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Term 3 Week 4
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Newsletter

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.

Upcoming events

Tuesday 8 August	Kindergarten 2018 Transition - 9.40am to 10.20am
Monday 14 August	Science Fair Excursion
Friday 18 August	Book Parade and Book Fair
Tuesday 22 August	Kindergarten 2018 Transition – 9.40am to 10.20am

Skoolbag App is Now Live!

Last week, our school went live on the Skoolbag App. Skoolbag is one of Australia's most trusted school apps, empowering schools to engage parents through a simple and central communication platform. The easy-to-use desktop and mobile app streamlines all aspects of organising school life, from newsletters and events to student attendance and documentation. This app will send push notifications through, reminding parents and the community about upcoming events, will share our latest news stories with you and allow you to access notes and information that has been sent home.

The app is easy to install on your Smart Phone. Simply go to your App Store and search for Huntingdon Public School.



Professional Learning

On Friday, our teaching staff spent the day working together to reflect on our individual teaching of writing, analyse student work samples and to plan for future teaching based on individual student needs. This Professional Learning session was extremely productive and allowed our staff time to collaborate and engage in research based teaching strategies to support our students in achieving their full potential. We look forward to sharing some student writing samples in our newsletter in the coming weeks.

Kindergarten Transition Program

The second of our Kindergarten Transition visits was held today. It is so lovely to see our 2018 students so confident and happy in their new environment.

Our remaining Term 3 transition dates are:

Tuesday 22nd August – 9.40-10.20am

Tuesday 5th September – 9.40-10.20am

Tuesday 19th September – 9.40-10.20am



Kindy 2018 Orientation - Tuesday 8th August



Watt's Glowing?

Last week, Year 4/5/6 launched their Watt's Glowing project to support Sakira Knights in her mission to raise money to help find a cure for Parkinson's Disease. Our class was fortunate enough to speak to Sakira's mother on the phone to share our excitement for the project. In one week, we were able to raise \$88.35 in coins and increased the size of our light bulb each day. This project will continue this week and end on Friday. We would appreciate any donations of coins this week, big or small, to see how bright our light bulb can shine. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. We are so excited by the support of our school community.



All Packed Out

Last Friday all Huntingdon students were fortunate enough to have Chay Khamstone from the Hastings Council come and teach them all about recycling and protecting our environment. They learnt about the upcoming removal of plastic bags from supermarkets and our need to use recyclable materials, how to sort their waste appropriately and how nude food is so much better for them and the environment. As you will know Years 4, 5 and 6 have been learning about this all term and it was lovely for them to hear about this from a new voice sharing the same message. It was also pleasing to see how much the students have learnt in just 3 weeks on this topic. Please ask your son or daughter what their "take home" message was from this workshop and encourage them to do what they can to help protect our beautiful environment.



Book Week

On Friday August 18th we will be holding our annual Book Parade and Book Fair. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite book or movie character and be able to tell us who they are and which book or movie their character appears in. There will again be prizes awarded for best costumes and we are very lucky to have 2 Librarians joining us to share one of the CBCA short listed books with us and to be our impartial judges. For the book fair - books can be purchased in the hall before and after school all of Week 5 and on Friday after the parade. All books must remain at the stall and they will be delivered to classrooms Friday afternoon to be taken home provided they do not have to be ordered. As with previous years books can be ordered except for the \$1.50 books which are sold on a first to buy basis as they are in very short supply. Make sure you join us next Friday to check out all the wild and wonderful costumes and enjoy a muffin and milk afterwards as we are having a fundraiser morning tea to assist us in buying even more books for our school library. While you are here also be sure to check out the creativity of Huntingdon's students in the front foyer with book inspired posters, art and craft.



Myuna Bay Camp – 23rd – 25th August

Myuna Bay Camp is coming up quickly!! All the e-medical online forms for students have been completed. A reminder to parents/carers that any **money still outstanding for Camp is due for payment this week**. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need to confirm the balance owing or to discuss any difficulties meeting this deadline.

Science Fair

Next Monday the Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been invited to celebrate Science Week by attending an exhibition at Panthers in Port Macquarie. Last year the students were able to interact with Virtual Reality Environments, race mini drones and see high school students code a robot soccer games. They also caught up with some ex-Huntingdon students and voted on which science project they thought were the most inspiring and best presented.

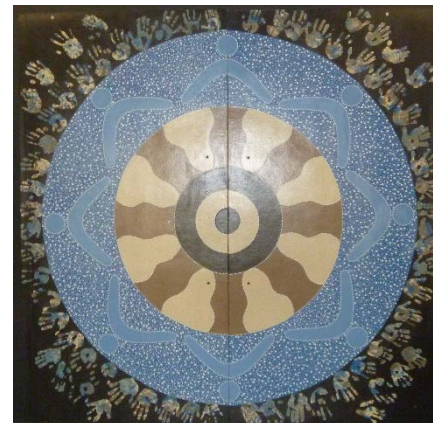
Free to a Good Home!

We have a lovely old pianola in our school hall that is not being used. If anyone is interested in this pianola, please see Miss Harris or Mrs Elliott.

Aboriginal Mural

Last week, the beautiful Aboriginal Mural that Angela Marr-Grogan supported our students to create was finally mounted in its new home in the hall. This artwork now provides a spectacular backdrop for our stage.

Thank you to Ang for all of her hard work in helping our students to create this stunning piece of art.



Community Noticeboard



Earn & Learn runs from
26th July to
19th September 2017 -
Thank you for your support

A SUPPORT GROUP FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES OF ALL ABILITIES

MEET and SHARE

WAUCHOPE

Monthly topics and guest speakers

Last Friday of each month
10.00am to 12.00pm
(February to November)

FREE
No RSVP required
Children welcome
Coffee, Tea, Snacks

Meet people in similar situations.
Share tips, ideas, info & resources.

NEXT MEETING:
Last Friday of the Month

VENUE:
Mad Hatter House
24 Hastings Street, Wauchope

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National Science Week

12-20 August 2017
Theme: Future Earth

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Healthy Bones Action Week is back August 7-13