday  11th  Start of Huntingdon’s Fruit and Vegetable month. Students receive stamp rewards for eating their Crunch and Sip fruit and vegetables with great prizes on offer. All August Book club orders due in today.

Tuesday  12th  ZUMBA with Mrs Natalie Warburton.


    Power outage. Minimal power all day.

Monday  18th  Welcome back Ms Hayley Burns! It’s Book Week. Theme for 2014 is ‘Connect To Literacy’

Tuesday  19th  ZUMBA with Mrs Natalie Warburton.

Wednesday 20th  P & C Book Week Cake Stall Book Week Parade and Book Fair. Welcome Mrs Virginia Cox. BAGO Community of Schools meeting. Wauchope High School 4.15 pm.

Thursday  21st  Mobile Library Van visit. Book Week Parade.

AUGUST MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...

Friday  22nd  Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional S3 and S2 finalists announced. Year 6 to Wauchope High School for taster classes. 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Sunday  24th  Happy birthday Jack Kidd!

Monday  25th  Year 3 – 6 students going on the Small Schools’ Excursion pack to go to Sydney. An early night recommended!

Tuesday  26th  Happy birthday Tyla and Jace Davies! Day 1 Small Schools’ Sydney Excursion. Meet and depart from Andrews Park 7.00 am.

Wednesday  27th  Day 2 Small Schools’ Sydney Excursion.

Thursday  28th  Day 3 Small Schools’ Sydney Excursion.

Friday  29th  Happy birthday Riley McCann! Day 4 Small Schools’ Sydney Excursion. Return at Andrews Park 6.00 pm.

Teddy Bears’ Picnic Day at school for all students not attending the excursion to Sydney.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Monday  1st  First day of Spring. Welcome back Mrs Wendy Trotter!

Tuesday  2nd  Small Schools’ Soccer Gala Day.

Wednesday 3rd  2014 School Photographs. Master School Portraits. Mr Iain McKinley. NSWTF meeting at Wauchope PS at 4.15 pm.
SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER …

Thursday 4 th Happy birthday Jye Baker !
Huntingdon P & C Fathers’ Day Gift Stall. 11.00 am
Your final chance to purchase something for dad.
Mobile Library Van visit.
Friday 5 th Cricket Coaching Clinic with Mr Merve Bourke.
Sunday 7 th Happy birthday Nicholas Atkins !
Fathers’ Day.
Monday 8 th Huntingdon P & C meeting. 3.00 pm.
Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee finals.
Two students from S2 and S3 participating.
Venue yet to be announced.
Tuesday 9 th ZUMBA with Mrs Natalie Warburton.
Huntingdon students in Yrs. 3 – 5 present the 2 WAY FM
Community Radio Station’s ‘ School’s Out Program.’
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.
Wednesday 10 th Small Schools’ Collegial meeting. Huntingdon PS.
4:15 pm.
Friday 12 th Cricket Coaching Clinic with Mr Merve Bourke.
Ms Hayley Burns final day. Thank you for being a
great member of our school’s teaching staff !
Huntingdon P & C Small Schools’ Disco.
Huntingdon Community Hall. 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.
Tuesday 16 th Final ZUMBA with Mrs Natalie Warburton. Thank you
Mrs Warburton !
• Huntingdon P & C Barefoot Bowling.
Wauchope Country Club. ( To be confirmed )
Wednesday 17 th Happy birthday Mr David Anderson !
Friday 19 th Final day at school Term 3.
Happy birthday Tristin Bramwell !
September holidays begin.

OCTOBER MONTHLY PLANNER …

Friday 3 rd Happy birthday Reuben Hirst !
Monday 6 th Labour Day public holiday.
Tuesday 7 th All staff and students return for Term 4.
Welcome back !

There are now only 14 more sleeps before the Primary students and students
from the other small schools head to Sydney for our Major Excursion.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT …
MONTHLY PLANNER FOR TERM 3 DATE CHANGES … Please note that we
have had to make several important date changes to our Term 3 Monthly Planners
during the last fortnight. They include:-

OUR NEXT P & C MEETING DATE… Our next P & C meeting will now be held
on Monday, 8 th September starting at 3.00 pm. Everyone is cordially welcome to
attend. On the agenda will be the final organisation for our school social and
planning for our P & C Barefoot Bowling day.

THE SMALL SCHOOLS’ SOCCER GALA DAY … This was planned for this
Friday but has had to be moved to Tuesday, 2 nd September due to the grounds
not being available on that day. Mr Rodney Dobson, the Small Schools’ Soccer
Gala Day organiser, has indicated that the soccer fields will no longer be marked
out if we don’t run it on that day.

Bohdi Paulson is looking forward to the Small Schools’ Soccer Gala Day.

Unfortunately the Small Schools’ Soccer Gala Day clashes with the Hastings –
Macleay Primary Principals’ Association meeting in Port Macquarie so many of
the small school principals will be unable to attend on the day.

HUNTINGDON’S 2014 BOOK WEEK PARADE AND BOOK FAIR … This will
now be held on Wednesday, 20 th August. All students are asked to come along
as their favourite book or movie character. A special flier regarding our 2014 Book
Week organisation has been sent home already.
HUNTINGDON’S BOOK WEEK FAIR …  A BIG thank you to Mrs Rachel McCann for very kindly organising the 2014 Book Week Fair for us. There will be a fantastic variety of books for students and parents to purchase at very reasonable prices. Please come in and have a look and continue to encourage all of our students to read on a regular basis.

We all love dressing up for Book Week!

Ask any of our students and they’ll tell you that at Huntingdon Public School - “Students who read – succeed!”

SPECIAL BOOK WEEK VISITOR …  Mrs Virginia Cox from the Hastings Shire Library will be our special Book Week visitor on the day and all students are currently completing their ‘Connect To Literacy’ Book Week colouring in entries.

P & C BOOK WEEK CAKE STALL …  A special flyer regarding the P & C Book Week Cake Stall is being sent home with all students today. On Wednesday, 20th August all students, staff, parents and special visitors are invited to purchase some yummy treats for morning tea. Jelly cups, butterfly cakes, caramel slice, scones and cake pops are just some of the items that will be available. Prices start from just $0.50 to $2. All money raised will go directly to our P & C.

CAN YOU PLEASE ASSIST BY SENDING IN SOMETHING FOR THE CAKE STALL?  Our P & C Canteen Committee does a fantastic job but they can’t do it on their own. They are therefore asking for all families to please assist them by baking and donating any cakes, muffins, cookies and slices for the P & C cake stall on Wednesday, 20th August. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send all items in on Wednesday morning and ensure names are on all plates and cake tins so that they can be returned. Many thanks!

PEACHES ORDERS MUST BE IN BY THIS FRIDAY …  Please note that packs of six delicious PEACHES cakes will be available for just $5 but must be pre-ordered by this Friday, 15th August. An order form for this has been sent home with all students. Please contact the school if you didn’t receive one and would like to place an order.

Mrs Styles’ peach cakes are simply delicious!

SCHOOL CANTEEN COMMITTEE MEETING …  Huntingdon’s P & C School Canteen Committee met on Thursday, 7th August at school starting at 9.00 am. A special thank you to Mrs Michelle Styles, Mrs Amanda Platts and Mrs Kylie Magennis for attending the meeting. It was decided that from now on we would limit whole school lunch orders to several per term therefore allowing all families to participate.

For the remainder of Term 3 our School Canteen Committee and co-ordinator Mrs Michelle Styles have organised the P & C Book Week Cake Stall and a special Pancake lunch order day on Tuesday, 9th September. Please support both these fund raising ventures so that our P & C School Canteen Committee can continue to make them available for all of our students. Many thanks!

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL UPDATE …  Many thanks to Mrs Leslight, Mrs Styles, Mr and Mrs Taylor, and Mrs Driver for transporting and assisting Huntingdon’s Zone Relay Team at the Hastings Camden Haven PSSA Lower North Coast Zone Athletics Carnival held at Blackbutt Oval, Wauchope on Friday, 8th August.
Our relay team members were **Beaudean Taylor, Tom Driver, Isabelle Leslight** and **Jorjia-Rose Styles** and they came second in the Small Schools’ final. A fantastic effort! **Jack Kidd** was our reserve. Our relay team is now attempting to take several seconds off their best time and has qualified to represent our school and the Hastings Camden Haven PSSA Lower North Coast Zone at the **Regional Athletics Carnival in Lismore** on Wednesday, 29th August. Unfortunately this clashes with our Sydney Excursion so we will have to forfeit.

A special thank you to **all** Huntingdon staff for their dedication and effort in getting our school and our students’ classrooms looking wonderful prior to our **Education Open Day**. It’s always a pleasure to take any visitors on a tour of our school and into our classrooms where they can see some of the work our students are and have been doing.

A BIG thank you to **Mrs Leslight** and **Mrs Styles** for giving our relay team the opportunity to practise at Blackbutt Oval after school prior to the Zone Athletics Carnival. Many thanks!

**WE CELEBRATED EDUCATION WEEK ...** What an amazing response we had to our Education Week celebrations and I can’t remember when we last had so many of our parents, community members, friends and special guests come in and visit our school. We hope you found the experience a rewarding and enjoyable one.

I have already mentioned that at Huntingdon Public School we would like to think that it is Education Week **every** week of the year and parents are always welcome to visit our school. We have always prided ourselves on the fact that we have such a high degree of parental and community involvement and this has always helped to make our school the special place that it is.

**SMALL SCHOOLS’ PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS ...** A highlight of Education Week was holding the **Small Schools’ Public Speaking** finals at our school on Friday, 1st August starting at 9.30 am in our school hall.
Huntingdon Stage 3 and Stage 2 students who represented our school at the finals were Ben Clifford, Jye Baker and Jorjia-Rose Styles in Stage 3 and Bailey Gavin, Nicholas Atkins and Riley McCann in Stage 2. Congratulations!

Students from Comboyne, Long Flat, Beechwood, and Rollands Plains Public Schools joined finalists from Huntingdon and the audience listened to some really interesting and funny speeches. Wauchope High School’s English Teacher Mr Elliott Leighton very kindly agreed to be the adjudicator and I didn’t envy him.

The Stage 2 Public Speaking finalist with Mr Elliott Leighton.

Ultimately there could only be one winner in each stage and one runner up. In 2014 the Stage 3 winner was Talisha Tubman from Rollands Plains Upper Public School and the Runner Up was Jorjia-Rose Styles from Huntingdon Public School. What an amazing effort!

The Stage 2 winner was Riley McCann from Huntingdon Public School and the Runner Up was Cassidy Washington from Long Flat Public School. Fantastic!

All participants in the Small Schools’ Impromptu Public Speaking finals received a certificate and were treated to a special morning tea.

Riley McCann won the Stage 2 Small Schools’ Public Speaking Competition.

Jorjia-Rose Styles was the Runner Up in the Stage 3 Competition.

Our winners received a trophy and both runners up received a medallion. We are already looking forward to next year’s competition.
Bailey Gavin was one of our Stage 2 participants.

MRS WARBURTON AND ZUMBA RETURN ...  All students had fun participating in our first ZUMBA session with Mrs Natalie Warburton last Tuesday. Many thanks to all families and students for paying the $9 for the six sessions. It certainly is a fun way to have fun while getting fit.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS ...  All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books to return on Thursday, 21st August when the Mobile Library Van visits us again. This is the Thursday before we head to Sydney and it is appropriate because it is also Education Week. Students might like to select a book to read on the bus trip down or while they are staying at school.

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS VISIT ...  During Term 3 we are very fortunate to have Speech Pathologist Mr Craig Suosaari visit us every fortnight on a Friday. Accompanying him will be Speech Pathologists June and Fredericko. All three will be working closely with students, parents and staff assisting any students that might benefit from their services.

CONGRATULATIONS AND A BIG THANK YOU TO ...  Mr Trevor Thatcher for very kindly visiting our school during Education Week to demonstrate to all of the Year 4, 5 and 6 students how Morse Code works. As a former Morse Code operator Mr Thatcher’s talk was extremely interesting and he brought in several of his Morse Code machines.

All Huntingdon students are enjoying ZUMBA each Tuesday morning.

Ben Clifford presenting Mr Thatcher with a Thank You certificate.

Congratulations Ben Clifford, Riley McCann, Thomas Driver and Bailey Gavin for being the only four students to have successfully completed the July Holiday Reading Challenge. Well done!
Mrs Stephanie Aceglav who very kindly visited our school last Tuesday to talk to all students about the Start Smart Program. Her talk encouraged all students to think about the benefits of saving for a specific purpose and the benefits they could receive if they invested some of their cash or pocket money into a bank account.

Lucas Warburton thanking Mrs Aceglav for her presentation.

Congratulations Jack Kidd for becoming an Astronaut last week and Jye Baker for becoming another one of our Super Spellers. Riley McCann successfully completed her three missions on the Subtraction Maths Planet. Well done!

Congratulations Nikita Fuller for outstanding attendance in Semester 1. Nikita was absent for 0 days and 0 part days during Semester 1. A top effort! Nikita also received a glowing report from Stewart House after her two week stay there.

Nikita loves coming to school. Here she is doing some sewing with Mrs McCann.

Students in Mrs Elliott’s classroom have been producing some great art and craft work involving insects.
Students in Ms Ozpet's Classroom have been making fantastic progress in Reading. Congratulations!

Terrific results Harper, Adam, Reuben, Cooper and Indyana!

Nicholas and Cooper two of our Aussie of the Months for July. Congratulations!

Ms Katelun Williams visited our school to make us aware of the Ability Links Program. A brochure highlighting the benefits and services that are available in the Ability Links Program is available at the front office.

FANTASTIC NEWS … We have received a letter from the Wauchope Rotary Club indicating that our school will be receiving a kind donation of $200. We are very grateful for the Wauchope Rotary Club and their ongoing support and will use the money to purchase some much needed graded readers.

MORE FANTASTIC NEWS … Mrs Sharon Stewart visited our school from the Asset Management Unit last week and I was able to get her to agree to complete our front fence with no additional cost to our school. This will save our school about $6000 and the work should commence in approximately a week’s time.

The front gates that have been removed for safety reasons will also be fixed and reinstalled so that they can be used to secure the school during weekends and holiday periods.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO .... Mrs Gwen Ellis and Kyle Luke! Mrs Ellis celebrated her birthday on Friday, 8th August and Kyle celebrates his birthday this Friday, 15th August. We hope that your special days were and will be memorable!

Mrs Ellis reading her birthday card which everyone had signed.
EVEN MORE FANTASTIC NEWS ... During the week I received a call from Timbertown’s IGA, Community Rewards Manager, Mr Tim Walker to say that our school will receive a cheque for $1 000 on Thursday, 4th September, in Bain Park at 4.00 pm as part of their Community Rewards Program.

Two of our school leaders have been asked to receive the cheque at the presentation and talk briefly about what we intend to spend some of the funds on. More news to follow. Our Pupil School Council is currently surveying students on what school resources they feel we need and would like to purchase.

Kyle Luke celebrates his birthday on Friday.

WORKING BEE ... We have decided that we will have our next Working Bee early in Term 4 when there will be more hours of daylight, the weather is a bit warmer and we have hopefully had some decent rainfall.

OUR SEMESTER 1 REPORTS ... Next year our Semester 1 students’ reports will be sent home earlier in Term 3. This was the first year we have trialled sending reports home at the start of Term 3 and it is very encouraging to see so many of our students improving and working to the best of their ability in all of the Key Learning Areas. Congratulations to all students who received a Principal’s Award sticker from me because of their efforts during Semester 1 on their reports.

ORAL READING ... Mrs Sheila Gee has been taking small groups of the Year 4, 5 and 6 students for a special oral reading session this term. Students are enjoying reading some of the plays that have appeared in their monthly school magazines and it gives them the opportunity to improve their oral reading skills and drama skills at the same time.

T4L TECHNOLOGY FOR LEARNING ... Last week I put in our 2014 Technology For Learning order because it’s time for us to be replacing some of our older computers that are no longer under warranty and therefore not supported by the Department. We have placed orders for some new laptop computers and are hoping they are delivered later this term.

Mrs Elliott’s students love using the computers.

THE SMALL SCHOOLS’ SYDNEY EXCURSION ... Please note that we will need all Small Schools’ Sydney Excursion money paid before we leave on Tuesday, 26th August. It’s disappointing to discover that we have a small number of students who have decided not to go at this late stage.
The $50 non-returnable deposit is there to ensure that the transport costs are not going to increase as a result of students deciding not to go. Having a spare seat being created by someone deciding not to go means everyone who is attending will now bear the burden of increased transport costs.

A reminder that we have some Student Assistance Scheme money available if any families wish to apply for some of it. Please contact the school so this can be arranged.

Some of our f-ANT-astic work!

OUR WINNING ENGINE AND GYMNASTIC JOKES ... (Xander Brown)

Q ... What did the girl engine say to the boy engine when he asked her out?
A ... Okay, I'll meet you at 7 rpm.

Q ... What can a banana do well in gymnastics? (Nicholas Atkins)
A ... The SPLITS!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...

Ms Ozpet's students on a Mini-Beast hunt.
COMMUNITY NEWS …

WE ARE TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2015 …

CONGRATULATIONS MRS MARR-GROGAN …. 

Local artist crafts symbol for statewide conference

AN inspired piece of local Indigenous art will be the symbol for the 2015 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Conference at the Glasshouse thanks to a successful bid by Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to host the annual conference. The conference provides an opportunity for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal employees within the NSW Local Government sector to come together, share ideas and discuss the profiles of Aboriginal communities, skills and cultures across the state.

The theme for the 2015 conference is Bringing us together strong and council determined that the conference logo would be developed via a local art competition during NAIDOC Week. The dot painting representing ‘Aboriginal artists from the region’ by local artist Angela Marr-Grogan was the most outstanding piece and won the highly-contested competition. Ms Marr-Grogan said she was extremely excited when she heard the news her work had been selected as the winner.

“The competition ran by council for the 2015 NSW Local Aboriginal Government Network Conference was a great opportunity for local artists to showcase their talents,” she said.

“Having my piece selected to feature and represent the theme for next year’s conference will be great exposure for me.

“I paint for the enjoyment and the relaxation it brings me as well as for cultural reasons. Having a vision and watching a piece develop its own personality and essence is what inspires and motivates me.”

Council’s acting director community and organisational development Jacynne Fisher said being able to showcase a piece of local Indigenous art at a statewide conference was the perfect accompaniment for a ‘cultural convergence’.

The 2015 will be held at the Glasshouse from August 4 to 6 with more than 200 people expected to attend.

Well done: Port Macquarie-Hastings Council place facilitator Aboriginal community development officer Kelly O’Brien and competition winner Angela Marr-Grogan with her artwork.