Missed a copy of our newsletters? You will find them on our school website. Our school’s website is found at:-  


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!

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APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS HAPPENINGS ...

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

APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS HAPPENINGS CONTINUED ...

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

APRIL TERM 2 MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Monday 20th Term 2 School Development Day. All staff return.
Mrs Wendy Trotter on leave.
Tuesday 21st First day back at school for ALL students. Welcome back!
Mr. Fuhrmann on leave for a knee replacement.
A special welcome to Mrs Leanne Parker who will be taking my place while I am on leave.
Wednesday 22nd Happy Birthday Mrs Wendy Trotter!
Friday 24th 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 25th 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 27th Happy Birthday Lyla Cunningham!
ANZAC DAY Public Holiday.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...

HASTINGS CAMDEN HAVEN PSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL ...

The Hastings Camden Haven PSSA District Swimming Carnival was held last Wednesday, 18th at Port Macquarie Pool. Despite the stormy weather to begin the day four of our best swimmers represented our school. They were Jorjia-Rose Styles, Thomas Driver, Luke Tomkins and Leo Kidd.

Our Huntingdon Awesome Foursome swimmers tried their best but unfortunately their times were not fast enough for any of them to qualify individually to represent our school at the Lower North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival which was held in Kempsey on Wednesday, 25th February.


Our relay team came second in the final which was a great effort but did not compete at the Lower North Coast Zone Carnival in Kempsey because their time was not competitive enough and they would have had to all travel to Lismore for the Regional Swimming Carnival if they had managed to get a minor placing.

I have to congratulate our team for a terrific effort and would like to thank all parents and supporters who travelled with our team to the Port Macquarie Pool to cheer them on at the District Swimming Carnival. Many thanks!

HUNTINGDON P & C CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015 ...

My thanks to everyone who was has already forwarded their annual Huntingdon P & C Contribution Fee to our P & C Treasurer. 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. If you haven’t paid it yet then please make all cheques payable to the Huntingdon P & C Association and not the school.
HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C’S NEXT MEETING FOR 2015 …
Huntingdon P & C’s next meeting will be held on Monday, 16th March at 3.00 pm. On the agenda we will be looking at our planning for the next three years, including a look at our identified immediate, short term and long term teaching and learning needs. Also on the agenda we will have the following:

1. **Election Day 28th March**
   - Cake Stall
   - Bouncy Castle (Jessica)
   - Paid Stalls
   - Sausage Sizzle
   - Marketing (Sophie)
   - Face Painting (Sophie & ?)

2. **Proposed dates for 2015 fundraisers:**
   - Midwinter Ball – 19th June? 26th June?
   - Easter Raffle
   - Canteen Lunch dates
   - Summer Fair
   - Spring Ball
   - School Discos

3. **School Needs List (Gunnar)**

4. **$1,000 donation to School**

5. **School Sweatshirt/Jacket and shorts/shorts**

**Gideon and Cooper with their assembly awards for great work.**

READING SURE IS FUN … All students in Ms Oszpet’s classroom and Mrs Elliott’s classroom have now received a free book and CD courtesy of the Wauchope Newsagency. We all know that ‘Children who read – succeed!’

**Ms Oszpet’s class with their free book and CD.**

WE WELCOME MRS PARKER … I informed everyone that I will be on leave during Term 2 due to me having a knee replacement. This week I was informed that the successful applicant to take my place was Mrs Leanne Parker who is currently the principal at Rollands Plains School.

**Ms Katherine Oszpet and Mrs Leanne Parker.**
On behalf of all of the students, staff and parents of Huntingdon Public School I would like to congratulate Mrs Parker on her appointment and I hope her stay with us next term is a happy, memorable and rewarding one.

Lyla Cunningham and Harper Marr-Grogan both excelled in their classwork last week. Well done!

SAVE THE DATE ... Sadly, after 27 plus years spent at Huntingdon Public School, Mrs Wendy Trotter will be leaving us at the end of Term 1. Having had the pleasure to have worked with Mrs Trotter for more than 25 of those years we can’t let her leave us without giving her a special farewell.

This will occur on Saturday, 20th June at the Wauchope Country Club starting at 6.00 pm so please keep that date free as we would love to have as many of our current and past families who have also had the pleasure of working and knowing Mrs Trotter attend on the night. More news to follow.

Fortunately, while she is on Long Service Leave, Mrs. Trotter will be replaced by our wonderful, hardworking Mrs Merridy Golding.

LUNCH ORDERS FOR FRIDAY 13TH MARCH ... Many thanks to all families who have returned their lunch order forms for Friday, 13th March already. These need to be in as soon as possible because no orders will be accepted after Tuesday, 10th March.

A SUN SAFETY SCHOOL TALK ... Tomorrow afternoon Mr Jay Allan from the Melanoma Institute will be visiting our school at 12.15 pm to briefly talk to all students about the importance of being sun safe. Attached to today’s newsletter is a brochure about How To Save Your Child’s Skin. Parents who receive the newsletter by e-mail will be sent home a copy as well.

PARTIAL AND DAILY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL ... The new DEC Attendance Policy has been in the media a lot lately and is designed to ensure students are attending school. This is a parents’ and guardians’ responsibility and stricter guidelines have been put into place in schools to ensure that this is happening.

We are receiving record numbers of partial absences for our students or parents sleeping in or generally running from 5 to 25 minutes late each morning. These partial absences have to be recorded in our rolls which are audited by our Home School Liaison Officers each term. Please ensure that your children, whenever possible, arrive on time each day. Many thanks!
Happy birthday to Lachlan Golden and Mrs Janet Elliott. Both celebrated their birthdays this week.

Lachlan Golden holding one of our daily Science Surprises celebrated his birthday on Monday, 2nd March.

Keily Styles is all smiles after reading Isabelle Leslight’s birthday card. Isabelle celebrated her birthday on the 18th February.

Mrs Elisabeth Robinson will return on Thursday with the Mobile Library Van.

This Friday is Kindergarten Brown Colour Day. Every Friday afternoon 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 Brown which ties in nicely with the Melanoma Safety Talk and next Friday it will be Pink.

Indyana Hamilton and Cooper Dick brought in some terrific purple items.

Our Mobile Library Van returns on Thursday 19th February. Students are reminded to bring in their Port-Macquarie Hastings Library cards so that they are able to borrow some more books from the Mobile Library Van on Thursday, 5th March.
The Kindergarten students love Friday Colour Days and showing and telling us all about what they have brought in, 

SCRIPTURE ORGANISATION ... Mrs Dagmar Brenne who visited our school on Monday is now teaching the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students Scripture.

Mrs Dagmar Brenne is a welcome addition to our Scripture Teaching Staff.

SOME SPECIAL THANK YOU’S ... Many thanks to Ben, Mrs Sophie Love and Mr Jed McCarthy for their very kind donation of a pole for us to attach our sun dial that was donated to the school by our four Year 6 students last year.

The Upper Primary students have fun bringing in their items too!

Ben Love sitting on the pole with the sun dial.
A special thank you to Rueben, Spencer and Mr Timothy and Mrs Maree Hirst for very kindly coming in over the weekend and digging the hole and positioning the pole so that Mr Anderson can attach the sun dial to it. It was greatly appreciated! When someone pointed out that the top had a slight slope on it I indicated that it had to be that way because we were still on daylight saving! Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 5th April so we levelled the top in readiness for this.

I'm Cool At School Awards at last week's assembly.

WORK EXPERIENCE ... Ms Jade Derks will be joining our Teaching Support Staff for a week from the 23rd March to do Work Experience. Ms Derks lives in Byabarra and currently attends St. Columba School where she is in Year 10. We are looking forward to her joining our school's teaching support team.

WE HAVE SOME FRONT GATES ... Our front gates have been reinstalled and are now safe to use. They certainly make our front fence look like it's completed and will help with security, especially during holiday periods and on weekends.

LEGO ... The Upper Primary class recently had a Space Lego Weekly English theme and students loved bringing in some of their favourite models.

User name: hunting14 Password: hps
Numeracy skills can be revised and learnt by using the Mathletics site and the Maths Dictionary when needed. Students who have Internet access at home can have fun while they learn and download 200 free Maths Charts to use. Have a look at them by logging on at:

http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.htm

MRS McCANN’S Maths ‘N’ Movement PROGRAM … Even a week of wet weather couldn’t stop Mrs McCann from getting Year 2 and 3 exercising.

Maths and Movement is a lot of fun and healthy too. Just ask Calais!

On Fridays, when she is not teaching at Huntingdon, Mrs. McCann has been busy writing a new program called Maths ‘N’ Movement. She has introduced all of her students to this new program and they love it. Designed to get more students, more active, more often the best part of this new way of teaching is that while the students think they are just playing games they are, in fact, completing their maths work (don’t tell your kids).

This week Year 2 and 3 learnt about days of the week, the weekend and the work week by playing an adapted version of the old “Fruit Salad” game.

Harry and Gideon having fun with Maths and Movement.

A video of the pilot study conducted at Huntingdon will be on the school’s website for you to view very soon.

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. Many thanks !.

EMERGENCY LOCK DOWN PROCEDURES … This week we had our Term 1 Emergency Evacuation - Lock Down Procedure where all students are made aware of what to do and where they need to go in case there is a real lock down situation. We then evaluate ways to improve our evacuation procedure to ensure that we keep our students in both a happy and safe school environment.
SMALL SCHOOLS’ TENNIS GALA DAY … This is planned for Friday, 20th March at the Wauchope Tennis Courts and Mr Jarad Alexander has kindly been coaching any interested boys and girls who would like to be on the school team. He has selected and ranked our eight best tennis players.

Luke Tomkins with his special tennis super effort award.

HUNTINGDON STUDENTS ARE SPECIAL … Our fabulous Semester 1 school photographs have been updated and will be on display on the TV monitor in the foyer area this week. The photographs will also be available on our school’s website in the near future.

Max Troth and Calleigh Platts will feature in the display.

SCHOOL BOOK AND STATIONERY FEES … Many thanks to all families who have already paid our school’s annual Book and Stationery fee. 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.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT …

“If you want your children to improve, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others.”

- Dr. Haim Ginott
OUR WINNING FISH AND TENNIS JOKES...

Q ... Why can't fishermen be generous?
A ... Because their business makes them SELL FISH!

I wondered why Max's red tennis ball was getting BIGGER!
Then, it HIT ME!

SCHOOL LEADERS APPEAR IN THE PORT NEWS ... Our school leaders' photograph recently appeared in the Port News. They certainly looked great!


STEWART HOUSE ... We are very fortunate to have two Huntingdon students attend Stewart House this year. Jye Baker and Tyson Boese will leave on Monday, 16th March and will return on Friday, 27th March. We hope the boys are great ambassadors for our school and have a fantastic time while they are there. They should both have lots of tales to tell us about the many adventures they will have experienced while they are there.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY ... All of the Huntingdon's teaching staff spent all day Saturday, 28th February, at our school to participate in a Professional Learning course on identifying dyslexic students and how we can best assist students with poor reading skills. Mrs Pamela Smith, our Learning and Support Consultant in the Hastings' Network was the co-ordinator and it was a really rewarding day.

We also spent time enrolling and starting a course on the new National Consistency Collection of Data of Students with a Disability which is mandatory this year and will start in Term 2 at our school. Both courses are ongoing throughout Terms 1 and Term 2 and will replace both of our Term 4 School Development Days that are traditionally held on the last two days of term.

We will keep you informed and our next three hour session in the dyslexia course will take place after school on Tuesday, 10th March from 3.00pm until 6.00pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS ... Could we please add to your newsletter? Registrations are now open for the Wauchope Blues Junior Rugby League Football Club. If any of the children are interested in registering or re registering could they please contact the club Registrar Cassie for details on 0467 240 231.

Thankyou
Lynne Corr
Secretary
Wauchope Blues JRLFC

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13-16yrs 4:30-5:30
Ladies  5:30-6:30 & Wednesday 6:30-7:30

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