HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Fortnightly Newsletter 1.

Tuesday, 17th February, 2015.

Missed a copy of our newsletters? You will find them on our school 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!

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER …

Wednesday 18th Hastings Camden Haven PSSA District Swimming Carnival. Port Macquarie Pool. Good luck to our four members attending.

Happy Birthday Isabelle Leslight!

NSWTF Hastings Meeting. Wauchope P.S. 4 pm

Thursday 19th Happy Birthday Isabella Rollan!

Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson. Students will need their Hastings library cards to be able to borrow.

Friday 20th Whole School Assembly Kindergarten YELLOW Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a yellow item for show and tell.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER …

Saturday 21st Happy Birthday Jacob McDonald! Byabarra Craft Markets. St. James’s Anglican Church 9am – 1 pm.

Wednesday 25th Lower North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival.

Kempsey Swimming Pool.

BAGO Community of Schools’ meeting Wauchope H.S 4 pm.

Friday 27th Schools’ Clean Up Australia Day.

Speech Pathologist Mr Craig Suosaari visit.

Rebecca Walker visit. Soccer. Whole School Assembly Kindergarten PURPLE Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a purple item for show and tell.

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER …

Sunday 1st Clean Up Australia Day.

Monday 2nd Happy birthday Lachlan Golden! Seaweed.

Tuesday 3rd World Wildlife Day.

Wednesday 4th Happy birthday Mrs Elliott! Lower North Coast Regional Swimming Carnival.

Lismore Swimming Pool.

Thursday 5th Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson.

Friday 6th Whole School Assembly Kindergarten BROWN Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a brown item for show and tell.

Sunday 8th International Women’s Day.

Friday 13th Young Australia Workshop. Performance for the small schools at Huntingdon P.S. Cost is $4.50.

Gwenda Stanley Whole School Assembly Kindergarten PINK Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a pink item for show and tell.

Saturday 14th Happy birthday Emilie Luke!

Monday 16th P & C Meeting. 3.00 pm

Students leave for Stewart House for two weeks.

Tuesday 17th St Patrick’s Day.

Wednesday 18th Huntingdon students present the 2WAY FM Community Radio Station School’s Out Program. Listen in from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.
MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Thursday  19 th  Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson.
Friday  20 th  Small Schools’ Tennis Gala Day. Wauchope Tennis Courts.
            Speech Pathologist Mr Craig Suosaari visit.
            Whole School Assembly Kindergarten GREEN Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a green item for show and tell.
Saturday  21 st  Byabarra Craft Markets.
            St. James’s Anglican Church 9am – 1 pm.
Sunday  22 nd  Happy birthday Shaun Hennessy !
Wednesday  25 th  Happy Birthday Ashwin Nath !
Friday  27 th  Happy Birthday Lyla Cunningham !
            Students return from Stewart House.
            Whole School Assembly Kindergarten BLACK or GREY Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a black or grey item for show and tell.
            NSW State Elections. Set up polling booths. 3.00 pm
Saturday  28 th  Happy Birthday Calleigh Platts !
            NSW State Elections. Don’t forget to vote at our school.
            Purchase a raffle ticket or cake at the cake stall ?

APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Wednesday  1 st  National Smile Day.
Thursday  2 nd  Final school day in Term 1.
            Easter Bunny visits.
            Easter Hat Parade.
            Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson.
            Whole School Assembly Kindergarten ORANGE Colour Day. Students wear and bring in an orange item for show and tell.

APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS HAPPENINGS ...

Friday  3 rd  Good Friday. Easter holidays start.
Sunday  5 th  Daylight Saving ends. Put clocks BACK one hour.
Friday  10 th  Wauchope Show Day 1.

APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS HAPPENINGS CONTINUED ...

Saturday  11 th  Happy Birthday Indyana Hamilton !
            Wauchope Show Day 2.
Saturday  18 th  Byabarra Craft Markets.
            St. James’s Anglican Church 9am – 1 pm
Sunday  12 th  Happy birthday Gideon Marr- Grogan and Mrs Michelle Styles !

APRIL TERM 2 MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Monday  20 th  Term 2 School Development Day. All staff return.
Tuesday  21 st  First day back at school for ALL students. Welcome back !
            Mr. Fuhrmann on leave for a knee replacement.
Wednesday  22 nd  Happy Birthday Mrs Wendy Trotter !
Friday  24 th  Happy Birthday Sienna Leslight !
            School ANZAC DAY Ceremony. 10.00 am – 11.00 am.
            Whole school assembly. Kindergarten students will be looking at their Jolly Phonics blends this term. Students are asked to bring in a noun containing ai in it. Eg A nail.
Saturday  25 th  Official ANZAC DAY March . Huntingdon students will be marching in the official ANZAC DAY March in Wauchope.
            Meet outside the Wauchope RSL. 10.15 am – 11.30 am
Monday  27 th  ANZAC DAY Public Holiday.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE !  It certainly has been a busy but rewarding first couple of weeks with lots of exciting things happening. We’ve had many visitors and it’s wonderful to see our eleven Kindies settling in so well.

WAUCHOPE GAZETTE FEATURES OUR KINDIES ...  Mrs Libby Stewart from the Wauchope Gazette very kindly visited our school last Monday to take a photograph of our eleven Kindergarten students. The photograph appeared in the Wauchope Gazette last Thursday and featured all Kindergarten students in the Wauchope area. They will also appear in the Port News on Wednesday, 18 th February in a special article called Tiny Feet. If you would like to purchase a copy of the photograph then please contact Mrs. Libby Stewart at the Wauchope Gazette Office.

GET YOUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER E-MAILED TO YOU ...  Another reminder to get our fortnightly newsletter e-mailed to you. Please contact the school and provide us with your current e-mail address so that this can take place if you haven’t done so already.
The Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday, 5th February at the Wauchope Swimming Pool. Mrs. Janet Elliott was Huntingdon’s Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival Team Manager on the day and we had some wonderful results.

Representing the school on the day were Bailey Gavin, Lochlan Driver, Thomas Driver, Leo Kidd, Isabella Paulson, Calais Gavin, Luke Tomkins, Isabelle Leslight, Luella Warburton, Amelia Paulson and Jorjia-Rose Styles.

A special thank you to Mrs Jessica Cunningham for volunteering to be a timekeeper all day, Mr Ian Leslight for taking and sending me some photos taken during the day and all parents who assisted by supporting and cheering our students on during the day.

Everybody tried their best but only four of our swimmers finished with times fast enough to make them competitive at the Hastings Camden Haven District Swimming Carnival to be held this Wednesday at the Port Macquarie Swimming Pool.

The four members representing our school at the Hastings Camden Haven District Swimming Carnival are Jorjia-Rose Styles, Thomas Driver, Luke Tomkins and Leo Kidd. Isabella Paulson is our first reserve if someone is away.

On behalf of all of the staff, students and parents at our school I would like to take this opportunity to wish our team the very best of luck on Wednesday.

Jorjia-Rose Styles and Isabella Paulson with their winning ribbons.
Huntingdon P & C’s Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 9th February. Once again a BIG thank you to our outgoing executive for all of their hard work and efforts during 2014.

Congratulations to our new P & C Executive for 2015. They are:-

- Huntingdon’s P & C President for 2015 - Mrs. Sue Troth.
- Huntingdon’s P & C Treasurer for 2015 - Mrs. Stacey McDonald.
- Huntingdon’s P & C Secretary for 2015 – Mrs. Sophie Love.
- Mrs Love, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Troth.

At the meeting Mrs Jessica Cunningham was nominated and selected as the Huntingdon P & C Canteen Manager for 2015 and she is looking forward to working very closely with Mrs Michelle Styles and any other interested parents who would like to become members of our school’s P & C Canteen Committee this year.
HUNTINGDON P & C CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015 … My thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Huntingdon P & C AGM. It was certainly wonderful to see so many of our new families attending. At the meeting it was agreed that the annual Huntingdon P & C Contribution Fee for families remain the same as last year. (This is separate to the school’s annual Workbook School fee.)

It is $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 all cheques payable to the Huntingdon P & C Association and not the school.

Our annual P & C contribution enables our P & C to actively support ALL of our students. We receive $1,000 from our hard-working P & C annually usually at the beginning of the year. Many thanks! This money is used to subsidise any visiting performances and minor excursions, and helps us to purchase any needed classroom resources including games and puzzles and any art and craft materials.

Tristin Bramwell, Jacob McDonald and Joseph Hamilton enjoying playing with some of the games purchased with the assistance of P & C funding.

Readers of the Month Awards … At our school we are passionate about getting all students to read on a regular basis. Every Huntingdon student should be able to tell you that … “students who read – succeed!” To encourage all students to read our P & C has kindly agreed to donate $5 for each grade each month to give out as prizes. Many thanks! Students who are lucky enough to receive one can use their $5 gift voucher to purchase some books in our monthly book club.

Students receive a special I’m Cool At School Award at our weekly assembly. Congratulations Harry Jakobsson, Jorjia-Rose Styles and Holly Hamilton with school leaders Thomas Driver and Jye Baker.

State Elections … At our next P & C meeting we will be discussing and looking for some innovative and fun ways to raise funds. We will have available a wish list of what the school needs and what we are raising money for. A reminder that the Huntingdon P & C is hoping to run a raffle and cake stall at the State Elections which will be on Saturday, 28th March. We will be needing everyone to help. More news to follow.
PARENTS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEYS … These will be sent home later this week and your feedback will enable us to better plan for the future learning needs of our students and enable to set clear targets in our three year School Management Plan.

LUNCH ORDERS FOR FRIDAY 13 TH MARCH … Many thanks to all families who have returned their lunch order forms for Friday, 13 th March already.

QUOTES FOR HALL FLOORING … Mrs. Sharon Stewart from Asset Management in Forster visited us on Monday to look at any necessary school maintenance work that needs to be completed this year. We are looking at refitting the front gates and repainting some of our external doors. We are also getting quotes for floor covering in the hall.

ASHLEY BRYANT VISITS … Last Tuesday we received a fantastic Milo Cricket set from NSW Cricket Co-ordinator Mr Ashley Bryant.

Mr Ashley Bryant with the great cricket kit which he donated to our school.

CRICKET FOR SPORT … Today Milo Cricket Coach Ms Melissa Norup kindly visited our school to teach the Year 4, 5 and 6 students some of the finer skills of cricket. This included playing some minor games which were lots of fun.

Ms Melissa Norup being thanked by Thomas Driver.

Students will be putting some of their newly learnt cricket skills to good use as we will be playing cricket for sport for the next couple of weeks.

Kelly, Jessie, Kyle, Tristin and Jorjia-Rose were Cricket Team No 1.
ONE REASON WHY WE ARE A SUN SAFETY SCHOOL ... Last Friday I was absent due to having to undergo minor surgery to have a melanoma cut out of my back. After being in the surf club and spending much of my youth in the sun without any sunscreen (we only had zinc cream then) I ensure I get my skin checked for any skin cancers annually in the first week of September.

Unfortunately, time got away due to being too busy last year so it’s been two years since my last check-up. The Mid North Coast Australian Skin Cancer Clinic in Lord Street, Port Macquarie specialises in carrying this out. You can make an appointment by calling 6584 7788. There is no cost involved and you can imagine my surprise when my pathology report came back from two tiny spots indicating that one freckle on my back had changed into a melanoma.

Thankfully the melanoma was found in time and safely removed. I’d hate to imagine what might have happened if I had delayed going in for the check-up. It really was a wake-up call and since then most of the staff have also had their skin checked or re-checked. When was your last check up? If you haven’t had one recently then I suggest you have one. It could save your life!

OUR WATER TANK HAS BEEN CLEANED ... Mr Allan Dennis from Crystal Clear Water Tank Cleaning came in during Week 2 to ensure the water in our tank remains fresh, filtered and clean.

THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IS PRESSURE CLEANED ... Our Administration Building has also been pressure cleaned externally to remove some of the mould from the gutters and walls.

OUR MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS ON THURSDAY 19 TH FEBRUARY ... Students are reminded to bring in their Port-Macquarie Hastings Library cards so that they are able to borrow books from the Mobile Library Van on Thursday, 19 th February. Students who have not joined or who have lost their Library cards will be able join when the van arrives or prior to that if they have filled in the appropriate form.

Sienna, Kelly and Isabelle are looking forward to Mrs Elizabeth Robinson and the Mobile Library Van’s return.

MRS WILMOT IN FOR READING ON TUESDAYS ... Mrs Sheila Gee is unfortunately unable to come in to listen to the Upper Primary students read on Tuesdays this year so Mrs Liz Wilmot has very kindly volunteered her services for Term 1.

Mrs Wilmot listening to Jye read.
I WILL BE ON LEAVE IN TERM 2 … At our recent P & C meeting I informed everyone that unfortunately I will be on leave during Term 2. Staff, parents and students would have witnessed my inability to walk without limping become increasingly worse over the past five years. After our excursion to Sydney last year, where we did a lot of walking, I realised that the time had finally come to get my knee replaced. This will be happening at the start of Term 2.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES … Quite a few birthdays are being celebrated this week. Happy birthday wishes to Isabelle Leslight, Isabella Rollan and Jacob McDonald.

THIS FRIDAY IS KINDERGARTEN YELLOW COLOUR DAY … Every Friday afternoon at our Whole School Assembly we ask all students to find and bring in ONE coloured item so that our new Kindergarten students can learn their colours. This week it is the colour YELLOW and next Friday it will be PURPLE.

In order to have the least impact on our school I have delayed having this operation until Term 2 this year and I will miss the school and everyone while I am away. At this point in time I am not sure who will be taking my place while I am away. I will keep you informed.

ABSENCES … We have received an updated Attendance Policy and our class rolls are now being recorded electronically. We are asked to remind parents that it is a legal requirement for students to be at school. Staying at home for birthdays or to go fishing are recorded as unacceptable absences and could be followed up by the Home School Liaison Officers who audit our rolls each term.

Please ensure that if your child or children are absent for any reason we receive a note explaining the reasons why they weren’t at school. This includes partial absences. Many thanks!

FRONT GATES … Our front gates will be reinstalled in the near future.

This was the only red item I could find in my wardrobe to wear for last Friday’s Kindergarten RED Colour Day.
Mrs Elliott’s class didn’t want to miss out on the fun.

Students are enjoying coming to school wearing something that is the colour of the week but please no strappy tops or thongs.

Ms Oszpet’s class received some special CD readers and books.

SOME SPECIAL THANK YOU’S … Many thanks to Mrs Emily Kemp for bringing in a cake to share and helping to hear the Upper Primary class read last week. Thank you to Shaun Anderson and his family for donating some great kidney shaped bowls to the school. They will come in really useful when we are doing art work.

I could have brought this in for Kinder BLUE Colour Day!

A special thank you to Mrs Jessica Cunningham for kindly taking some professional photographs of our students at our weekly assembly. Thanks to Sandi and Patrick Burke from the Wauchope Newsagency for very kindly donating a CD reader and mini book for every Year 1 and Kindergarten student in our school. They were given out at our whole school assembly on Friday.

SCRIPTURE ORGANISATION … Scripture classes started this Monday. Mrs Phyllis De Verteuil is being replaced by Mrs Dagmar Brenne who visited our school on Monday. Mrs Brenne will teach the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students Scripture. On behalf of all of the staff, students and parents of our school I would like to welcome Mrs Brenne to our Scripture teaching staff and I hope that her stay with us is a long, happy and rewarding one.

ON-LINE MATHS RESOURCES … Another reminder that if your child needs a Maths Dictionary and you have Internet access at home then get them to look up the following site. It’s excellent for ALL students and parents alike!  
http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.htm
USING THE COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY ... We are compiling a wish list of teaching resources that we would love the P & C to help us purchase to enable us to better implement our teaching and learning programs. At the forefront is technology. Please note the User name to access the wonderful ZIP-tales is as follows:

http://www.ziptales.com/

User name: hunting14 Password: hps

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESS CHANGES:- Many thanks to all families who have already updated and returned their Emergency Contact Information so we can amend our records.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...

OUR WINNING SPACE JOKES OF THE WEEK ...

SIGN at the ASTRONAUTS’ CHANGE ROOM ... Out to LAUNCH!

SCHOOL BOOK AND STATIONERY FEES An invoice for our school's annual Workbook fee was sent home this week. Please note that this is a separate fee to the Huntingdon P & C Contribution and is used to cover the cost of our students’ work and exercise books, pens, pencils, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, rulers etc. Please make any cheques payable to Huntingdon Public School. Many thanks!

COMMUNITY NEWS ...

The Wauchope Hockey Club is a family friendly club that encourages players to have fun and enjoy hockey. We have various age groups that will suit all including seniors. We have U7,U9,U11,U13 & U16’s and 3 grades of seniors in both Men’s and Women’s Hockey.

Our Rego Dates are the 7th Feb at the Wauchope RSL from 10am-1pm, and 8th Feb at the hockey field (on Ocean Drive) from 10am-1pm. We will be having a BBQ at the field and some mini hockey games so bring your stick (if you have one) as well.

All games are played at the one location and are always around the same time each week, U16’s play Thursday nights, all other juniors play Saturday morning, with seniors A & B grades Saturday afternoon and Sunday, C grade Women’s & Men’s Wednesday and Friday nights respectively.

Costs are: (includes stick pack voucher for new junior players and socks if needed)

U7 & U9: $145
U11, U13 & U16: $165
U18 playing in seniors: $260
New Seniors and C Grade: $305
A & B Grades: $365

For more info, email us at wauchopehockeyclub@outlook.com or look us up at, www.wauchopehockeyclub.org
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Choose a sun-safe hat
Sun-safe hats include broad-brimmed, bucket, or legionnaire hats. These hats are inexpensive, and give your kids the best chance of staying protected in our harsh summer sun.

Finally, don’t forget to apply sunscreen in the morning before school! Enjoy summer, and remember to be SunSmart!

To find out more about being SunSmart visit our website sunsmartnsw.com.au or call 02 9334 1761
The simplest way
...to put healthy treats in your kid’s lunch.

Nutrition Snippet

This delicious Blueberry + Banana bread recipe is fruit-filled and tasty!

Ingredients
- olive oil or canola oil spray
- 3 ripe bananas, peeled
- 1/4 cup raw sugar (60g)
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 cup frozen blueberries

Method
Preheat oven to 220°C and spray a 20 x 10cm loaf tin with oil-line base and sides with non-stick baking paper. Mash bananas in a large bowl. Add sugar, milk and eggs and mix with a fork until well combined. Sift flours and cinnamon on top of mixture. Mix ingredients together until just combined, taking care not to over-mix, then gently fold through blueberries. Spoon mixture into prepared loaf tin and smooth the surface. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean from the middle.

Hint
When cool, slice and freeze individual pieces in snap lock bags and keep for up to 3 months. Send to school as a healthy treat!

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Safe Lunchboxes

In most cases, food is stored in lunch boxes for several hours, so the lunch box needs to stay cool.

Food safety suggestions include:
- Choose an insulated lunch box or one with a freezer pack, or include a wrapped frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cool.
- Follow hygienic food preparation methods. This is especially important when food will be stored in the lunch box for many hours before eating.
- Perishable foods such as dairy products, eggs and sliced meats should be kept cool and eaten within four hours of preparation. Don’t pack these foods if just cooked. First cool in the refrigerator overnight.

For more information and ideas go to NSW Food Authority. Tips for safe kid’s lunch boxes.

www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au