HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Fortnightly Newsletter Tuesday, 9th November, 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/

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 44 days to go until Christmas Day!

NOVEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER …

Sunday 22nd Happy birthday Teagan Smith, Mrs Cheryl Carpenter.
Monday 23rd Happy Birthday Mrs Rachel McCann Intensive Swimming.
Tuesday 24th Intensive Swimming. Huntingdon Y6 students present the ‘School’s Out Program’ at the 2 WAYFM Community Radio Station. 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 26th Happy birthday Joseph Hamilton! Intensive Swimming.
Friday 27th Final Intensive Swimming. Ms Sarah Pollard’s last day. Thank you for all of your help and support!
Saturday 28th Ms Oszpet’s Farewell luncheon. Blue Poles Café

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 and announcement of school leaders for 2016.
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!
DECEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED …

Friday 25 th  Christmas Day! Merry Christmas everyone!
Saturday 26 th  Boxing Day.
Thursday 31 st  New Years Eve.

JANUARY TERM 1 MONTHLY PLANNER …

Saturday 2 nd  Happy birthday Harry Jakobsson!
Wednesday 13 th  Happy birthday Ms Katherine Oszpet!
Wednesday 27 th  All teaching staff return. School Development Day
Term 1. Welcome to the teaching staff Mrs Alyson Hudson!
Thursday 28 th  Y1 – Y6 students return. Welcome back!
Friday 29 th  Kindergarten students begin. Best Start testing begins.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT …

HUNTINGDON P & C’s BACK TO THE BEACH SCHOOL SOCIAL … Many thanks to everyone who assisted at our Back to the Beach Social on Friday, 30th October. Students who attended certainly had a lot of fun!


Mr Sam Cass did a fantastic job cooking the sausages and Mrs Stacey McDonald and Mrs Jessica Cunningham did a great job decorating the hall. We even had Nemo the Clown Fish and Bruce the shark attend on the night.
Amelia Paulson and Thomas Driver taking Nemo and Bruce to the hall

Our Back to the Beach Social had a real family feel and I would also like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mr and Mrs McCann for helping to provide the music and some of the special effects.

Many thanks to Mrs Judith Leslight, Mrs Sue Troth and Mrs Stacey McDonald – our Huntingdon P & C Executive, for organising the event

Thanks also to all parents, students, family members and friends who attended on the night and who made our Back to the Beach such an enjoyable one. We are already looking forward to our next social!

The Golden and Zycki-Gavin families enjoying the school social

Thanks for helping, Mrs Jessica Cunningham and Mrs Amanda Platts!
Sam Smith looking cool!

We will be asking our Pupil School Council what theme they might like for 2016. Seeing the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games are next year we could have a sporting theme. We’ll have to wait and see!

Nikesh Nath and his aunties, who always enjoy attending our school socials.

Xander Brown and his mum, Jessica enjoying our school social

OUR FINAL KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY … Ms Katherine Oszpet has unfortunately been away recently due to her ill health. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she doesn’t need to undergo surgery before the end of the year. Mrs Alyson Hudson, who is taking Ms Oszpet’s place when she goes on leave, will be in for her this Thursday which will also be our final Kindergarten Orientation Day.

Haylee and Matilda having fun in Ms Oszpet’s classroom
Why is Amaya Hayden excited? She celebrates her 5th birthday on Thursday at the Kindergarten Orientation Day. Happy birthday Amaya!

I would like to thank Ms Katherine Oszpet for organising the four Kindergarten Orientation Days and a special thank you to Mrs Alyson Hudson and Ms Hayley Burns for volunteering their services and helping on the days. It was really appreciated!

Haylee couldn’t wait to tell dad all about the exciting morning she had.

A big thank you also to the teaching staff who assisted by looking after the additional grades on the mornings that the Kindergarten Orientation Days were on.
INTENSIVE SWIMMING STARTS NEXT MONDAY ... A reminder that our Intensive Swimming Program starts on Monday, 16th November. We still have some families who have not paid the $30.00 to cover the entry cost into the pool for each student. We will need to have this paid prior to Monday please. This money is paid directly to the pool and our P & C Association is very kindly helping to cover the cost of the bus for the two weeks.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME MONEY ... 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.

MRS WENDY TROTTER’S RETIREMENT DINNER ... Huntingdon’s staff and parents are looking forward to celebrating the 28 years that Mrs Wendy Trotter spent at our school on this Saturday night at Waterman’s Cafe in Wauchope starting at 6.00 pm. If you would like to attend but haven’t let us know as of yet then we must have final numbers by tomorrow at the latest.

Mrs Wendy Trotter’s retirement dinner is on this Saturday night

A reminder that the cost of the evening is $35.00 per person. Please contact the school office and reserve your tickets. Many thanks!

HUNTINGDON P& C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... Many thanks to all families who have already sold their 2015 Christmas Raffle tickets. There are some great prizes to be won. Please contact the school if you would like additional raffle tickets.

FINAL TENNIS COACHING TODAY ... All students enjoyed the five weekly tennis coaching sessions with Mr Greg Alchin and his assistant Niklas Kettmer. The sessions conclude today and we are looking forward to having Mr Greg Alchin return in 2016.

Isabelle Leslight ready to return the ball
Ms Pollard, Isabelle Leslight, Luke Tomkins and Joseph Hamilton working on improving their tennis skills

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS THIS WEEK ... All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and books to return on Thursday, 12th November when the Mobile Library Van visits us again.

COOKING CONTINUES IN THE UPPER PRIMARY CLASSROOM ... Students in the Upper Primary Year 4, 5 and 6 classes are cooking every week in our Weekly Cooking Program. Last week we made some Bruschetta.

Shaun Hennessy, Ms Sarah Pollard, Jacob McDonald, Lachlan Golden, Kyle Luke and Mrs Liz Wilmot

Luke Tomkins and Jessie Smith-Petrovic in the Mobile Library Van

How good does our entree look?
YIPPEE! I OWN A RESTAURANT … To make the experience of owning a restaurant as realistic as possible the Upper Primary class has invited several local restaurant owners to come in and talk to them about what it is actually like to own, promote and run a restaurant.

Thara Thai Restaurant owner Ms Thara Watson came in last Wednesday and talked to all of the Upper Primary students about the advantages and disadvantages of owning and working in her Thara Thai Restaurant. It was really appreciated.

Ms Sarah Pollard thanking Ms Thara Watson for being our special visitor

Students were given the opportunity to ask Ms Thara Watson lots of questions and then draw her portrait. Ms Watson then picked the one that she felt looked the most like her. The talented drawer who won was Tkarni Smith! Congratulations!

Next Tuesday, Mr Rennier Peterson, from Waterman’s Cafe in Wauchope will be our final restaurant and cafe owner to kindly come in and talk to the Upper Primary students about his and Ms Farrah Simmich’s experiences. After the talks students should have a better understanding of what they need to do in order to complete their menus, business cards and advertisements for their own cafes and restaurants.

Tkarni Smith’s portrait of Ms Watson

MR PAT PRESTON’S FINAL FOOTBALL SKILLS SESSION … Last Wednesday was 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. We are hoping to have Mr Preston visit us again in 2016.

Mr Sam Cass and Mr Paddy McCann joined in the touch footy session
Luke Tomkins thanked Mr Pat Preston for visiting our school

SPECIAL MENTIONS: Congratulations Jessie Smith-Petrovic for being one of the first Year 4 students to have learnt all of the 1 – 1200 most commonly used words in the English language and become a Super Speller. Well done!

Emilie Luke and Nikesh Nath won last week’s I’m Cool at School Award. Both Mrs Janet Elliott and Mr Sam Cass are happy with students in the Year 2 and Year 3 classroom for great work in their weekly homework contracts.

Super Speller Jessie Smith-Petrovic!

Congratulations Gideon Marr-Grogan and Calais Gavin!
Patrick McDonald, Matilda Bates and Spencer Hirst received awards for their great Spelling results in Ms Oszpet’s classroom.

MOBILE PHONES AND iPADS AT SCHOOL ... Please note that students who, for some reason, need to bring a mobile phone or iPad to school will need to have a note explaining why they have been brought in. Students have been informed that they need to hand these in at the office when they arrive at school and they will be handed back to them when they leave at 3.00 pm.

If students don’t have a note explaining why they have brought their phones in then they will be kept at the office until a parent comes in to collect them. Unfortunately we have had several students bring in their mobile phones and they have been using them at school without our knowledge.

Our school’s Mobile Phone Policy is there to ensure that students don’t access the Internet unsupervised. If they use their phones or iPads then they can access the Internet without going through the Departmental Portal which blocks students from accessing any inappropriate material.

We also don’t want students’ phones or iPads to be accidentally damaged or stolen. I have spoken to all students about this and your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Jacob McDonald mastered his 4x multiplication tables!

Great work Cooper Dick, Luella Warburton and Nikesh Nath!
REMEMBRANCE DAY ... Tomorrow we will be having a short Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10.40am. Special thanks to Mrs Rachel McCann for organising this.

THE ANNUAL 2015 HUNTINGDON CUP ... Last Tuesday, we ran the annual Huntingdon Cup which is always a highlight of the year.

Winners were Ashwin Nath and Cooper Driver in Ms Oszpet’s classroom. Emilie Luke and Flinn Trommels were Runners Up.

Winners were Lochlan Driver and Rueben Hirst in Mrs Elliott’s classroom. Calleigh Platts and Nikesh Nath were Runners Up.

Winners were Isabelle Leslight and Jorjia-Rose Styles in Mr Fuhrmann’s classroom. Tom Driver and Luke Tomkins were Runners Up.

Unfortunately the mini Huntingdon Cups that the winners receive had to be ordered in and won’t be engraved and ready until this Friday’s Assembly. All winners also have their names engraved on our large Huntingdon Cup which is on display on top of our display cabinet. Congratulations to all students who not only tried their hardest but also had fun participating. We are already looking forward to the 2016 Huntingdon Cup!

DID YOU KNOW? A typical bird’s feathers weigh more than twice as much as it’s bones.

Almost any domesticated cat can run faster than Usain Bolt.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2016 ... Students in Year 5 and Year 4 who will be in Stage 3 next year have been asked if they would like to be a school leader next year. Those students who are interested have been asked to prepare a speech for all of the school at our assembly on Friday. All students will then get to vote for the students they feel would make great school leaders on Monday morning.

Our school leaders for 2016 will then be announced at our Final Assembly. Good luck to all nominees!

MANY THANKS ... To Mrs Jessica Cunningham for helping to tidy up our Cooking Cupboard items. We really appreciated it!

THIS WEEK’S WINNING TWO JOKES WERE SUBMITTED BY Isabelle Leslight

Q… What happened when the spider got a car?
A … He took it for a SPIN!

Isabella Paulson

Q… What do you get if you cross a centipede with a parrot?
A … A WALKIE-TALKIE!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

“Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.” — John Wooden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO … Bodhi Paulson who celebrated his birthday last week.
Wauchope Netball Club
Registration Days

Where: Wauchope Basketball Stadium
Cameron Street Wauchope

When: Saturday 6th and 13th February 2016

Times: 9am till 12noon

Age Groups:
Net Set Go: 5-6; Return Netta: 7-9
Competitive: turning 10-18;
Seniors: Monday nights

Umpires and coaches needed
New and second hand uniforms available on the day

For more information please contact:
Kim Thompson on 0408 861 898

All I want for Christmas is a ...

Meal voucher worth $100!
A family portrait to be proud of!
All your Christmas goodies in one basket!
Hair Affair Beauty Salon voucher!

Enter the P&C Christmas Raffle and YOU could be a winner of one of these great prizes!

Wauchope 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
ATTENTION YEAR 7 STUDENTS 2016
Wauchope High School

The Uniform Shop, located in the front foyer, will be open on the following days during JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2016

- Saturday 23/01/16 8:30am to 12:30pm
- Thursday 28/01/16 8:30am to 9:30am
- Friday 29/01/16 8:30am to 9:30am
- Saturday 30/01/16 8:30am to 12:30pm
- 8:30am to 9:30am

Then back to the regular times of Monday and Friday 8:30am to 9:00am

NB: During the school holidays there are no EFTPOS facilities.
The Uniform Shop will also be open on Orientation Day 03/12/15

CANTEEN NEWS

Lunch Order Special Offer!!
From today until the end of the school year the following lunch order items will be offered at a special discounted price to help reduce the amount of stock left over during the school holidays.
- Spaghetti was $4.00 NOW $3.00
- Lasagne was $4.00 NOW $3.00
- Chicken Roll was $4.00 NOW $3.00

To order any of these items please place your order, written on a paper bag, in the box provided at the front office.

Zenryoku Martial Arts
Wauchope & Port Macquarie
First Two Classes Free!!
After that only $8 Per Class
- MONDAY NIGHTS 6-7PM @WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
- TUESDAY NIGHTS 5-6.30PM @WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
- WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ PORT MACQUARIE RACE COURSE
  4-6YRS: 5-5.30PM ($5)
  6YRS-50YRS: 5.30-7PM

Phone: 0407 628 339
2015 WHITE RIBBON COASTAL WALK
Sunday 22 November 2015

Lighthouse Beach to Town Green OR Flynns Beach to Town Green OR Town Beach Kiosk

The White Ribbon Coastal Walk is a FREE community event consisting of walking the Coastal Walk from Lighthouse Beach, Flynns 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 9km walk from Lighthouse Beach, the 3km walk from Flynns 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 Flynns Beach. Buses are not available to Town Beach Kiosk.

Registration is essential and must be received no later than Friday 20 November 2015. You can register online at www.pmacutechspdf.com.au or fill in a registration form, available from Lively Cottage 135 Cowan St, SNAP 170 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.pmacutechspdf.com.au or contact 6584 9100.

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

Proudly sponsored by:

Carol Baker trained as a speech pathologist in London in the mid-70s and is a Licentiate of the College of Speech Therapists in England. She has worked with children for nearly 40 years in England, Zimbabwe and Australia.

Carol found that many children who had speech problems as 3 and 4 year olds returned to the clinic with reading and spelling difficulties as 6 and 7 year olds.

However, when phonological awareness training was incorporated into their speech therapy in the preschool years, then most children learnt to read and spell without difficulty once they got to school.

The benefit of phonological awareness training for all children is now supported by a growing body of evidence.

What is phonological awareness?
And how can you teach it to your children at home and in the classroom?

Come along and gain an understanding of how our alphabet system works and learn some practical strategies you can use to make reading and spelling easier for your children.

Join our Support Group: www.facebook.com/groups/PortMacquarieDyslexia/

Mid North Coast Dyslexia Support consists of pro-active parents who are advocates for children with dyslexia. Our focus is to increase awareness, share information and provide support to parents and students on issues involving dyslexia and specific learning difficulties.