HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Fortnightly Newsletter 1. Tuesday, 4th February, 2016.

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 …

| Monday | 1st  | No Scripture today. Scripture will start at 9.00 am next School Counsellor Mr Robert Hirst visit. Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival at the Wauchope Swimming Pool. Good luck to all students participating! 10.00 am – 2.15 pm |
| Thursday | 4th  | Huntingdon P & C AGM starting at 3.00 pm at school and immediately followed by our first Huntingdon P & C meeting for 2016. Everyone is cordially welcome to attend. |
| Friday | 5th  | BUSWAYS Bus Safety Talk. Visit by bus drivers Mr Robert Sanders and Mr Terry Wright. 9.30 am. Whole School Assembly Kindergarten BLUE Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a blue item for show and tell. |
| Wednesday | 10th | Hastings Small Schools’ Collegial meeting. Principals and staff. Huntingdon P.S. 4.00 pm |

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED …

| Thursday | 11th  | Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson. Students will need their Hastings library cards to be able to borrow. Let us know if your child needs a library card. |
| Friday | 12th  | Whole School Assembly Kindergarten RED Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a red item for show and tell. |
| Saturday | 14th  | Happy Valentines Day! |
| Thursday | 18th  | Happy Birthday Isabella Leslie!
| Friday | 19th  | Happy Birthday Isabella Rollan! Whole School Assembly Kindergarten YELLOW Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a yellow item for show and tell. |
| Saturday | 20th  | Happy Birthday Jacob McDonald! |
| Wednesday | 24th | Hastings Small Schools’ Collegial meeting. Principals and staff. Huntingdon P.S. 4.00 pm. |
| Friday | 26th  | Whole School Assembly Kindergarten PURPLE Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a purple item for show and tell. |

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER …

| Wednesday | 2nd  | Happy birthday Lachlan Golden! |
| Thursday | 3rd  | Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson. |
| Friday | 4th  | Happy birthday Mrs Elliott! Schools’ Clean Up Australia Day. Whole School Assembly Kindergarten BROWN Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a brown item for show and tell. |
| Sunday | 6th  | Clean Up Australia Day. |
| Friday | 11th | Whole School Assembly Kindergarten PINK Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a pink item for show and tell. |
| Monday | 14th | Happy birthday Emilie Luke! |
| Tuesday | 15th | Huntingdon students present the 2WAY FM Community Radio Station School’s Out Program. Listen in from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. |
| Wednesday | 16th | Hastings Headway Visit. Safety talk Year 3 – 6. |
| Thursday | 17th | St Patrick’s Day. |
| Friday | 18th | Small Schools’ Tennis Gala Day. Wauchope Tennis Courts. |
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ... 
WELCOME BACK EVERYONE !

A special welcome back to all Huntingdon staff, parents and volunteers and students both new and old ! 2016 is The International Year of Pulses and in China they are celebrating the Year of the Monkey.

After the recent rains and humid weather Mr Anderson and Mrs Ellis have been kept extremely busy trying to get our classrooms and school playground looking as good as they did prior to the school holidays. It has proven to be an onerous task with Mr Anderson trying to get most of the mowing completed before school started. Unfortunately, with the long grass, the mower broke down and we will endeavour to make our school look it’s magnificent best as soon as possible.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and it’s great to see everyone returning to school so refreshed and keen to start working at the beginning of the year. It certainly is great to be back ! We are anticipating and endeavouring to make 2016 not only a truly rewarding and enjoyable year for everyone but our BEST ever !.

I certainly looks like it is going to be another busy year.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTERS ...

We want our school community to be well informed about what is and what will be happening at our school so we will endeavour to send out a newsletter each fortnight. Our newsletters will be sent home every Tuesday unless we have photocopier problems or a power failure stopping us from getting the newsletter out. Please check that you have received the newsletter electronically or have a look for it in your children’s bag when they come home each Tuesday if you aren’t connected to the Internet.

GET YOUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER E-MAILED TO YOU ...

If possible we will e-mail you the newsletter every Tuesday. 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 number of our families receiving our newsletters via email is increasing and it enables families to read, enjoy and also save any of the weekly newsletters including the colour photographs.

By selecting to receive your weekly newsletter electronically you will also save Mrs Golding and Mrs Carpenter valuable time and the school money because we do not have to run off as many paper copies.

OUR OFFICE ...

This term we are fortunate to have Mrs. Merridy Golding return to greet you in our front office and Mrs. Cheryl Carpenter is in every Tuesday. If you need to call the school for any reason then Mrs. Golding or Mrs Carpenter will be more than happy to assist you.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW KINDIES AND NEW FAMILIES ...

As well as our eight new Kindergarten students we also had the pleasure of welcoming several new families to our school. Daniel and Jacob Hann have joined us from Glenorie, north west of Sydney. Talia and Bella Garavito have joined us from Engadine. We also welcomed back Sienna Leslight !

Judging by all of the smiling faces it appears that the majority of our Kindies and new students have settled in really well. Please let me know if this is not the case so we can endeavour to make the transition for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 a more positive and rewarding experience.

Daniel and Jacob Hann. More photos of everyone next week.

Daniel is in Year 3 and Jacob is in Kindergarten. Talia is in Year 2 and Bella is in Year 1. On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students of our school I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome the Templeman, Hayden, Vos, Hann, and Garavito families and their children to our school and we hope that your association with us is a very memorable, happy and rewarding one.
HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C'S AGM AND FIRST MEETING FOR 2016 ... A reminder that Huntingdon P & C’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 8 th February starting at 3.15 pm in our school library. This will be followed by our first P & C meeting for the year. We would love all Huntingdon families to attend and at Annual General Meeting we will be selecting our P & C Executive for 2016.

Please make the effort to attend and have a say in what happens in your school. We couldn’t survive without the wonderful support of our P & C Association and we will have some vacant executive positions to fill. Coffee and tea will be available and we will endeavour not to make the meeting a long one.

On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students a BIG thank you to our outgoing executive for all of their hard work and efforts during 2015. It really has been appreciated!

Our 2015 P & C Executive members were:-

President        Mrs. Sue Troth.
Treasurer / Uniforms Mrs. Stacey McDonald.
Secretary           Mrs Judith Leslight.
Canteen           Mrs. Jessica Cunningham.

WANTED ! CAN YOU HELP ? We are looking for all interested, fun loving and enthusiastic parents who would like to volunteer to be on our P & C Executive for this 2016. If that’s YOU then please attend our P & C AGM on Monday.

I am really looking forward to catching up with everyone including some of our new parents and families. If you are unable to attend but would like to be nominated for an executive position then please contact the school.

CANTEEN FOR TERM 1 ... Each day the staff and students stop working at 10.00 am for five minutes to have a piece of fruit or crunch on some vegetables such as celery sticks or a carrot. Some enjoy having a sip of water or some fruit juice. It would be appreciated if students have a piece of fruit or some vegetables available each day so they too can join in with this valuable program.. Many thanks!

OUR CRUNCH AND SIP PROGRAM ... Our 2016 Canteen Committee will meet after our P & C Annual General Meeting to discuss all aspects of our canteen operations for the year. This will include looking at the current items we have on offer and our price list. Hopefully we won’t have to increase too many of our prices as everything else is going up. An updated Canteen Menu with a current price list will be sent home next week.

OUR SCHOOL TIMETABLE HAS CHANGED ... Please note that our school bell times and school timetable has changed for 2016 as we found that our trial lunch and recess time didn’t suit. Our bell times are as follows:-

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<td>8.55 am</td>
<td>Bell rings to come in.</td>
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<td>9.00 am</td>
<td>School starts. (2 hour morning session.)</td>
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<td>Crunch and Sip. (10 minutes.)</td>
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<td>Bell rings for Morning tea - Playlunch. 30 mins.</td>
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<td>11.30 am – 12.45 pm</td>
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<td>Afternoon session. 1 ½ hours.</td>
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<td>2.55 pm</td>
<td>Bell rings to pack up and line up for buses.</td>
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<td>3.00 pm</td>
<td>School ends. Students go home.</td>
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Why the changes? We discovered many students were not hungry after eating a piece of fruit at 10.00am and not eating their lunches at 11.00 am. Coming out for lunch a little later will enable us to address this problem.
OUR 2016 SCHOOL NUMBERS ...  It’s always wonderful to have new families joining us each year. Currently we have 53 students enrolled and we are anticipating more local enrolments arriving during Term 1 when the word spreads about the wonderful things that are and will be happening at our school in 2016.

A special welcome to Mrs Alyson Hudson who is doing a fantastic job teaching the Kindergarten and Year 1 students at our school while Ms Oszpet is on leave for two years.

The break-up of class sizes and numbers is as follows:-

**Mrs Hudson** has 17 students in her class. Nine students are in Year 1 and eight students are in Kindergarten. Yeah!

**Mrs Elliott** has 15 students in her class. Eight students are in Year 2 and seven students are in Year 3.

**Mr Fuhrmann** has 21 students in his class. Four students are in Year 6, eight students are in Year 5, nine students are in Year 4.

**SMALL SCHOOLS’ SWIMMING CARNIVAL …** The Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival is being held this Thursday, 4th February at the Wauchope Swimming Pool. This carnival is designed for competent swimmers only and we have been encouraging all primary students and including capable students in Year 3 to 6 to attend. Our four fastest swimmers will make up our relay team.

If our students are fast enough at the District Swimming Carnival they can then represent the school at the District, Zone and Regional Swimming Carnivals. From there they could go on to the state championships at Homebush. Our last relay team to manage this was in 2009. Good luck to everyone attending!

This year we are also encouraging students in Years 3 – 6 to attend if they aren’t strong swimmers and they can have fun competing in the novelty events and thereby earn valuable points for our school. The emphasis being on participation and having fun rather than just winning.

All Year 3 to 6 students have been practising and working on improving their marching skills as well as learning and practicing the Huntingdon Swimming Carnival War Cry during the week in preparation for the swimming carnival. I must say I have been impressed with their enthusiasm and team effort!

Mrs. Janet Elliott and Mrs Rachel McCann will be Huntingdon’s Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival Team Managers on the day. Special thanks to the Bago Tavern for helping us to transport our students to and from the pool. Students attending will need to bring in their costume, hat and sunscreen, towel, morning tea and lunch as well as something to drink during the day.

ZERO TOLERANCE TO ANY VIOLENCE, INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR AND NOT WEARING A HAT AT SCHOOL …

At Huntingdon Public School we pride ourselves on having a happy, safe and caring environment so please let us know if your child is experiencing any difficulties or problems at school or on the way to and from school. With the co-operation and input of our Pupil School Council we have adopted a zero tolerance to any forms of anti-social behaviour and we try to encourage all students to keep themselves safe. Parents are informed by way of a note if their child or children are violent in any way, use inappropriate language, behave inappropriately at school or on the bus or forget to wear their hat. We ask for your co-operation in these matters. This is a copy of our Conflict Resolution Procedures chart.
Huntingdon Public School’s
CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

If someone annoys or pesters you at Huntingdon Public School then please remember to follow these five steps:-

1. Politely tell them to stop what it is they are doing because you don't like it.
2. Ask them why they're doing this? Both of you then try to come up with a resolution so it won't happen again.
3. If they continue to annoy or pester you then go and tell someone in your network. You should have at least five people you can go and talk to about any concerns you have.
4. DON'T retaliate! If you do you could get into trouble too!
5. Remember to always be:
   - COURTEOUS 😊
   - CONSIDERATE 😊
   - CO-OPERATIVE 😊

Let's try to make our school and the world a better place by being kind, caring and spreading good ‘ripples’!

SCHOOL CAPTAIN / VICE CAPTAIN AND PREFECT ... Congratulations to our newly elected 2016 school leaders. They were announced at our Final Assembly. We are looking forward to working with you so we can continue to make our school the special place that it is.

Our school leaders in 2016 are :-

CAPTAIN:- Tkarni Smith
VICE CAPTAIN:- Keily Styles
PREFECT:- Isabelle Leslight

CONGRATULATIONS Tkarni, Keily and Isabelle.

PUPIL SCHOOL COUNCIL:- We have selected our 2016 Pupil School Council representatives from each grade. Our Pupil School Council meets on the first Monday of each month and plays a big role in helping to determine the needs of the school and the needs of all of our students. The input of the Pupil School Council helps us in the effective running of our school.

BUS SAFETY TALK ... Mr Robert Sanders and Mr Terry Wright from Busways will visit the school on Friday to talk to all students about keeping themselves safe when they travel to and from school on the bus.
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ... We pride ourselves on the level of parental and community involvement that occurs in our school. We would, however, like to see an even greater involvement of parents and our school community in various aspects of our Literacy and Numeracy Programs plus the other Key Learning Areas. These include Swimming, Athletics, Music and Creative Arts, all Sports, P & C meetings, attendance at Working Bees and other P & C functions.

We are always looking for your suggestions on ways that we can improve parental and community participation in all aspects of school. We will discuss some of these at our first P & C meeting on Monday.

HAND HELD ELECTRONIC GAMES, MOBILE PHONES, JEWELLERY, LIPSTICK, AEROSOL CANS, TOY KNIVES, GUNS AND OTHER TOY WEAPONS ... Please note that these are not to be brought to school by students unless they have been given permission to do so. Eg: Book Week dress up days. If students have their electronic games stolen or accidentally broken then it can be very costly. We have lots of games and activities for students to occupy themselves with at school. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If any student needs to use a mobile phone after school they need to hand these in to their teacher when they get to school with a note from parents explaining why the phone is at school. It will be returned by 3.00 pm.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL :- Please note that if you are picking up your children in the afternoons then we require you to come into the school to pick them up. For safety reasons we do not allow students to run across the car park area as they could have an accident. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

FOOD ALLERGIES :- Please note that we have one child in Year 1 who could have a severe anaphylactic reaction if she eats or comes into direct contact with peanuts or peanut butter. We therefore request that children in all grades no NOT bring in any sandwiches, health bars or snacks that might contain peanuts or traces of peanuts. Many thanks, your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated!

THIS FRIDAY IS KINDERGARTEN BLUE 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 BLUE and next Friday it will RED.

Students are also able to come to school wearing something that is the colour of the week if they would like to. Last year we had a fantastic display of interesting items that the students not only brought in but also talked about. Students also enjoy having a mufti day every Friday and being able to wear something different each week.

ON-LINE MATHS RESOURCES ... If your child needs a Maths Dictionary and you have Internet access at home then look up the following site. It’s excellent! There are also more than 200 Maths Charts available for you to print and use at home. I always tell students to paste an A3 copy of the Multiplication Times Tables on the inside of the toilet door so they can practise them as they go.

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESS CHANGES: - If any parents from returning families have had their Emergency Contact Information changed since last year then please contact the school so we can amend our records. Many thanks !.

HOMEWORK ... Weekly Homework Contracts for all of the Upper Primary students have been given out and will be given out every Monday. All primary students are asked to read for approximately 15 to 20 minutes each night.
COMMUNITY NEWS ...

THRIVE CLUB INFORMATION...

The Thrive Club recommences on Friday evening the 5th February at a new starting time of 7 pm. It is a club for boys and girls who are in year 2 to year 6 at school. Finishing time has also come forward and is 8.30 pm. The address is still the same, 30 Bain St. in the Wauchope Presbyterian Church’s buildings.

For further details contact Peter on 0427 813 496 or on wauchpc@bigpond.com

Pete Huxley

After school Tennis at Wauchope Tennis Club
Come and try and get the first lesson free.
Contact Greg on 0417 466 760 or email pmtc@bestit.net.au
HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL
Student Absence Note

My child __________________________ of class _________ was absent from
school on the following dates ________________________________
for the following reason ________________________________
Parent/Carer signature: __________________________ Date: ___________

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL
Student Late Note

TO BE USED IF PARENT/CARER IS UNABLE TO ACCOMPANY CHILDREN INTO
THE OFFICE IF ARRIVING AT SCHOOL LATE
(after 9.00am, bell goes at 8.55am)

My child/children ____________________________ of class ______
is late for school today / / (insert date) for the following reason
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
Parent/Carer signature: __________________________
Date: ________________

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL
Newsletter Electronic Copy

I/We would like to receive the school newsletter electronically by email.

Name: ______________________________
Child’s name: _______________________
Child’s class: _______
Email address: _____________________________________________

BE BUS AWARE
Be safe on and around buses

bebusaware.com.au