HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Fortnightly Newsletter  Tuesday, 8th September, 2015

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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!

SEPTEMBER TERM 3 MONTHLY PLANNER ....

Wednesday  9 th  School Photographs. Iain McKinlay 9.00am
Friday  11 th  RUOK? Day.
Tuesday  15 th  2 WAY FM Community Radio School’s Out Program. 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Years 4 and 5 running the program.
Thursday  17 th  Happy birthday Mr David Anderson. Timbertown Excursion Years 4, 5 and 6.
Friday  18 th  Final day Term 3. Have a safe and happy holiday!

OCTOBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ....

Wednesday  7 th  Pat Preston CRL skills session 1.
Friday  9 th  James Turnham Surf Life Saving talk.
Monday  12 th  Huntingdon vs Long Flat Tennis Cup at Huntingdon PS.
Wednesday  14 th  Happy birthday Samual Smith.
                    Pat Preston CRL skills session 2.
Thursday  15 th  Responsible Pet Visist. Tracey Goulding and Stormy. 12.30pm – 1.10pm.
                                          Mobile Library Van returns.
Friday  16 th  Small Schools’ Cricket Gala Day. Andrew’s Park.
Saturday  17 th  Happy birthday Cooper Dick.
Monday  19 th  National Water Week.
Tuesday  20 th  The Silly Scientist visit. 1.45pm.
Wednesday  21 st  Pat Preston CRL skills session 3.
Thursday  22 nd  Happy birthday Bailey Gavin.
                    Kindergarten Orientation Day 1. 9.00am – 11.00am
Saturday  23 rd  Happy birthday Tristin Bramwell.

OCTOBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER ....

Saturday  19 th  Happy birthday Mr Liz Wilmot.

NOVEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Sunday  1 st  Happy birthday Jason Brown.
Tuesday  3 rd  Happy birthday Bodhi Paulson.
                    Annual Huntingdon Cup. Three races K- 1, Y2- 3 and Y4 – 6 after Crunch and Sip.
Thursday  5 th  Kindergarten Orientation Day 3. 9.00am – 11.00am
Wednesday  11 th  Remembrance Day. Special Remembrance Day Assembly at 10.40am.

Saturday  31 st  Happy birthday Mrs Liz Wilmot.

Sunday  1 st  Happy birthday Rueben Hirst.
Tuesday  3 rd  Happy birthday Matilda Bates.
                    Daylight Saving starts in NSW. Add 1 hour today.
Thursday  5 th  Kindergarten Orientation Day 4. 9.00am – 11.00am
Wednesday  11 th  Remembrance Day. Special Remembrance Day Assembly at 10.40am.

Tuesday  6 th  Term 4 starts. First day back at school for staff and all students. Welcome back!
                    World Teachers’ Day.
NOVEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...

Thursday 19 th  Happy birthday Amelia Paulson. Intensive Swimming.
Friday 20 th  Happy birthday Eliza Crombie. Intensive Swimming.
Sunday 22 nd  Happy birthday Teagan Smith, Mrs Rachel McCann and Mrs Cheryl Carpenter.
Monday 23 rd  Intensive Swimming.
Tuesday 24 th  Intensive Swimming.
Huntingdon Y6 students present the ‘School’s Out Program’ at the 2 WAYFM Community Radio Station.
6.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 26 th  Happy birthday Joseph Hamilton! Intensive Swimming.
Friday 27 th  Final Intensive Swimming.

DECEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Tuesday 1 st  Special Helpers and Volunteers’ Thank You Morning Tea. 11.00am
Thursday 3 rd  Happy birthday Kelly Styles! Year 6 Orientation Day at Wauchope High School.
Tuesday 8 th  Huntingdon’s 2015 Final Assembly in the School Hall. Starting at 10.00am – 1.30pm. Special lunch order. Annual presentations of academic, sporting, creative arts and citizenship awards and certificates. 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.

DECEMBER TERM 4 MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...

Wednesday 16 th  Last day Term 4. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday!
Saturday 19 th  Happy birthday Mrs Merridy Golding!
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 Oszt!
Thursday 21 st  Happy birthday Jacob McDonald!
Wednesday 27 th  All teaching staff return. School Development Day Term 1. Welcome back!
Thursday 28 th  Y1 – Y6 students return. Welcome back!
Friday 29 th  Kindergarten students begin. Best Start testing begins.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ...

IT’S BEEN ANOTHER REALLY BUSY AND REWARDING FORTNIGHT! What an amazing fortnight it’s been and there have been so many memorable moments that we’ve been able to capture using our cameras. There have been some truly magic moments starting off with our Book Week Parade and Book Fair, special lunches, SASS Recognition Week celebrations, our Myuna Bay Camp, Fathers’ Day and Fathers’ Day Raffle, David Cooper and David Reneke’s visit, the Year 6 Transition Day at Beechwood Public School, the Mobile Library Van visit and finishing off with the Upper Primary District Golf Championships that were held yesterday at the Wauchope Country Club.

BOOK FAIR FOLLOW UP ... A special thank you to all families who very kindly purchased and donated some books at our 2015 Book Fair. Also a BIG thank you to Mrs Rachel McCann for organising, not only the Book Fair, but all of the great 2015 Book Week activities. The staff, students and special visitors certainly had fun during the week with the highlight being the Book Week Parade.
All of the Huntingdon staff and special visitors Mrs Cox and Mrs Robinson had fun on the day!

Some of the costumes this year were some of our best ever! A BIG thank you to all students who took the time to become involved.

Jorjia-Rose Styles and Amelia Paulson looked great as an Oompa Loompa and Pippi Longstocking.

Jessie Smith-Petrovic looked fabulous as the Fairy Godmother from Shrek.

Mrs McCann was really impressed to have sold more than $500.00 worth of books during the Book Fair and she has already accessioned the books that were very kindly donated by families to our school library so students can start borrowing them. Once again many thanks to everyone who purchased and donated one or more books for our school library.
SPECIAL VISITORS ... Hastings’ Librarians Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson were our special guests for our special Book Week Assembly and they read and acted out the book *Snail and Tortoise Are Friends.*

Mrs Virginia Cox, ‘Snail’, and ‘Tortoise’, Mrs Elizabeth Robinson.

The students and audience loved their costumes and enjoyed their acting skills as they read out of the book.

I’M GLAD I WASN’T A JUDGE ... Mrs McCann asked five members of our audience to be judges and award prizes to some of our students participating in the Book Week Parade. I certainly didn’t envy any of the judges who had a difficult task selecting the respective winners in each category they were given. Why? The costumes students wore all looked wonderful.

Mr Richard Crombie awards his prize to the good fairy Jye Baker!

What was really rewarding was seeing so many of our students having fun during Book Week.

Mrs Elliott’s class looked spectacular. Can you guess who they all are?

Meg Driver with ‘Pebbles’ - Indyana Hamilton.
We hope the activities during the week helped them to develop a real love of reading and I know I speak for everyone when I say that we are already looking forward to Book Week in 2016.

_Eliza Crombie and Lyla Cunningham enjoyed dressing up for Book Week._

What was really wonderful was having so many of our families attend on the day and joining us for our special lunch.

_Mr and Mrs Troth and Mr Leslight enjoyed the Book Week Parade._

**BOOK WEEK LUNCH ORDER THANK YOU...** Many thanks to Mrs Jessica Cunningham for organising the special Book Week Lunches for us all. It certainly helped to make our Book Week Parade a memorable one.

**IT'S SASS RECOGNITION WEEK...** Last week we celebrated SASS – School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week and although I mentioned some of our SASS and supporting staff in our last newsletter there are several more that I would like to recognise and thank this week.

They are Mrs Amanda Platts who completed her School Learning Support Officers Course at our school and is a regular volunteer. Mr Joshua Bramwell deserves a special mention because of his great work in ICT while Mrs Madeleine Besseling was on sick leave and of course we couldn't survive without our wonderful P & C Executive and Canteen Manager Mrs Jessica Cunningham.

Also a special mention and thank you to all parents and community members who have come in on a regular basis to assist the students and staff during the year. This includes our three Scripture teachers. We are very grateful for your support and for helping to make Huntingdon Public School the special place that it is.
SMALL SCHOOLS’ MYUNA BAY CAMP … I have to congratulate all of the students who attended the Small Schools’ Myuna Bay Camp on their overall behaviour, enthusiasm and determination during the three days that we were away.

Nikita gives dad a final hug before the bus left Andrew’s Park at 7.00am

It would have to be one of the best groups of students that I have had the pleasure of taking away ever and we had lots of memorable experiences!

Luella, Isabelle, Kyle, Luke and Tristin enjoying the back seat.

Some of the activities that the students participated in while they were at camp included Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Archery, High Ropes, Giant Swing, Rogaining and a Cook Out. A Trivia Night and Spotlighting Challenge were two of the fun night activities.

All of the boys enjoyed being in their own rooms in the Maroubra Lodge with Mr Thomas, Mr Keene and Mr Fuhrmann.

Shaun Hennessy and Jessie Smith-Petrovic ready to climb the Rock Wall.
One of the highlights of the camp was the way everyone mingled with the boys and girls from the other small schools. The students in Years 3 to 6 from **Comboyne, Rollands Plains** and **Long Flat** joined the **Huntingdon** students at Myuna Bay and it was great to see them form some solid friendships which will hopefully last until they go to high school.

All **Huntingdon** students attempted the challenging outdoor activities that were presented to them and some, such as the **Rock Wall**, **Giant Swing** and **High Ropes** were quite scary if you were attempting them for the first time. I was very proud of all **Huntingdon** students and the way they encouraged one another and worked as a team.

The accommodation and food at Myuna Bay was excellent and most of our students went back for seconds for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We also had supper before going to bed. I managed to take approximately 350 photographs while we were there and I will make these available for parents who might like to have a look at them and see what the students did while we were there.

I was with the **Rock Lobsters** – Years 3 and 4 and Mr Thomas was with the **Wobbegongs** – Years 5 and 6 so I am waiting for some of the photographs from his group before I compile the **Small Schools’ Myuna Bay Excursion Photographs Collection** for parents to borrow.

Many thanks to all students who allowed their children to attend the Myuna Bay Camp. They will cherish some of the experiences they had there for many years to come. It’s a pity I wasn’t able to take all of the Upper Primary students with me because the seats in the bus had already been filled. I hope that when we go to **Canberra** next year it will be possible for everyone in my class to attend.

A special thank you to **Mrs Elliott** and **Ms Oszpet** for looking after some of the students in the Upper Primary classroom who weren’t able to attend the Myuna Bay Camp.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...** In my classroom I have some inspirational posters on display. Here is the next one:-

**EXCELLENCE:** Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.  
**John W Gardiner.**
ASTRONOMERS DAVID COOPER AND DAVID RENEKE VISIT ... On Monday, 24th August, local astronomers David Reneke and David Cooper visited our school to talk to all of the students about our solar system. I heard that it was a really informative session and the students and staff really enjoyed the experience.

Indyana, Rueben, Max, Cooper, Adam and Calleigh have their Space questions ready to ask Mr Reneke.

FATHER’S DAY AND SOMEONE SPECIAL RAFFLE TICKETS AND PORTRAITS ... We hope that all Huntingdon dads were spoilt and enjoyed Father’s Day on Sunday!

Adam Bramwell and Olivia-Grace Brown with their portraits of their dads.

Jessie Smith-Petrovic proudly displaying her dad Stan’s portrait.

Many thanks to all families who purchased their Father’s Day or Someone Special Portraits. Most of them were sent home last Friday but some of the students who went to camp are still in the process of putting their final touches on them and they will be sent home as soon as they are completed this week.

Jessie Smith-Petrovic proudly displaying her dad Stan’s portrait.

First prize was an IGA gift pack and it was won by Ren Peterson

Second prize – Dougherty’s Car Clean voucher was won by Linda Bates

Third prize - $20.00 Lewis’ Meats voucher was won by Chris Baker

Fourth prize was a phot album and it was won by Gaby (C/- Leslight Family)

Huntingdon’s P & C ended up raising more than $193.00 from the Fathers’ Day Raffle which was a great effort!
WOOLWORTH’S EARN AND LEARN STICKERS … Many thanks to all families who are continuing to send these in. It is appreciated! Please keep them coming in as the Earn and Learn promotion will be ending soon.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS … A reminder that our 2015 school photographs will be taken tomorrow, 9th September at 9.00am. We will need everyone in school uniform and the 2015 School Photograph Pre-Paid Envelopes with any orders returned by then. Many thanks to all families who have already pre-paid and returned their orders forms.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO … Jye Baker who celebrated his birthday last Friday, 4th September. Many happy returns!

They participated in six activities during the day. They were Aboriginal Dance, Hip-Hop, Science – Making An Electro-magnet, Drama, Square Dancing and African Drumming.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY … The 2015 Year 6 Transition Day, where all students from the BAGO Community of Schools get the chance to get together for a day, took place last Thursday, 3rd September at Beechwood Public School. Many thanks to Mrs Michelle Styles for assisting with transporting our Year 6 students to Beechwood Public School on the day. Huntingdon’s Year 6 students were given the opportunity to mix and mingle with students from the other small schools as well as Wauchope and Beechwood Public Schools.

FANTASTIC KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER … Some great things have been happening in Ms Oszpet’s classroom. Her first Kindergarten -Year 1 Classroom newsletter informing parents about some of the wonderful achievements and exciting things that have, are and will be happening for the remainder of this term and in Term 4 was sent home this week.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS … Ms Oszpet has sent home a short parents’ survey form for all parents, with students in her current classroom to complete, to assist her with her future planning. Your feedback is valued and appreciated! Many thanks to all families who have already returned them!

SOME OF KYLE’S WINNING JOKES FOR THIS WEEK …

Q … What did the farmer use to cure his pig?
A … OINK-ment !!!

Q … Did you hear about the broken EGG joke?
A … Yeah ! It CRACKED me up!
DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS … Yesterday Huntingdon Public sent two teams to compete in the District Golf Championships at the Wauchope Golf Course. Many thanks to Mr Ian Leslight and Mr Jarad Alexander for transporting our two teams.

Huntingdon’s golf team members were Jason Brown, Luke Tomkins, Nikita Fuller, Bailey Gavin, Thomas Driver, Jorjia-Rose Styles, Isabelle Leslight and Amelia Paulson.

Unfortunately our two teams tried their best but were not able to progress to the Southern Regional finals in Kew which our school won last year. Long Flat’s B team managed to win on the day and are to be congratulated for a great effort!

We will try to regain the trophy next year and some of our students have indicated they would like to continue to play golf outside of school so that they can be selected again in the Huntingdon teams in 2016.

COMMUNITY RADIO STATION SCHOOL’S OUT PROGRAM … Next Tuesday, 15th September, Huntingdon’s Year 4 and Year 5 students will be presenting the Community Radio Station’s ‘School’s Out Program’ from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. We hope that everyone will be able to listen in.

This will be the last opportunity for the Year 4 and 5 students to be presenters because traditionally the program is run by the Year 6 students in Term 4.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY … Last Friday it was Footy Colours Day and all students and staff were invited to come to school in their favourite footy colour jumpers. A reminder that our school only collects money for one charity and that is Stewart House. The staff and students enjoyed being able to come in wearing their favourite footy team jumpers, especially Mrs Gwen Ellis who is an ardent South Sydney supporter.

Bailey Gavin and Luke Tomkins hoping to get a hole in one!

Bodhi Paulson and Ashwin Nath are two of our STAR students.
Byabarra BEER Appreciation Evening
Saturday 10th October 2015 6:00pm

The Byabarra Community Hall is holding its annual Beer Appreciation. It’s a night of fun and festivities and we hope that you are able to support us in what has become an annual event.

Come to the hall for a memorable night of beer sampling, food and games. All included in the price of $40.00

Non Beer drinkers $20.00

You will have the opportunity to sample some of the finest premium BEERS Australia and the world can produce, all served by the famous “Wenches”. Finger foods and steak sangers will be the food of choice. So put the date on the calendar and bring some friends with you, the more the merrier.

Come along with a mate or three.

All enquiries and RSVP by 2nd October to Brian Carpenter 6585 1122 or email bjcarpenter@bigpond.com

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NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.

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