HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Fortnightly Newsletter  

Tuesday, 27th October, 2015.

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

RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY 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!

There are now 60 days to go until Christmas Day!

OCTOBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER

Tuesday  

27 th Tennis Coaching 4 with Greg Alchin.

Wednesday  

28 th Final Rugby League Skills Session with Pat Preston.

Thursday  

29 th Kindergarten Orientation Day 2. 9.00am – 11.00am.  
Welcome to all of our new Kindies and their families!  
Mobile Library Van visit.

Friday  

30 th Back To The Beach School Social. 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.  
Happy birthday Calais Gavin and Nikita Fuller.

Saturday  

31 st Happy birthday Mrs Liz Wilmot.

NOVEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Tuesday  

3 rd Happy birthday Bodhi Paulson.  
Annual Huntingdon Cup. Three races K-1, Y2-3 and Y4 – 6 after Crunch and Sip.

Thursday  

5 th Kindergarten Orientation Day 3. 9.00am – 11.00am

Saturday  

7 th National Sunnies Day.

Wednesday  

11 th Remembrance Day. Special Remembrance Day Assembly at 10.40am.

Thursday  

12 th Kindergarten Orientation Day 4. 9.00am – 11.00am

Friday  

13 th World Kindness Day.

Saturday  

14 th Mrs Wendy Trotter’s Retirement Dinner.  
Waterman’s Café 6.00 pm start.  
Cost $35.00 per person.  
Numbers are limited so book early.

Monday  

16 th Intensive Swimming starts for two weeks.

Tuesday  

17 th Happy birthday Xander Brown.  
Intensive Swimming.

Wednesday  

18 th Intensive Swimming.

Thursday  

19 th Happy birthday Amelia Paulson.  
Intensive Swimming.

Friday  

20 th Happy birthday Eliza Crombie.  
Intensive Swimming.

Sunday  

22 nd Happy birthday Teagan Smith, Mrs Cheryl Carpenter.

Monday  

23 rd Happy Birthday Mrs Rachel McCann  
Intensive Swimming.

Tuesday  

24 th Intensive Swimming.  
Huntingdon Y6 students present the ‘School’s Out Program’ at the 2 WAYFM Community Radio Station.  
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Thursday  

26 th Happy birthday Joseph Hamilton!  
Intensive Swimming.

Friday  

27 th Final Intensive Swimming.  
Ms Sarah Pollard’s last day. Thank you for all of your help and support!
DECEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER …

Tuesday 1st Special Helpers and Volunteers’ Thank You Morning Tea. 11.00am
Thursday 3rd Happy birthday Keily Styles!
Year 6 Orientation Day at Wauchope High School.

Tuesday 8th Huntingdon’s 2015 Final Assembly in the School Hall. Starting at 9.15am – 11.30pm. Special lunch order. Annual presentations of academic, sporting, creative arts and citizenship awards and certificates.
Thursday 10th Final Mobile Library Van visit. Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs Virginia Cox.
Grand-friends and Senior Citizens’ Day. Special visit.
Broken Bago Senior Citizens’ Group visit. Special class performances.

Friday 11th Happy birthday Luella Warburton!
Year 6 Formal Farewell Dinner. 6.00pm.
Eastport Bowling Club.

Sunday 13th Happy birthday Tkarni Smith.
Tuesday 15th Huntingdon Christmas Tree.
Santa arrives at 7.00pm to give gifts to all of the children.
Wednesday 16th Last day Term 4. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday!
Saturday 19th Happy birthday Mrs Merridy Golding!
Friday 25th Christmas Day! Merry Christmas everyone!
Saturday 26th Boxing Day.
Thursday 31st New Years Eve.

JANUARY TERM 1 MONTHLY PLANNER …

Saturday 2nd Happy birthday Harry Jakobsson!
Wednesday 13th Happy birthday Ms Katherine Oszpet!
Wednesday 27th All teaching staff return. School Development Day Term 1. Welcome to the teaching staff Mrs Alyson Hudson!
Thursday 31st Y1 – Y6 students return. Welcome back!
Friday 3rd Kindergarten students begin. Best Start testing begins.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT …

HUNTINGDON P & C’s BACK TO THE BEACH SCHOOL SOCIAL … This is being held this Friday night, 30th October starting at 6.00 pm. A special flier about the night was sent home some time ago and we are looking forward to a great fun filled night of dancing, games and some surprises.

Keily, Amelia and Tkarni are looking forward to the social on Friday.

If students haven’t bought their $5 starfish yet which entitles them to a sausage sizzle, drink, icy pole, packet of chips and some lollies during the evening then they need to do this prior to the night. The cost to attend the social for students not wishing to purchase a starfish is $5 and mums and dads attending will be able to purchase drinks and sausage sandwiches as well.

Students are encouraged to attend wearing their favourite Hawaiian or summer clothes but no thongs please for safety reasons.

HUNTINGDON TERM 4 P & C MEETING … The Huntingdon P & C met on Monday, 19th October and I would like to thank everyone who attended. We are currently looking at ways of encouraging some of our new families as well as some of our current ones to become more involved in our P & C next year. It’s a great way to meet other families as well as taking an active role in what is happening in our school.

A BIG thank you to the Huntingdon P & C for kindly helping us to fund the costs for the bus for our two weeks of Intensive Swimming. It is greatly appreciated!
2015 ANNUAL P & C CONTRIBUTIONS ... A final reminder to any families who may have overlooked paying their annual Huntingdon P & C contribution. The costs are $30 for families with one child attending the school, $40 for families with two children attending and $50 for families who have three children or more attending. Please make any cheques payable to the Huntingdon P & C Association. Many thanks!

THANK YOU MS CATHY WILLIAMS! For the past two weeks we have had the pleasure of Ms Cathy Williams return to our school from TAFE and be part of our school's learning support team. Mrs Williams first visited our school in Term 2 and returned for two weeks to complete her course and become a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO).

Thank you Ms Cathy Williams for all of your help and support.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS ... Ms Katherine Oszpet has very kindly organised the first of our four Kindergarten Orientation Days and Mrs Alyson Hudson who will be taking Ms Oszpet’s place while she is on leave also attended to meet and greet the new Kindergarten parents.

Attending on the first Kindergarten Orientation Day was Mr Carl Schmitzer from Busways who explained how we keep our students safe while travelling to and from school on the buses and Mrs Wendy Schumann from STePS who talked to parents about Vision Screening students prior to them coming to school. Mrs Stacey McDonald talked about school uniforms and showed parents what was currently available.

Thank you Mrs Stacey McDonald! Happy birthday for Thursday!

The next Kinder Orientation Day will take place this Thursday, 29th October when parents and the new Kindies will attend. Mrs Alyson Hudson will again be attending on the day to answer any questions that parents might have.

Lachlan Barber and Skylah Simmich-Peterson are looking forward to meeting the new Kindies when they arrive this Thursday.
We are currently organising students’ work books and resources in our three classes for next year so if you know of anyone who would like to enrol their child or children at our wonderful school in 2016, that we haven't heard from as of yet, then please ask them to give us a call on 6585 6144 and pick up an enrolment package or call in personally to collect one and meet the Huntingdon staff and students.

Mrs Alyson Hudson will be attending the next Kindergarten Orientation Day to meet and greet our new parents and the Kindies.

ANNUAL WORK BOOK AND STATIONERY FEE ... The students at our school are lucky because we provide them with not only their work books but also with the things they need to do their work in each of the classrooms. This includes having access to pens, pencils, erasers, scissors, geometrical instruments, glue sticks, coloured pencils, pencil sharpeners as well as dictionaries, thesauruses, tissues, hand soap and covers for their work folders and work books just to mention a few.

Our school doesn’t ask parents to pay for any of these stationery items, only to assist with some of the cost of the students’ work books. All students are using purchased work books. We don’t send out any invoices for these stationery items but rely on assistance from our Annual Work Book Fee to help cover some of the costs. Any new students in the Upper Primary Class and students who move into Year 4 from Year 3 receive an Essential Facts and Tables book and My Word Collection from me to use and keep when they go to high school.

If you have forgotten to send in your Annual Work Book Fee for 2015 then we are sending home a reminder because some families have requested we do this because they aren’t sure if they have paid or not.

Luke Tomkins with the books he received when he started school this year.

Please note that we have a small amount of funding available for families who are experiencing financial hardship at this point in time. Please contact the school if you require any financial assistance and we will forward you an Application Form.
Being in a small school does have its advantages. Please note that we also don’t charge any of the Upper Primary Class students participating in our weekly cooking program for any reimbursement. We try to keep costs, whenever possible, to an absolute minimum.

Kyle Luke, Shaun Hennessy, Joseph Hamilton and Lachlan Golden enjoying cooking in the Upper Primary Classroom this term.

Our 2015 school and family photographs have been returned by Master School Photographers and some families have already taken up the offer to purchase additional photographs, especially of our School Leaders and the whole school fun photo. Please have a look at the photographs currently available by looking at the Master School Photographers Folder in the office and let Mrs Golding know if you would like to order any additional photographs. Many thanks!

Welcome back Mrs DeVerteuil!

In the past, both Mr and Mrs DeVerteuil have personally paid for the books that the students use and this has always been greatly appreciated.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING HELPERS NEEDED ... We start our two weeks of Intensive Swimming on Monday, 16th November and I would like to thank all families that have already paid for their children to attend. Mrs Janet Elliott is currently trying to put students into their prospective swimming groups but we still need additional parents and community volunteers to assist if possible.

Tom Driver enjoys all sports – especially swimming.
If you are able to assist by taking a group each day for the ten days then this would be greatly appreciated. The smaller the groups are the better we can cater for students’ individual needs. The aim of us doing Intensive Swimming for two weeks is to get our students to become confident water users and learn how to save themselves as well as others if they get into difficulties in the water. We also want our more capable students to learn how to swim properly.

HUNTINGDON P& C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE … With only 60 days to go before it’s Christmas Day we felt it was time to send out our 2015 Christmas Raffle tickets so that all families and Huntingdon staff can start to sell some of them. There are some great prizes to be won.

Jorjia-Rose and Amelia are members of our Pupil School Council. We always love to get additional funding to purchase books for the library.

Please contact the school if you would like to have additional tickets to sell. All proceeds will go the Huntingdon P & C to assist all of the children at our school. Many thanks!

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS THIS WEEK … All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books to return on Thursday, 29th October when the Mobile Library Van visits us again.

TENNIS COACHING CONTINES … All students are enjoying the weekly tennis coaching sessions with Mr Greg Alchin and his assistant Niklas Kettmer. The session will continue, weather permitting, for another two weeks.

COOKING CONTINUES IN THE UPPER PRIMARY CLASSROOM … Students in the Upper Primary Year 4, 5 and 6 classroom are enjoying participating in their Weekly Cooking Program but they are only invited to become involved if they have completed all of their weekly homework contract including getting it signed.

Jock Coомbes having fun on the tennis court.

Lachlan Golden learning some hands on Maths while cooking last week.
This term, as part of their Science Unit of Work, students in the Upper Primary Classroom have become restaurant owners and need to consider what they need to do to promote and run a successful business. Some of the things they are required to do is use their ICT skills to create their own menus, business cards, and newspaper, radio or television advertisements. They also need to find and cook some great recipes that they will be offering to their diners.

Shaun Hennessy brought in some of his delicious Triple Chocolate Fudge Brownies.

Some students are enjoying the experience and are enthusiastic about the tasks set for them. We have had three students so far who were so proud of their cooking skills that they brought in some of their dishes for all of the class to sample.

To make the experience of owning a restaurant as realistic as possible we have invited several local restaurant owners to come in and talk to the Upper Primary students about what it is actually like to own, promote and run a business.

Logger’s Restaurant owner Mrs Jenny Hamilton and apprentice Ms Erin Meyer came in last Wednesday and talked to all of the Upper Primary students about the advantages and disadvantages of owning and working in a restaurant. It was really appreciated.

Thank you Ms Meyer and Mrs Hamilton for visiting our school.

This Friday, Ms Thara Watson, owner of the Thara Thai Restaurant in Wauchope, will be coming in to talk to the students about her experiences.

SILLY SCIENTIST VISIT FOLLOW UP … Unfortunately, the Silly Scientist (aka - Mr Michael Evans) failed to turn up for the show he was due to perform on Tuesday, 20th October due to a mix up with the company he works for. He lives and is based in Adelaide and is currently on his way back home and therefore won’t be able to return to our school until Term 1, 2016 to perform the show. He apologised for the disappointment and inconvenience caused.

Consequently we are looking at refunding the money to our Year 6 students as they will not be able to see the show in 2016. We hope that rather than giving everyone a refund we can retain it until early next year when the show will go ahead. Many thanks!
MR PAT PRESTON'S FINAL FOOTBALL SKILLS SESSION ... Tomorrow will be the final day for Mr Pat Preston - Country Rugby League School Liaison Officer to visit our school to teach all of the boys and girls some of the finer skills of rugby league skills.

The Upper Primary Class enjoyed their football skills sessions.

Students have enjoyed participating in the skill sessions and the students in Yr4,5,6 will receive a special football to keep at the end of their session tomorrow.

SPECIAL MENTIONS:- A BIG thank you to Mr Alan Balwin who briefly dropped in to visit us last Monday and donated some more books to our school library. Many thanks!

‘Bella’s Banana Dessert on a Stick’ proved to be a real favourite with everyone.

OUR ABORIGINAL MURAL ... This week we are hoping to get our mural backing sheets cut to size by Mr Anderson so that the talented Mrs Angela Marr – Grogan will be able to start working with some of our students to create a beautiful Aboriginal mural.
Rueben Hirst, with help from his dad Timothy, created a fantastic Jack-O-Lantern from a pumpkin and Rueben brought it in to show everyone in his class. Very creative!

Look what I made! It’s not that scary!

MRS WENDY TROTTER’S RETIREMENT DINNER ...
A final reminder that Mrs Wendy Trotter’s retirement dinner will take place on Saturday, 14th November at Waterman’s Café starting at 6.00pm. It should be a fun and memorable night but time is running out to purchase your tickets. The cost is $35.00 per person.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Mrs Wendy Trotter’s Retirement Dinner will be fun!

Places are limited so any interested parents and community members will need to let Mrs Golding know if they’re coming by the end of this week so that we can let Watermans Café know how many people will be attending. Payment is required prior to the night. Many thanks!

DID YOU KNOW? An apple floats on water. Have you ever put an apple into the water and noticed the apple float? Yes, apples float on water. It is because apples are made of 25 percent air!

THIS WEEK’S WINNING JOKE WAS WON BY … (LukeTomkins)

Q… Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?
A … In case he got a HOLE in one!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT… I saw this funny sign last week.

I used to be scared of the dark then I received my electricity bill and now I’m frightened of the light!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO … Bailey Gavin who celebrated his birthday last week and Mrs Stacey McDonald, Calais Gavin, Nikita Fuller, Mrs Liz Wilmot and Jason Brown who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.

SURF SAFETY TALK … Hastings’ Life Guard Mr James Turnham visited our school last Friday to talk to all of the students about how to keep themselves safe at the beach. He also very kindly left some items for us to use at our Back To The Beach Social on Friday.

GREAT READERS … Ms Oszpet’s class has been excelling in their reading lately. Well done everyone!
WAUCHEP ROYALS FUTSAL CLUB kicks off in Wauchope. Futsal is a 5-a-side indoor game based on Football (Soccer) and is played extensively around the world. Wauchope Royals Futsal Club aim to provide the best development training program that is modern, innovative and fun for all kids 6 to 12 years of age. We would like to welcome anyone interested to come along and try out one of the World’s fastest growing sports.

Training program days are;
- Thursdays from 4:15pm-5:30pm for 9-12 year olds
- Fridays from 4:15pm-5:30pm for 6-8 year olds.
Both sessions are held at Wauchope High School.
Registration forms will be available at all sessions and you are welcome to try a session before you commit.
Sign up to our website today and check out all the information, program details and dates as well as all the news from our club at: https://wauchoperoyals.teamapp.com or email: wauchoperoyals@outlook.com

Keep Myopia away, go outdoors and play!

Our eyes are precious, we must take good care of them.

More time on
- Ball games
- Walks
- Fun at the playground and other outdoor activities every day!

Less time on
- Computer games
- Hand-held games
- Handphone games X
Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for pre-schoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Price for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for pre-schoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

All lessons and comps start back from this week.

New Squad times are:

- Monday 4-5pm girls squad and a boys squad
- Tuesday 5-6pm mixed squad
- Thursday 4-5pm mixed squad
- Saturday 10-11:30am girls squad

Adult night training groups will run Monday 6-7pm and 7-8pm and Thursday 6-7pm and 7-8pm

If you or your child dis interested in any of these sessions please call us on 6584 9940 or email pmtc@bessfit.net.au

Bon Voyage, Ms Oszpet!

Join us in farewelling Katherine Oszpet before she leaves for the USA!

Time: 11am until 4pm

Date: Saturday 28 November 2015

Location: Blue Poles Café, Comboyne Road Byabarra (about 11km off the Oxley Highway)

Cost: Pay for your own meal/drinks at the venue

Who’s invited? All staff, helpers, friends, family, students, parents... the more the merrier!
The White Ribbon Coastal Walk is a FREE community event consisting of walking the Coastal Walk from Lighthouse Beach, Flynn's Beach or Town Beach Kiosk to the Town Green to raise awareness about White Ribbon Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. It is for anyone with at least moderate fitness to undertake the 4km walk from Lighthouse Beach, the 8km walk from Flynn’s Beach or enjoy the paved surface from Town Beach Kiosk to the Town Green.

FREE buses will depart from the TOWN GREEN, taking participants to their choice of start for the walk, either Lighthouse Beach or Flynn’s Beach. Buses are not available to Town Beach Kiosk.

Registration is essential and must be received no later than Friday 21 November 2015. You can register online at www.portcitycc.com.au or fill in a registration form available from Liberty Cottage 197 Gordon St, SNAP 110 William St or Telstra Store Port Central.

To participate, we request people wear a white t-shirt. It is also recommended that participants bring a water bottle and wear a hat and sunscreen (slip, slop, slap).

Please note – This is not a Race!

For further information, go to www.portcitycc.com.au or contact 6594 9102.

Unfortunately, pets are not allowed between Lighthouse and Nobbys Beaches. The walk from Town Beach Kiosk is suitable for strollers, prams & mobility aids.

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Saturday 31st October

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Register your team at Port City Reception

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Sunday 22 November 2015

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8am – 10am walk commences from Flynn's Beach
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