



HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL .



Fortnightly Newsletter 3.

Thursday, 3 rd March, 2016.

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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 !

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNER

Wednesday	2 nd	Happy birthday Lachlan Golden !
Thursday	3 rd	Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson.
Friday	4 th	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.
Saturday	5 th	School Staff Development Day. Mrs Pam Smith – Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder. At Huntingdon School. 9.00 am – 4.00 pm.
Sunday	6 th	Clean Up Australia Day.
Friday	11 th	Whole School Assembly Kindergarten PINK Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a pink item for show and tell.
Monday	14 th	Happy birthday Emilie Luke !
Tuesday	15 th	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

Wednesday	16 th	Hastings Headway Visit. Safety talk Year 3 – 6.
Thursday	17 th	St Patrick's Day.
Friday	18 th	Whole School Assembly Kindergarten GREEN Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a green item for show and tell.
Monday	21 st	Harmony Day * Book club orders due today. Huntingdon P & C meeting 3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Tuesday	22 nd	Welcome Pam Smith. Staff Professional Development afternoon. Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm.
Wednesday	23 rd	Easter Hat Parade Special Morning Tea orders due in by 9.00 am.
Thursday	24 th	Easter Hat Parade. 9.00 am in the hall. Happy birthday Daniel Strain ! Mobile Library Van visit with Mrs Virginia Cox and Mrs Elizabeth Robinson. Whole School Assembly Kindergarten BLACK / GREY Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a black or grey item for show and tell.
Friday	25 th	EASTER FRIDAY holiday.
Monday	28 th	Happy birthday Ashwin Nath ! EASTER MONDAY holiday.
Tuesday	29 th	Happy birthday Calleigh Platts !
Thursday	31 st	Cricket Skills with Nathan Lyon. Whole School Assembly Kindergarten ORANGE Colour Day. Students wear and bring in an orange item for show and tell.



APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER ...

Friday	1 st	Wauchope Show Day 1. All students are going to the Show today. 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.
Saturday	2 nd	Wauchope Show Day 2.
Sunday	3 rd	Daylight Saving ends. Put clocks back one hour.
Tuesday	5 th	Final Cricket Skills morning with Nathan Lyon.
Wednesday	6 th	Dinosaur Science Incursion. Special performance for all Huntingdon students.
Friday	8 th	Last day Term 1. SCHOOL ANZAC DAY Ceremony. 10.30 am. Whole School Assembly Kindergarten WHITE Colour Day. Students wear and bring in a white item for show and tell. Wishing all students and staff a safe and enjoyable holiday !



APRIL MONTHLY PLANNER CONTINUED ...

Monday	11 th	Happy birthday Indyana Hamilton !
Tuesday	12 th	Happy birthday Gideon Marr - Grogan !
Wednesday	13 th	Happy birthday Tyler Worth !
Sunday	24 th	Happy birthday Sienna Leslight !
Monday	25 th	Official ANZAC DAY March in Wauchope. We need lots of Huntingdon students from K – Y6 attending on the day. Assemble outside the Wauchope RSL in school uniform at 10.15 am and I will meet you there.



Tuesday	26 th	School Staff Development Day. Welcome back all Huntingdon staff !
Wednesday	27 th	School resumes for Term 2. Welcome back all students ! Happy birthday Lyla Cunningham !

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ...

NEWSLETTERS ... Please note that from now on, our fortnightly newsletters will sent home on a Thursday.

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WELCOME BBQ ... Many thanks to everyone who attended our first ever welcome to our new families BBQ last Thursday. It was a great success !



Mr Danny Paulson, Amelia and Isabella enjoyed the afternoon.



" Sausage sandwich anyone ? " Ms Robyn Bernal helping to serve the many students, staff and parents who attended.

We must have had close to sixty staff, students and parents attending which was excellent.



" Cricket anyone ? " Isabelle and Luella having a ball !



Mr Nathan Lyon attended and set up some fun cricket games. Keily was just one of our students who enjoyed participating in the matches.

A big thank you to **Mrs Troth, Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Leslight and Mrs Platts** as well as **all** of the parents in the Huntingdon P & C who helped with the organisation and in some way on the day. This included the cleaning up and packing away at the end of the day. It was really appreciated ! Also, a special thank you to all of the Huntingdon staff who stayed on and made the afternoon a memorable one.



Mrs Platts, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Luke and Mr Paulson having a chat.

The food, including the potato bake, salads and desserts was delicious and I have to say a special thank you to **Mr Peter Pullen** and **Mr Axel Troth** for kindly cooking the sausages and steaks.



Mr Troth and Mr Pullen did a great job cooking the barbecue

Mr Peter Pullen has re-joined our support staff and is taking **Mr David Anderson's** place while he is on leave for another three weeks.



Sienna, Talia and Bella enjoyed playing on the Adventure Playground.

A photograph of two women standing outdoors in front of a house. The woman on the left is wearing a black tank top and has blonde hair tied back. The woman on the right is wearing a pink t-shirt with 'PARTS 72 LONDON' printed on it and a wide-brimmed hat. They are both smiling at the camera. The background shows a green lawn, a white fence, and a house with a porch.

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C CONTRIBUTIONS ... Thank you to all families who have already paid their **P & C Contributions** for the year. Per family they are **\$30.00** for **one** child attending our school, **\$40.00** if you have two children and **\$50.00** if you have **three** or more children enrolled. Please make any cheques payable to the **Huntingdon P & C Association**. Many thanks !



NEW KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2017 ... Parents of Huntingdon's Year 6 students are already being asked to nominate the high school they would like their children to attend next year. This is to assist the high schools in their future planning. We are also looking at our current school numbers and calling for any new enrolments for 2017. We have a relatively small Year 6 group this year with only four students leaving us at the end of the year to go to high school. **Our Huntingdon Enrol Now** tear-drop shaped flag is being replaced and will be back on display in the near future.

A woman with glasses and a white top is smiling and holding three hand-shaped cards. Each card has a smiley face and fingers labeled with food items. The yellow card has labels like 'Ice Cream', 'Fruit', 'Vegetables', 'Grains', 'Protein', and 'Dairy'. The green card has labels like 'Ice Cream', 'Fruit', 'Vegetables', 'Grains', 'Protein', and 'Dairy'. The orange card has labels like 'Ice Cream', 'Fruit', 'Vegetables', 'Grains', 'Protein', and 'Dairy'. The background shows a grassy area and a building.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ... Huntingdon's teaching staff will be attending school this Saturday, 5 th March to participate in a course run by **Mrs Pam Smith** called ***Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder***. If you are travelling past the school and see the cars don't be alarmed as we will be here all day. Participating in the course at the beginning of the year means that the teaching staff benefit from the training *now* rather than attending a School Development Day at the end of Term 4.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE :- During the week all staff and students were involved in our Term 1 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**. With it now being autumn and as we head towards winter I reminded students that they need to check if they and all Huntingdon families have an emergency evacuation plan at home, especially in case of fire during the night.

We discussed the importance of installing smoke alarms and if there's a fire to get 'low and go, go, go ! At school they know where we go to assemble to ensure everyone is safe but they also need a plan at home. Several years ago one of our families unfortunately had part of their house burn down due to an electrical fault and luckily everyone escaped without any injury.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VAN RETURNS ... The **Mobile Library Van** returns today and **Mrs Elizabeth Robinson** and **Mrs Virginia Cox** will be back on Thursday, 24 th March.



Lachlan Barber and Patrick McDonald love the Mobile Library Van visits.

This week is a special one for **Mrs Elizabeth Robinson** as she also celebrates her birthday this week. On behalf of everyone at our school we wish Mrs Robinson a very “ **Happy Birthday !** ”



Mrs Elizabeth Robinson helping our students to borrow a book.

BOOKCLUB ... All March book club orders are due on Monday, 21 st March. Ask any Huntingdon student and they will tell you that ... ‘ **Students who read – SUCCEED !** ’ Many thanks to all students and families who ordered something to read from Issue 1 in 2016.



‘ Readers three are we ! ’ – Keily, Kyle and Jock !

HUNTINGDON UPPER PRIMARY 200 CLUB ...

Students in the Upper Primary classroom have been given a challenge . To read for **15 to 20** minutes each day on **200 days or more** this year. Students are recording what they have been reading in their monthly **Home Reading Diaries** and are recording their nightly reading in their weekly **Homework Contracts**.

Joseph Hamilton is leading the charge and has already read **71** days this year and **Isabelle Leslight** is to be commended for reading **34** days so far. Well done !



Isabelle Leslight is not only a champion reader but also came second in the Regional 1500 metre Little Athletics Championships in Newcastle.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR REMINDER ...

We want to keep our school being the special place that it is and that means we will continue to ensure that we have a **zero** tolerance to violence, inappropriate language and any inappropriate behaviour.

We pride ourselves on providing a school climate that is conducive to learning. It is **your** school and we always strive to improve on what we do. We can't achieve this without your support.

OUR SCHOOL'S VISION STATEMENT ...

A reminder that our school vision statement is:- ***In partnership with our school community, we strive to provide the best education possible for our students in a happy, safe and caring environment.***

SENIOR CONSTABLE DEAN MAGENNIS 'OUR ADOPT – A – COP' VISIT ...

Our Adopt – A – Cop Senior Constable Dean Magennis visited and talked to all of our students on Friday, 19th February. **Senior Constable Magennis** also brought along some prizes to give to all of the students.



Senior Constable Dean Magennis being thanked by Tkarni Smith.

ABORIGINAL MURAL ...

With the weather being so hot lately, talented Aboriginal artist **Mrs. Angela Marr-Grogan** is waiting for some cooler weather before we begin painting our Aboriginal mural.

BROWN AND PINK KINDERGARTEN COLOUR DAYS ARE COMING UP ...
Many thanks to all families who have been allowing students to bring in their weekly items.



Calleigh Platts and Talia Garavito with their yellow show and tell items.

This Friday we are looking at the colour **Brown**. Next week it will be **Pink**. A reminder we don't want students wearing strappy tops unless they have sunscreen on.



Brayden Cunningham with his purple transformer.

We are encouraging students to talk about the items they have brought in. Last week **Calleigh Platts** and **Brayden Cunningham** did a great job talking about the items they had brought in.



Wauchope is turning purple with the Lasiandra Festival and so were the Huntingdon students last week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ... To **Lachlan Golden**, **Mrs Janet Elliott** and **Emilie Luke**, who celebrates her birthday on Monday, 14th March.



Happy birthday Emilie and Lachlan !

OUR PRIZE WINNING JOKES FOR THIS WEEK ...

Q ... When do clocks die?
A ... When their TIME'S up!

Q ... How do hens encourage their favourite football teams ?
A ... They EGG them on! That joke CRACKS me up!

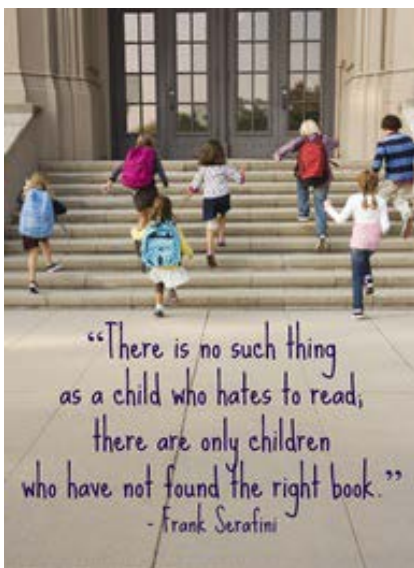
(Jessie Smith –Petrovic)

Q ... Why did Mr Fuhrmann write on the window?
A ... To make the lesson CLEAR!

(Luella Warburton)

SOME SAD NEWS ... Mrs Dorothy Elliott sadly passed away during the week and her funeral will be held tomorrow. Our deepest sympathy to both Hazel and Jo Wyatt and their family. Dorothy will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...



DID YOU KNOW ... Unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it !



OUR 2016 SCHOOL BOOK PACK AND STATIONERY FEE ... Please note that we ensure our students are given everything that they need at school to enable them to do their work to the best of their ability in their classrooms. This includes all students having access to great educational computer programs to assist them with their learning both at school and at home.

Reading Eggs, ZIP-tales, Mathletics and ZOO-Whiz are just some examples of the programs that our school, together with the financial help of our enthusiastic P & C committee, make available to all of our students.

It's really interesting listening to some of our new families and how amazed they are at how **little** we ask our families to contribute towards the costs we incur in providing our students with everything they need to be successful at school. We have never asked our students to bring in boxes of tissues or photocopy paper!

Unfortunately, the cost of purchasing students' text books and students' work books, as well as photocopying their daily work sheets and providing them with stationery and other items continue to rise. We aim to provide our students with quality work books and stationery items and this includes the materials they need for their art and craft work. In order to enable us to continue to provide these items to all of our students we need **all** families to kindly assist us by paying their annual **School Book and Stationery Fee** which is set at **\$40.00 per student** this year. This amount does not necessarily have to be paid in full, payment by instalments is acceptable. That's just \$10.00 per term!

To assist our families in paying this fee we encourage parents/carers to transfer, electronically, this amount and any fees for excursions or visiting performances that may arise throughout the year. Our banking details are as follows:

**BSB: 032-001 – Account Number: 14-1741
Account Name: Huntingdon Public School**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU INCLUDE YOU FAMILY NAME
AND DETAILS OF PAYMENT eg: Book Pack, Excursion etc**

SCHOOL ASSISTANCE FUNDING ... We do have a small amount of funding for families experiencing financial hardship to help with the costs of paying for items such as excursions, school uniforms and our school's **Book and Stationery Fee**. This funding is only available to partially assist families, not payments in full. Further details regarding this funding is available by contacting the school office. All enquiries regarding financial assistance is treated in the strictest confidence. Please contact the school if you need to access these funds. Many thanks!

COMMUNITY NEWS ...



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to bake a healthy lunch box treat.

Homemade muffins are a great way to add a fruit or veg-filled treat to lunch boxes.

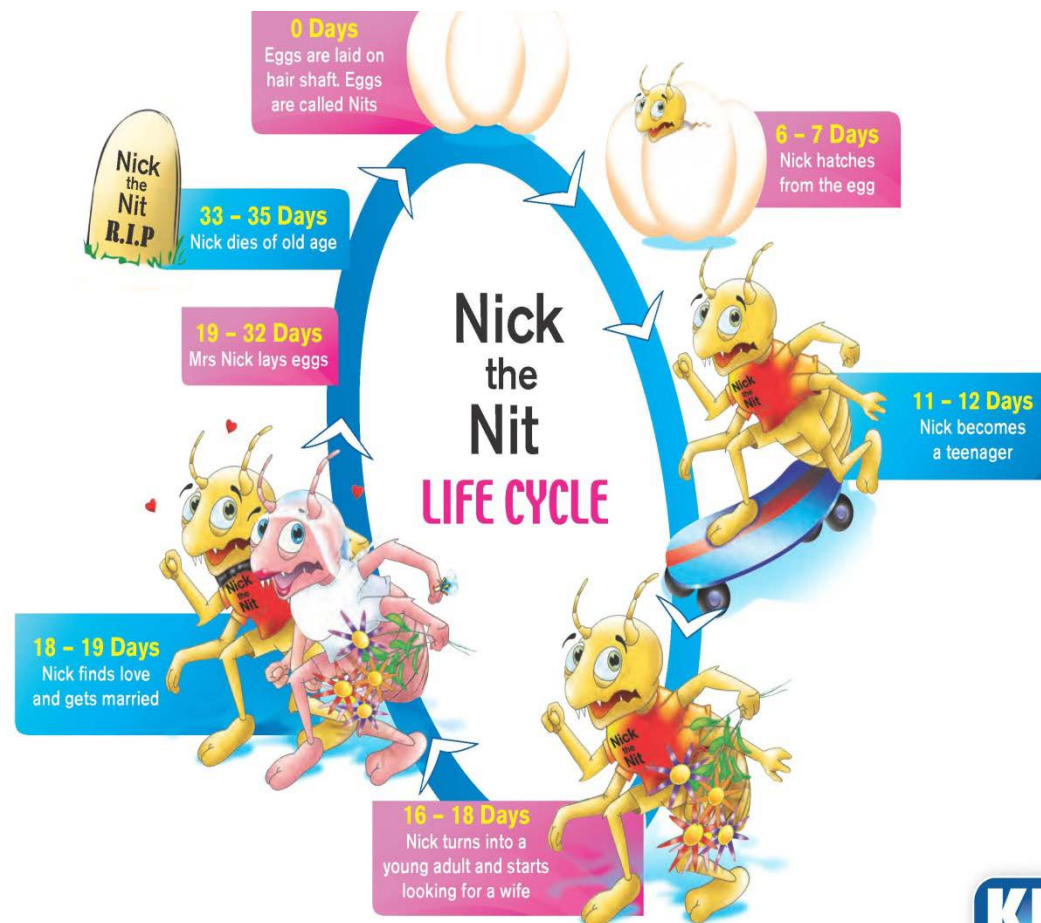
Apple and date muffins



Ingredients: 3 apples, chopped; 1 cup boiling water; 200g dates, chopped; 50g butter; 2/3 cup brown sugar; 2 tsp mixed spice; 1 egg; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp baking powder; 2 cups wholemeal flour.

Method: Preheat oven (180°C). Chop apples and dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder and flour. Mix, but do not overbeat. If mixture is too dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared muffin tin. Bake for about 15 minutes.

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