HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Fortnightly Newsletter 4. .............................................................

Tuesday, 17th March, 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!

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER …

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<td>Tuesday</td>
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<td>St Patrick’s Day. Mrs Pamela Smith in to run the next 3 hours of our OLT Course – Understanding Dyslexia and Significant Difficulties In Reading. 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>Huntingdon Stage 3 students present the 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station School’s Out Program. Listen in from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
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<td>Final Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson for Term 1. Please return all books today.</td>
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<td>Byabarra Craft Markets. St. James’s Anglican Church 9 am – 1 pm.</td>
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<td>Happy birthday Shaun Hennessy!</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>23rd</td>
<td>Welcome Jade Derks who is joining the Huntingdon Support Teaching Staff for Work Experience for a week.</td>
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<td>Happy Birthday Ashwin Nath!</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>27th</td>
<td>Jade Derks’ last day. Many thanks for all of your help! 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.</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
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<td>Happy Birthday Calleigh Platts! NSW State Elections. Set up polling booths. 3.00 pm</td>
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APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER …

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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>National Smile Day. Mrs Trotter’s last day before she goes on leave and retires. A special shared afternoon tea to farewell Mrs Trotter at 1.15 pm.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
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<td>Final school day in Term 1. Special lunch order. Easter Bunny visits during the night. Easter Hat Parade. Whole School Assembly Kindergarten ORANGE Colour Day. Students wear and bring in an orange item for show and tell.</td>
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APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS HAPPENINGS …

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<td>Good Friday. Easter holidays start.</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>5th</td>
<td>Daylight Saving ends. Put clocks BACK one hour.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>10th</td>
<td>Wauchope Show Day 1.</td>
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<td>Happy Birthday Indyana Hamilton! Wauchope Show Day 2.</td>
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<td>Byabarra Craft Markets.</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>12th</td>
<td>St. James’s Anglican Church 9 am – 1 pm Happy birthday Gideon Marr - Grogan and Mrs Michelle Styles!</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
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<td>Term 2 School Development Day. All staff return. Mrs Wendy Trotter on leave.</td>
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**APRIL TERM 2 MONTHLY PLANNER ...**

**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.

**Wednesday**  
29th  
Small Schools’ Collegial meeting at Huntingdon Public School.  
4.00 pm

**Thursday**  
30th  
First Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson for Term 2.  
Happy Birthday Mr Besseling!  
Whole school assembly. Kindergarten students will be looking at their Jolly Phonics blends this term. Students are asked to bring in a noun containing oa in it. Eg A boat.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...**

**KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE ...** During the week we sent home a special letter to parents regarding two of our students who have allergies to certain foods. We will be sending it home each Semester to remind everyone that we all need to be aware of their special needs and make an effort to keep them safe while they are at school. **Here is a copy of the letter if you haven’t read it yet.**

We have two students at our school with severe allergies to food. They are Eliza Crombie in Kindergarten and Lachlan Golden in Year 4. If they come into contact with the food they are allergic to they can have a severe anaphylactic reaction which could be fatal. We have an Epi-Pen at school in case of an emergency and all of the staff have had Anaphylaxis Training but we want to avoid putting both Eliza and Lachlan at risk. This is why I am sending this special letter home to everyone.

Lachlan is allergic to foods containing egg white and Eliza has a severe nut allergy. She will have a reaction to all nuts but is highly allergic to peanuts. Being in Year 4 Lachlan is more aware of what he cannot eat so on birthdays and special occasions, when cakes and biscuits are brought in for students to share, he has his own special treat container to ensure that he doesn’t miss out. Eliza, being in Kindergarten, is more vulnerable to being exposed to nuts and nut products and has already had a slight anaphylactic reaction after being near a student who brought in some nuts for morning tea.

We have made all of the students aware on several occasions of Eliza and Lachlan’s special dietary needs and we don’t want either of them to be put at risk if this can be avoided. It is for this reason that I ask that parents please do not send in whole nuts, especially peanuts, or anything containing nut products to school with their children for snacks or for lunch if this can be avoided. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated! We want to assure you that at Huntingdon Public School we strive to ensure that all students continue to be in a caring, happy and safe environment.

**HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL’S P & C MEETING ...**  
The Huntingdon P & C’s second meeting for this term was held yesterday at 3.00 pm. Special thanks to all families who were able to attend. We would have loved to have seen a few more of our new and regular families attend and we are hoping that we get an even bigger attendance at our next meeting.
At our meeting we discussed the upcoming elections, a P & C cake stall and raffle on the day, as well as a special lunch order on our last day of Term 1. We also looked at how the P & C can assist us by helping us to purchase some much needed literacy resources.

Our P & C Secretary Mrs Sophie Love examined some innovative ways to fundraise throughout the year. This included organising a mid-winter Huntingdon Ball in Term 2. More news to follow. The next Huntingdon P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 4th May, at 3.00 pm.

Our P & C Secretary Mrs Sophie Love.

HUNTINGDON P & C CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015 ... Once again my thanks to everyone who 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.

STEWART HOUSE ... Two Huntingdon School Year 6 students left for a two week stay at Stewart House yesterday. Both Tyson Boese and Jye Baker should have lots of adventures to tell us about when they return on Friday, 27th March.

WE FAREWELL MRS TROTTER ... As I mentioned in our last newsletter Mrs Wendy Trotter will be leaving us at the end of Term 1 after spending 27 years at Huntingdon Public School. Having had the pleasure of working with Mrs Trotter for more than 25 of those years we can’t let her leave us without giving her a special farewell.

SPECIAL FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA ... We will be having a special Farewell To Mrs Trotter Afternoon Tea on Wednesday, 1st April at 1.15 pm. Cakes and slices will be provided and parents who would like to bring in something on a plate and join us are welcome to do so. We are having the farewell to give the students the opportunity to say farewell and good luck to Mrs Trotter and make her last day at school a memorable one.

You are welcome to join us for a shared afternoon tea on Wednesday 1st April at 1.15 pm to make Mrs Trotter’s last day at Huntingdon a special one.

SAVE THE NEW TENTATIVE DATE FOR MRS TROTTER’S OFFICIAL RETIREMENT FAREWELL ... We asked everyone to keep Saturday, 20th June free for Mrs Trotter’s farewell at the Wauchope Country Club but this has had to be postponed to Saturday, 12th September (hopefully) instead. We would love to have as many of our current and past families who have also had the pleasure of working with and knowing Mrs Trotter attend on the night. Once again we will be sending home a special note with the cost involved in the near future. We will also confirm this date shortly.
LUNCH ORDERS FOR FRIDAY 13 TH MARCH ... Many thanks to all families who placed a lunch order for Friday, 13 th March. The hot dogs were delicious and I have to thank our Canteen Co-Ordinator Mrs Jessica Cunningham for organising the special lunch orders for us. Also, a BIG thank you to our helpers on the day - Mrs Sharon Young, Mrs Stacey McDonald, Mrs Amanda Platts and Mrs Sophie Love.

GWENDA STANLEY PERFORMANCE ... Comboyne and Herons Creek Public Schools, their staff, parents and principals joined us last Friday for the much anticipated Gwenda Stanley performance. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, Ms Stanley was unable to perform last Friday, which was a huge disappointment for everyone.

The owner of the Young Australia Workshop, for whom Ms Stanley works, has apologised for the huge inconvenience this caused and has promised to give each of the three schools a free performance later in the year as well as compensate the schools who hired a bus to get to our school.

I must commend all of the students from the three schools for their exemplary behaviour while they interacted and played some sporting games during the afternoon. Comboyne students also joined us for part of our normal whole school assembly.

OUR MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS ON THURSDAY 19 TH MARCH... Students are reminded to bring in their Port-Macquarie Hastings Library cards so that they are able to exchange their books at the Mobile Library Van on Thursday, 19 th March. This will be the final visit of the Mobile Library Van for this term.

The Kindies were tickled ‘ pink ’ to be able to join in with some of the boys and girls from Comboyne and Herons Creek schools.
Jye Baker is one of our school’s best oral readers, according to Mrs Liz Wilmot.

**THIS FRIDAY IS KINDERGARTEN GREEN 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 GREEN which ties in nicely with Saint Patrick’s Day and next Friday it will be BLACK or GREY.

Isabella Paulson is looking forward to wearing her bunny ears at the Easter Hat Parade while Jye and Nikita look on.

**SPECIAL LUNCH EASTER ORDER ...** A separate note for this will be sent home by Mrs Cunningham later this week. We hope that everyone is able to put in an order for what will be the final special lunch order available this term.

**SPECIAL EASTER COLOURING IN COMPETITION ...** We have several Easter Colouring In Competitions happening at the moment. Our school, Aunty Colleen and Mrs Brenne – our Scripture teachers, and the Wauchope Newsagency are all asking any interested students to be involved, with some great prizes on offer. Good luck to all Huntingdon students who already have and who are entering the competitions!

**QUIZWORX PERFORMANCE ...** This Thursday, at 1.45 pm, we will have a special performance put on by a group called Quizworx for all of our students. There is no charge involved and we are grateful to have Quizworx come and perform for us.

2015 EASTER HAT PARADE ... A reminder that we would like ALL students to be working on making their special Easter hats or bonnets for our annual Easter Hat Parade. This is always a highlight of the year and we hope that this year is no exception. We don’t want students to go to a lot of trouble but just join in for what promises to be a memorable last day of term.
2 WAY FM COMMUNITY RADIO STATION’S ‘SCHOOL’S OUT’ PROGRAM ...
Our Stage 3 students will be presenting the first 2 WAY FM Community Radio Station’s School’s Out Program for this year tomorrow night from 6.00 pm to 8.00pm. If you get the opportunity then please listen in as the students talk about themselves and some of the great things happening in our school.

Our School Captain Jorjia-Rose Styles always looks forward to being a presenter and will be one of our presenters tomorrow night.

TWILIGHT TOUR AT WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL ... All Stage 3 students have received a special invitation to Wauchope High School’s Twilight Tour next Tuesday, 24th March from 4.30 pm until 6.00 pm. It’s a wonderful way for parents and students with students in Years 5 and 6 to see what Wauchope High School has to offer as they showcase their school, their staff and amenities.

YEAR 6 FORMS TO WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL ... This Friday I have to send the Expression Of Interest forms to Wauchope High School so that they know how many of our Year 6 students will be enrolling next year. At this point in time I only have four of the nine forms returned. Could all parents with students in Year 6 please return these forms prior to Friday please so that we don’t have to ring you. Many thanks!

WORK EXPERIENCE ... Ms Jade Derks is joining our Teaching Support Staff next week to do Work Experience. Ms Derk lives in Byabarra and currently attends St. Columba School where she is in Year 10. We are looking forward to her joining out school’s teaching support team.

SMALL SCHOOLS’ TENNIS GALA DAY ... This Friday it is the Small Schools’ Tennis Gala Day and we have eight of our students attending. They are:-
A Team Thomas Driver and Leo Kidd  
C Team Jason Brown and Xander Brown  
D Team Isabella Paulson and Shaun Hennessy

Good luck to all of our teams and a special thank you to Mr Alexander for being our coach and team selector. Last year Huntingdon ended up winning all four divisions but we are not participating just to win. What’s more important is having fun and learning the skills of the game.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ... Happy birthday wishes to Emilie Luke, Shaun Hennessy and Ashwin Nath! They have already celebrated, or will be celebrating, their birthdays this week and next week.

Lachlan Golden recently celebrated his birthday.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY AND PLAQUE ... During the week Mr Darcey Elbourne and his wife Margaret delivered our special ANZAC DAY Centenary Plaque to our school. It has been attached to ‘Darcey’s Rock’ near our hall and is a wonderful addition to our school grounds.
Margaret and Darcey Elbourne delivering our ANZAC DAY plaque.

NO HAT, NO PLAY IN THE SUN - MELANOMA PREVENTION TALK ... On Friday, 6th March, Mr Jay Allen and three members from the Melanoma Institute visited our school to talk to all students about keeping themselves safe in the sun.

During the talk Mr Allen gave away lots of prizes to students who answered questions correctly. These included hats, T-shirts and arm bands.

Jorjia-Rose Styles thanking Mr Jay Allen for his talk.

Some of Huntingdon’s Melanoma Talk prize winners.

SUN DIAL ... This has now been attached and next time you visit us during the day and would like to know what the time is you can check it out!

“It's home time Mr Fuhrmann!”
THE SCHOOL HAS A NEW MOBILE PHONE NUMBER …  A BIG thank you to the Love – McCarthy / Troth Families for donating and organising our school’s mobile phone. You are wonderful!

Our school’s Mobile Number is :- 0491 153 780 and it will be invaluable on school excursions and when we have any power black-outs. Once again, many thanks!

MRS McCANN’S MATHS ‘N’ MOVEMENT PROGRAM …  Huntingdon students are continuing to enjoy participating in the Maths and Movement Program with Mrs McCann.

SEVENTH PRIMARY STUDENTS having fun Robbing The Nest!

SEMESTER 1 PHOTOGRAPHS …  Approximately 600 of our Semester 1 photographs have been saved and will be available on our school’s website.

SCHOOL WORKBOOK AND STATIONERY FEES …  Once again many thanks to all families who have already paid our school’s annual Workbook 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 …

TWO IRISH JOKES – TODAY IS SAINT PATRICKS’ DAY …

‘What’s wrong with Murphy?’ asked Father Green. ‘I don’t know, Father. Yesterday he swallowed a spoon and he hasn’t stirred since,’ said Mrs Murphy.

Paddy says “ If you were stranded on a desert island who would you like most to be with?”
“ You!” My Uncle Mick replies.
“ Paddy… What’s so special about him?” asks Mary.
“ He’s got a boat!” says Uncle Mick.

OUR SECOND SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 4 …  This afternoon all of the Huntingdon Teaching staff will be spending three hours continuing our 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 is coming in to run the course with us from 3.00pm until 6.00pm.

Mrs Pamela Smith, our Learning and Support Consultant.
COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Our Indoor Pool will provide Learn to Swim classes and Aquarobics classes through the Winter months. The Learn to Swim classes will be suitable for Mums and Bubs (6 months upwards) to our Goldfish level.

Programs,
Intensive Program (Mornings)
Week 1 Tues 7th – Fri 10th April
Seahorse level $44, Goldfish Level $40
Week 2 Mon 13th – Fri 17th April
Seahorse Level $55, Goldfish Level $50
Term 2 9 week Program
Mon 20th April – 22nd June
Mums & Bubs classes $80
Seahorse Level $104 Goldfish Level $96
This program will be run Mon to Fri afternoons & Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat Mornings
Aquarobics classes will be run Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons 5.30-6.30pm and we will be provide Morning classes.
Casual visit $11
5 pass $45

WAUCHOPE ROTARY will host a 70’s and 80’s dance night and charity auction on Saturday May 2nd 2015.
The event will be held at the Wauchope Showground Hall at 6.30pm and cost is $25 per person.
All net funds will go to the Wauchope Health Campus (Wauchope Hospital). Bring your own drinks and nibbles. The entertainment for the night will be Even Stephens.
Tickets are available from Holiday Coast Credit Union or by contacting Patti Berrigan on 0409 079 745 and Kathryn Stephens on 0417214507.
A night of fantastic music from 1970’s and 1980’s, awesome prizes to be won and bought at auction. Come along and have fun.
Raelene Monkley
Treasurer
Wauchope Rotary
PH: 02 6580 8278
Email: rmonkley@hccu.com.au

BJP PHYSIE
"Empowering girls for life"
The first TWO classes are FREE!
Classes are now held at the Wauchope Primary School Hall
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5-8yrs 4:30-5:30
9-12yrs 5:30-6:30
Mondays & Wednesdays
13-16yrs 4:30-5:30
Ladies 5:30-6.30 & Wednesday 6:30-7:30
Please contact Annette Wannell on 0447 157 340 or Lisa Wannell on 0409 125 664 for more information for you & your daughter

PHYSIE-DANCE-PHYSIE-DANCE
‘FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP’
The first TWO classes are FREE!
Classes are now held at the Wauchope Primary School Hall

What is PHYSIE ?
Dancing for girls and women of all ages- Fun, upbeat, pop music is the soundtrack to a sport that fuses dance styles such as jazz, ballet, hip hop, contemporary, aerobic dance and even yoga!

www.physicalculture.com.au
Wauchope Blues Junior Rugby League
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

FREE Triple P Parenting Group
Helping you raise happy confident kids

DATES: Tuesdays: 21st & 28th April and 5th & 12th May 2015
TIME: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
VENUE: Wauchope Library - High Street, Wauchope
PRESENTER: UnitingCare Burnside Hastings Family Support Service

Bookings and Information
Phone: 6691 6420 or 0417 806 083
Morning tea provided

Raising funds for Comboyne Community Preschool

Greg Hudson Hilarious Hypnotic Entertainment

• 18th April 2015
• Doors open 7.00pm
• Limited seats: $20 per

20th MARCH
A story based on the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen
AUDITIONS
Montana’s on High
(High Street Wauchope adjacent to Motel)
4:30pm-5:30pm
Friday March 20, 2015

If you answered yes to any of these then here is your chance to show the world!

The Ugly Duckling