There are now **30** days to go until Christmas Day!

**NOVEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER ...**

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**DECEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER ...**

| Tuesday | 1 st | Special Helpers and Volunteers’ Thank You Morning Tea. 11.00am |
| Thursday | 3 rd | Happy birthday Keily Styles! Year 6 Orientation Day at Wauchope High School. |
| Tuesday | 8 th | 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 | 10 th | 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 | 11 th | Happy birthday Luella Warburton! Year 6 Formal Farewell Dinner. 6.00pm. Eastport Bowling Club. |
| Sunday | 13 th | Happy birthday Tkarni Smith. |
| Tuesday | 15 th | Huntingdon Christmas Tree. Santa arrives at 7.00pm to give gifts to all of the children. |
| Wednesday | 16 th | Last day Term 4. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday! |
| Saturday | 19 th | 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 ...**

**THE TERM IS QUICKLY COMING TO AN END ...** There are only three more weeks of Term 4 to go and it’s amazing how quickly the time has flown. It will be a sad moment when we have to finally say farewell to our eight Year 6 students and their **Year 6 Farewell Dinner** promises to be a highlight of the year.

![Year 6 students](image1.png)

_Sadly our Year 6 students time with us is coming to an end._

**YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY ...** Year 6 students who are going to Wauchope High School will have their **Orientation Day** on Thursday, 3rd December. They will be at the high school all day and a permission note and information about the day will be forwarded later this week.

**MRS WENDY TROTTER’S RETIREMENT DINNER ...** Many thanks to all parents, staff and friends who were able to attend Mrs Wendy Trotter’s **Retirement Dinner** at **Waterman’s Cafe** last Saturday. It certainly was a memorable night.

During the evening we wished Mrs Trotter a happy retirement and gave her a small gift on behalf of everyone at our school. We thanked her for all of the 28 years of hard work and dedication while she was employed at our school. A highlight of the evening was Mrs Madeleine Besseling’s PowerPoint presentation that enabled us to look back at some of the many events that Mrs Trotter and her family were involved in at our school over the years. I sincerely hope she remembers a lot of the fun times!

![Mrs Trotter about to cut her Farewell cake.](image2.png)

_Mrs Trotter about to cut her Farewell cake._

![Mrs Trotter’s Family was there to help her celebrate her retirement.](image3.png)

_Mrs Trotter’s Family was there to help her celebrate her retirement._
Mrs Trotter presented the school with a special gift – an inspirational sign which we will be hanging in a special place for all students and any special visitors to see and read.

A BIG thank you to Rennier Peterson and Ms Farrah Simmich as well as all of the friendly staff at Waterman’s Cafe for looking after us so well, Mrs Merridy Golding and all of the staff who assisted in some way to make the night such a fun and pleasant one.

WELCOME BACK MS OSZPET !  We welcomed back Ms Katherine Oszpet yesterday but unfortunately she is still not well and has to undergo an operation on Tuesday, 8th December. This is also the day of our Final Assembly but we are hoping that she will be able to be here for part of the day. We will just have to wait and see.

A special thank you to Ms Oszpet for very kindly organising the four Kindergarten Orientation Days and a special thank you to Ms Hayley Burn, Ms Sarah Pollard and Mrs Alyson Hudson for helping on some or all of the days as well. When some of the new Kindies didn’t want to go home after their final Kindergarten Orientation Day we knew that they had enjoyed their brief stay with us. Once again a BIG thank you to the teaching staff who assisted by looking after the additional grades on the mornings that the Kindergarten Orientation Days were on.

MS OSZPET’S BON VOYAGE FAREWELL LUNCHEON ... A reminder that everyone is cordially invited to farewell Ms Katherine Oszpet before she leaves us at the end of the year. Her farewell will be this Saturday, 28th November at the Blue Poles Café on the Comboyne Road, Byabarra.

After three years as a member of Huntingdon’s teaching staff Ms Oszpet will be travelling to America to be at the birth of her second grandchild and she is taking leave for two years. She will be missed by everyone and Mrs Alyson Hudson will be taking her place while she is on leave.

All of the staff, parents, helpers and friends are invited to come along. We are planning to meet at around 11.00 am and stay for lunch with everyone paying for their own drinks, meal or snacks. We would love to see lots of people so come along and help us say goodbye to Ms Oszpet before she has her operation and leaves us.

2WAY FM COMMUNITY RADIO STATION’S – SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM … All of Huntingdon’s Year 6 students have been invited to be presenters at the 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station’s ‘ School’s Out Program ’ which is on tonight from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm. Traditionally the Year 6 students run the last program in the year and it allows them to celebrate with panellist, Mrs Julie-Anne Murphy, all of the fun times they have had being presenters before going to high school.
OUR FINAL KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY … Mrs Alyson Hudson very kindly looked after the new Kindies at our last Kindergarten Orientation Day while Ms Katherine Oszpet was on sick leave. We are now looking forward to having our new Kindies return with their parents at the start of 2016.

Noah Templeman with his mum Adrienne and sister Zoe

A reminder that school starts next year for students from Year 1 to Year 6 on Thursday, 28th January. Our new Kindergarten students will be involved in the Best Start Program with Mrs Alyson Hudson at the beginning of Term 1. Parents will receive notification about this and on what day our new Kindies will be involved.

And mum Ms Candice Zycki enjoyed our Adventure Playground.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING FINISHES ON FRIDAY … A BIG thank you to all of our wonderful Intensive Swimming volunteers. Your help has enabled all students to participate.

It’s great having the covered pool to learn to swim in.
A reminder that students are only permitted to purchase something from the pool canteen this Friday after swimming and after they have changed. Many thanks!

Eliza Crombie and Ms Alison McLaughlan, Eliza celebrated her birthday last Friday when we had a ‘scorcher’. Luckily swimming was on in the afternoon.

Our Intensive Swimming Program would not have been possible without someone to co-ordinate and organise the two weeks. That person was Mrs Janet Elliott. Special thanks to Mrs Elliott for doing such a fantastic job! It has been appreciated by everyone!

HUNTINGDON P& C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE … Many thanks to all families who have sold their 2015 Christmas Raffle tickets and who are requesting some more. A reminder that there are some great prizes to be won. Please contact the school if you would like additional raffle tickets.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS THIS WEEK … All students are reminded to bring in their library cards and any books they have currently on loan so they can return them on Thursday, 26th November when the Mobile Library Van visits us for the final time this year.

A special thank you to Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson for coming and visiting us throughout the year. The Mobile Library Van visits are always a highlight and it’s been wonderful to see so many students not only visiting the van but actually borrowing and reading on a regular basis. The Mobile Library Van will return early in Term 1, 2016!

A smiling Mrs Robinson is waiting for students to return their books.

COOKING IN THE UPPER PRIMARY CLASSROOM … Students in the Upper Primary Year 4, 5 and 6 class made some mini quiches with Ms Sarah Pollard last week.
A BIG thank you to Mrs Liz Wilmot for helping Ms Pollard with each of the cooking groups. The recipes that the students are using are ones that we hope they will be able to replicate at home. The mini quiches tasted delicious and all students were given a copy of the recipe.

The Stage 2 boys waiting to taste their mini quiches

YIPPEE! I OWN A RESTAURANT TAKE 3 ... 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.

Waterman’s Cafe owner Mr Rennier Peterson came in last Tuesday and talked to all of the Upper Primary students about the advantages and disadvantages of owning and working at Waterman’s Café. It was really appreciated.

Kyle Luke with his winning portrait of Mr Peterson.

Students were given the opportunity to ask Mr Peterson lots of questions and then draw his portrait. Mr Peterson then picked the one that he felt looked the most like him. The talented drawer who won was Kyle Luke! Congratulations!

REMEMBRANCE DAY... Huntingdon students were involved in a special Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10.40 am on Wednesday, 11th November. Special thanks to Mrs Rachel McCann for organising this on a day when we had limited power during the day.
Instead of using the hall we assembled in the library and Mrs McCann showed an interesting video that explained why we have Remembrance Day. A highlight of the ceremony was the reading of the book 'Lone Pine' which was kindly donated to the school by Max Troth and his family.

After the laying of our wreath near the school’s flagpole and a minutes silence our Remembrance Day Ceremony was over. My thanks also to the students who were involved in the ceremony.

SPECIAL MENTIONS:- Many thanks to Shaun Hennessy for very kindly handing in some money that he had found. It wasn’t claimed so he managed to keep it.

Ms SARAH POLLARD’S LAST WEEK ... Sadly Ms Sarah Pollard’s time with us comes to an end this Friday. The past four weeks have certainly flown and been very busy ones, especially with Intensive Swimming being on for the last two weeks.

Ms Pollard has been mainly working in the Upper Primary classroom and on behalf of everyone at our school I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication while she was here. It was greatly appreciated!

We wish Ms Pollard every success for the future as she completes her teaching degree and we hope she stays in touch with us! We will all miss her!

Mr Alexander and Ms Pollard have been great helpers in the Upper Primary classroom.

Ms Pollard and our Aussie of the Month Jye Baker.

MOBILE PHONES AND iPADS AT SCHOOL ... Another reminder about mobile phones and iPads because some students are still bringing them in without any legitimate reason. If students don’t have a note explaining why they have brought their phones in then they will not be returned to them and kept at the office until a parent comes in to collect them.

CARPETS BEING CLEANED ... This Friday we will be having all of our carpets steam cleaned in all of our classrooms and library. This happens annually and it should freshen up all of our classrooms in readiness for 2016.

MYSTERY BOX WINNERS ... In the Upper Primary classroom students get to read a short rhyme which gives them some clues about what the object inside our MYSTERY BOX is. Students take turns having a guess as to what it is until someone gets it correct. Their reward? They get to keep what’s inside of the box.

Congratulations to our previous three winners Isabelle Leslight, Kyle Luke and Shaun Hennesssey. Would you have been able to work out what this is?
WHAT’S IN THE MYSTERY BOX? Read the clues and see if you can work it out.

If you look really carefully
At the clues you will find
That I am very useful
To most of mankind

Many of you will use me
Sometime during your life
Some will use me every day
If not you could be in strife

I can come in different colours
Many shapes and sizes too
I’m sure if you look hard enough
We’d find one just for you!

What am I?

Isabelle Leslight easily solved that one!

MANY THANKS - MR ALAN BALDWIN ... This morning Mr Alan Baldwin dropped in to the school to donate some more books for the younger students to read and borrow from our school library. Mr Baldwin truly is a good Samaritan and we are fortunate to have him support our school.

SLASHING – FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION ... On Thursday we will be visited by a team looking at doing a fire hazard reduction in and around our school playground. We have been fortunate to have had a lot of rain lately so the risk of a potential fire happening is pretty remote. We do, however. Like to keep risks to an absolute minimum.

Jason Brown demonstrating his Water Staying In The Bucket Science Surprise. Note that the rest of the class kept their distance!

DID YOU KNOW? Kangaroos cannot walk backwards!

Rabbits and parrots can see what is behind them without turning their heads.
A hug releases the hormone called Oxytocin, which makes you feel relaxed, heal the physical and mental wounds, and soothes your body and mind. It is an easy and simple way to pacify your child. Give a warm hug to your near and dear ones to stay happy and healthy.

SPECIAL MENTIONS ... Many thanks to the Year 5 and Year 4 students who gave their School Leaders in 2016 speeches at our last whole school assembly.

We enjoyed listening to the School Leaders’ speeches. Many thanks Bailey, Jason, Joseph, Isabella, Keily and Isabelle.

All students then got the chance to vote and these have now been tallied. Our School Leaders for 2016 will be announced at our Final Assembly on Tuesday, 8th December.

Mrs Alyson Hudson helped give out The Huntingdon Cup winners and Runner Up Certificates to Flinn Trommels, Ashwin Nath and Emilie Luke.

Unfortunately two of the Huntingdon Cup Awards were not engraved properly and I have to return them to have the error corrected. They should be ready for me to collect by this Friday.
Ms Pollard presented the Upper Primary class 2015 Huntingdon Cup winners and Runners Up with their certificates and cups.

Calleigh Platts, Olivia-Grace Brown and Jock Coombes have been working well in Mrs Elliott’s classroom.

This Week’s Winning Two Jokes were submitted by ... Isabelle Leslight Congratulations!

Q... What type of music are balloons scared of?
A ... POP music!

Q... What starts with a P ends with an E and has a million letters in it?
A ... The Post Office!

Meg Driver’s Excellence Award!

Happy Birthday Wishes to ... Joseph Hamilton who celebrated his birthday on Thursday, 26th November and Keily Styles who celebrates her birthday on Thursday, 3rd December.
SPECIAL HELPERS AND VOLUNTEERS’ MORNING TEA ... A reminder that this will be held on Tuesday, 1st December starting at 11.00 am.

Some of our previous helpers and volunteers who have enjoyed Attending our special Volunteers’ Morning Tea.

It is our opportunity to say a BIG thank you to you for helping to make 2015 such a successful one and for helping to make Huntingdon Public School the special place that it is.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

COMMUNITY NEWS ...
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

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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

Hosting an overseas exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations. WEP host families live all around Eastern Australia. Some live on farms in the country, others live in apartments in the city. Not all our host families have kids, some are young couples and some are single. In fact, host families can come in any shape or form, but they all share a desire to learn more about other peoples and cultures! For more information and to view the profiles of students eagerly awaiting news of their host family, head to our website, www.wep.org.au email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733 to speak to a friendly hosting team!
Registrations for the Wauchope Blues JRLFC 2016 season will be open on line on the 1st December 2015. All instructions on how to register and fees will be placed on the website for Wauchope Blues JRLFC. Some “in person” days will be held in the new year.