**HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

**NAME:**

Fortnightly Newsletter 19.  

Tuesday, 2nd September, 2014.

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... 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!

**SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PLANNER ...**

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<td>Huntingdon P &amp; C meeting. 3.00 pm. Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee finals. Riley McCann in S2 and Ben Clifford and Jorjia-Rose Styles in S3 participating. Regional final is being held at Old Bar Public School.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Small Schools' Collegial meeting. Huntingdon PS. 4.15 pm.</td>
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<td>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 &amp; C Small Schools’ Disco. Huntingdon Community Hall. 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.</td>
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<td>Primary Schools’ Golf Championships. Wauchope Country Club. 12.30 pm. We are entering two teams.</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
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<td>Final ZUMBA with Mrs Natalie Warburton. Thank you Mrs Warburton! Huntingdon P &amp; C Barefoot Bowling. Wauchope Country Club. (To be confirmed)</td>
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<td>2014 School Photographs. Master School Portraits. Mr Iain McKinley. Happy birthday Mr David Anderson! Year 4, 5 and 6 students’ Sydney projects due.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Final day at school Term 3. Happy birthday Tristin Bramwell! September holidays begin.</td>
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**OCTOBER MONTHLY PLANNER ...**

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<td>Happy birthday Reuben Hirst!</td>
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<td>All staff and students return for Term 4. Welcome back!</td>
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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...
APOLOGIES FOR GETTING OUR NEWSLETTER OUT LATE THIS WEEK ...
Unfortunately I managed to pick up some kind of stomach ‘bug’ while we were on our Sydney Excursion. I was therefore unable to get our newsletter completed until today. For someone who rarely gets sick - it certainly is a pleasure to be back!

WELCOME BACK MRS TROTTER! On Monday we welcomed back Mrs Wendy Trotter who re-joined us after being on Long Service Leave. It certainly is great to have Mrs Trotter return safely and I would like to thank Mrs Cheryl Carpenter, Mrs Merridy Golding and Mrs Janice McLaughlan for their help and support and assisting in the office while Mrs Trotter was on leave. Many thanks!

Welcome back Mrs Trotter!

IT’S SASS - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK ... This week we celebrate and officially recognise the wonderful work that is carried out at our school by our terrific SASS staff. Our school couldn’t operate or function without them and they certainly help to make our school the special place that it is. Many thanks for everything that you do.

OUR WONDERFUL SASS STAFF ... Mrs Wendy Trotter is our SAM or Senior Administrative Manager who is in every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I bet some of you didn’t know that Mrs Trotter has been at Huntingdon Public School longer than I have! Pretty amazing!

Assisting Mrs Trotter in the front office we have Mrs Merridy Golding who is in every Thursday and Friday. Mrs Golding brings with her a wealth of expertise and experience, especially in the area of finance and it’s great to have her as a member of our school’s SASS Team.

Assisting both Mrs Trotter and Mrs Golding on a Tuesday we have Mrs. Cheryl Carpenter who is our SAO or School Administrative Officer who is in every Tuesday.

Mrs Merridy Golding.

Mrs Cheryl Carpenter.
Finally, whenever we need someone to take Mrs Trotter, Mrs Golding or Mrs Carpenter’s place we have the lovely Mrs Janice McLachlan to fill in for them.

Mrs Janice McLachlan.

OUR OTHER SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF ... Our dedicated cleaner Mrs Gwen Ellis always puts in 110% and does a terrific job keeping our school and classrooms looking neat and tidy. We also couldn’t survive without our General Assistant Mr David Anderson who ensures that our school grounds look great and is always on hand to fix and repair things for the staff. Many thanks!

In our classrooms we have Mrs Madeleine Besseling who comes in every Wednesday and is always inspiring all of our students to improve their ICT skills and Mr Jarad Alexander who comes in every Monday and assists in the classroom helping students to work to the best of their ability in numeracy and literacy. We are very grateful that they are part of our school. Many thanks for everything that you do! We hope all of our SASS staff enjoy the 2014 SASS Recognition Week!

Our inspirational Mrs Madeleine Besseling and Mr Jarad Alexander.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ... Of course our small, rural school couldn’t function without the wonderful input of all of our parents, grandparents and community volunteers who come in on a regular basis to assist all of the staff and students and who help to make our school the special place that it is.

Our dynamic duo Mrs Gwen Ellis and Mr David Anderson!

Mrs Sheila Gee and Ms Brittni Wade are just two of our wonderful volunteers.
We have always prided ourselves on having a high level of community involvement as well as making our school a friendly and welcoming place for anyone who walks in through our front gate and we want that tradition to continue.

Our P & C Secretary Mr Paddy McCann and Treasurer Mrs Kylie Magennis.

Many thanks also to everyone involved in our P & C including our hard working executive.

Our P & C President Mrs Amanda Platts asking out treasurer to wave her magic wand and raise some more funds for our school.

OUR SOCCER GALA DAY IS POSTPONED ... Unfortunately the organiser of the Soccer Gala Day Mr Rodney Dobson is unwell so the day has been postponed until he is feeling better. At this point in time we don’t have a new date set and I will keep you informed once it’s announced.

OUR NEXT P & C MEETING... Please note that our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 8th September starting at 3.00 pm. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. On the agenda will be the final organisation for our school social and planning for our P & C Barefoot Bowling day plus organisation for Term 4, including our Christmas Tree.

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS ASSISTING OUR TEACHING STAFF ... Speech Pathologist Mr Craig Suosaari with June Lin and Frederico Diaz, who are both Graduate Entry Masters students from the University of Sydney, have been coming in this term to work with staff to assist students who may be having some difficulties with their speech.

It’s wonderful having Frederico Diaz, June Lin and Craig Suosaari’s support!

OUR 2014 BOOK WEEK PARADE AND BOOK FAIR ... This was held on Wednesday, 20th August and I have to thank Mrs Rachel McCann for organising this great day. We sold a total of $ 530 worth of books which is excellent. The cake stall also raised more than $ 200 and I have to thank all families for their wonderful support in not only purchasing some books but also sending in and purchasing some cakes on the day. Many thanks!
Our Kindies had fun dressing up!

Our Book Week Parade was one of our best ever and I have to congratulate not only the winners in the various categories but all of the students who participated.

Adam, Harper, Rueben and Ashwin.

After the Book Week Parade Mrs Virginia Cox read everyone a story and we announced the Book Week Colouring In Competition winners.

Some of our Superhero Year 2 students.

All purchases at the Book Fair assisted our school because we were able to keep some of the books for our own library.

Isabella, Nicholas, Riley and Bailey.
Our Year 5 students with Toto the dog.

Of course we couldn’t let the students have all of the fun so the staff got involved as well.

Look out villains – we’re mostly all Super heroes at Huntingdon!

SMALL SCHOOLS’ SYDNEY EXCURSION ... Last week I had the pleasure of taking sixteen of our Year 3 – 6 students on our Small Schools’ Excursion to Sydney and we had a fantastic time. I have to commend everyone on their behaviour and the way they looked after one another. Well done!

I took more than 600 photographs during the four days we were away highlighting some of the many interesting and wonderful places we visited. It certainly was an amazing experience for some of our students, especially those who hadn’t travelled to Sydney before and for those who were away from home for the first time.

A special thank you to all families who sent in some cakes and biscuits for the students to all share on the excursion. It was very much appreciated!

As Dorothy said in the Wizard Of Oz ... “There’s no place like home!” If parents would like to borrow the flash-drive with our Sydney Excursion photographs on it then please contact the school so we can arrange this. We are also hoping to place them on our school’s website.
PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE REGIONAL FINAL …  This is being held at Old Bar Public School on Monday, 8th September. Congratulations to the three students who will be representing our school on the day. We wish them the best of luck! Riley McCann is our representative in Stage 2.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS … All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books to return on Thursday, 4th September when the Mobile Library Van visits us again.

TEDDY BEARS’ PICNIC … While we were in Sydney students who weren’t able to go stayed and enjoyed a Teddy Bears’ Picnic last Friday organised by Mrs Amanda Platts. Helping her on the day were Mr Colin McDonald, Mrs Kylie Magennis, Mrs Maree Hirst and Mrs Krissy Hamilton. It was also great to see some of our new Kindies attend.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS … A reminder that our 2014 school photographs will now be taken on Wednesday, 17th September. Special school photograph envelopes have been sent home with all students and will need to be returned, with money or cheques prior to Wednesday, 17th September. Many thanks!

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the school photographs pack and payment.

SCHOLARLY PHOTOGRAPHS … A reminder that during Fruit and Vegetable Month from the 25th August until the 19th September all students receive one stamp for a piece of fruit and two stamps for any vegetable they eat during our daily Crunch and Sip Program. Once they have accumulated 20 stamps they receive a Super Fruit and Vegetable Ring which is theirs to keep.

OUR 2014 NAPLAN RESULTS … These have arrived this week and will be sent home on Friday. As usual some of our students achieved some excellent results, some performed better than expected and some, we feel, could have performed even better. A special letter for all parents with students in Year 3 and Year 5 will accompany each child’s NAPLAN results.

Ben Clifford and Jorjia-Rose Styles are our two representatives in Stage 3.

Jordyn Davies and Calleigh Platts feeding their teddies some jelly.
SOME OF OUR SYDNEY EXCURSION PHOTOGRAPHS ... I will include some more of these in our future newsletters.

Ready to look at all of the animals at the zoo.

Stop monkeying around you guys!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ... Jye Baker who celebrates his birthday on Thursday, 4th September and Nicholas Atkins who celebrates his birthday on Sunday, 7th September. We hope you both have a great birthday!

Some of the animals looked cute and they were funny and friendly!

Jye and Nicholas sitting next to each other on the bus to Sydney.
IT’S FATHER’S DAY ON SUNDAY … On behalf of all of the staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish all dads a very happy Father’s Day on Sunday. If you’re a grandparent for the first time like me it will be even more special.

School Captain Beaudean Taylor wants to remind us all … “Don’t forget to spoil your dad on Sunday!”

PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF DAY … On Monday, afternoon, 15th September eight Huntingdon Public School students will be participating in the local Primary Schools’ Golf Championships at the Wauchope Country Club Golf Course. Organised by Mr Ray Robbins the afternoon should be a great experience for our Stage 3 students to not only learn some of the finer points about the game but also make some new friendships as well.

“Mr Fuhrmann … wasn’t Greg Norman known as the Great White Shark?”


Mr Anderson has been re-setting up some of our golf course so that the students can have some fun practising their putting at morning tea and at lunch time prior to the day.

“Maybe Greg Norman will give our teams a few tips!”

WANTED … We need some clean, ring pull lid tin cans for our Art and Craft work. Mrs Rachel McCann has asked if any of our families are using a variety of tin cans with ring pull lids over the next week or two to please send them in.

Please ensure that the cans don’t have any sharp edges. Soup or vegetable cans are ideal. Once they are brought in the cans will be recycled and turned into wonderful pieces of art. Many thanks!

COMMUNITY RADIO STATION’S SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM … A reminder that next Tuesday, 9th September, Huntingdon students in Years 3-5 will be given the opportunity to run the 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station’s School’s Out Program from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm. We hope everyone remembers to listen in. All students who wanted to be a presenter this term have received a permission note which needs to be returned by Friday. Many thanks!
SPECIAL MENTIONS ... Congratulations Riley McCann and Nicholas Atkins for being selected as the best and most enthusiastic ZUMBA dancers with Mrs Warburton last Tuesday. Well done!

ZUMBA sure is fun!

THIS WEEK’S WINNING JOKE ... (Jye Baker)

Q ... What do you call a crocodile that’s wearing a dress?
A ... A FROCK-lodile!

Q ... Did you hear about the guy whose left side of his body was cut off?
A ... Don’t worry because he’s all RIGHT now!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...

“...The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery.”
—Mark Van Doren

OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL ... A reminder that our next school social is on Friday, 12th September starting at 6.00pm. A special flier for this has already been sent home.

COMMUNITY NEWS ...

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Here is a copy of our flier. We hope everyone can attend next Friday!

Dates to remember:-

Zone is being held at Old Bar on the 13th and 14th December.
Regional is at Tamworth on the 30th January and 1st Feb.

Regards
Jacky Ostler
WLAC secretary
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Hi Everyone ..

Just a reminder for anyone that has missed it we have had registration days on Saturday 23rd and next 30th August. There has been no fee increase this year. Anyone wishing to register online to save time [www.laansw.com.au](http://www.laansw.com.au/) and follow the links.
Otherwise we look forward to seeing everyone for the up and coming season. Season will be starting on the 5th September.