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Term 3 Week 6
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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	
Wed 23 rd to Frid 25 th August	Myuna Bay S&R Camp
Friday 1 st September	Small Schools Soccer Gala Day
4 th -8 th September	Electricity Safety Week
Monday 4 th September	'Go Live' Day for new School Administration System
Thursday 7 th September	Library Van visit
Monday 11 th September	Fun with Maths Day
Friday 22 nd September	Last day of Term 3
Principal's Message	

Book Week

Thank you to everyone who helped make Book Week 2017 such a successful day. A special thank you to Elizabeth Robinson aka 'Gary' for sharing her story with us and to Claire Fewster for joining Elizabeth in the unenviable job of deciding between so many amazing costumes.

Congratulations to everyone who took the time to come dressed as their favourite book or movie character. It was wonderful to see everyone joining in and it was especially great to see some of our preschool aged students joining in the fun. Thank you to all of the parents for the time and effort they put into organising costumes for their children. Your support and contribution to our school is very much appreciated.

Congratulations also to the students who won prizes for their "Escape to Everywhere" Book Week posters which can still be seen in the school's front foyer.

Thank you also to everyone who purchased books from the book fair and a muffin and/or milk for morning tea. Coles Lake Innes donated all the muffins so a big thank you to them and to the Barber family whose donation was generous enough to allow me to purchase all 5 of the books I had set aside for the school. The money we raised goes straight back into your children's learning and this year we will

be selecting \$145 worth of books for the school and over \$200 worth of new computer related equipment to compliment our Beebot program. This was a fantastic community effort and it certainly stayed true to our motto, 'having fun as we learn'. See photos further in the Newsletter.

NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing

Next year, NAPLAN is moving to an online delivery format. This means that NAPLAN will move from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. The transition to NAPLAN Online is beginning this year, to ensure that schools are ready for 2018.

Some of the main benefits of students taking part in NAPLAN Online include:

- Better assessment – and more precise results. NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.
- Faster turnaround of results. Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.
- More engaging. ACARA research into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

As technology develops, ACARA aims to further refine the delivery of the tests to best use the available technology to provide increasingly sophisticated assessments and valuable feedback to teachers, parents and education authorities.

In Week 8 of this term, all students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in the NAPLAN Online readiness tests. These tests are computer-based and will be in the same format as NAPLAN Online, however, they are not being used to assess student achievement. The NAPLAN Online Readiness testing is being held to assess whether our school has the technological capacity to successfully run these tests and to provide feedback to ACARA so that they can further develop the program in preparation for 2018.

Further information about the transition to NAPLAN Online can be found at: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Kindergarten Transition Program

Today we welcomed our new Kindy students for the third time into our school. Mrs Hudson is having a fantastic time getting to know them.

Our remaining Term 3 transition dates are:

Tuesday 5th September – 9.40-10.20am

Tuesday 19th September – 9.40-10.20am

Myuna Bay Camp

Tomorrow, many of our Year 3,4,5 and 6 students head off to the Myuna Bay camp. I know that we are all very excited and are busy checking the packing list to make sure we have everything.

Students are required to be at Andrews Park in Wauchope no later than 7am tomorrow. Please note that our schedule does not allow us to wait for any students arriving late to Andrews Park. Our anticipated return time on Friday is between 4 and 4.30pm. Miss Harris will make regular posts on the Skoolbag App about our return time, so please make sure you have installed it on your phone. Miss Harris will also keep in close contact with Mrs Golding in the office, so if you do not have the app, please contact Mrs Golding for a more accurate arrival time.

Please remember, no mobile phones, tablets or devices of any kind are to be brought on camp. Miss Harris will have the school phone with her and you are welcome to contact her on that phone if necessary. Students have also been asked not to bring fidget spinners or lollies with them on camp.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Awards and Birthdays !!



Georgia and Kyle celebrated their birthday last week



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS
Brayden, Matilda, Seath, Rueban, Jock, Skylah and Tyler



Book Week 2017





Kindergarten 2018 Orientation

Sing-a-long with Frances



Community Noticeboard

Town Tennis

Come and Try Friday afternoon Junior Tennis between 4pm and 5pm every Friday at the Port Macquarie Tennis Club overlooking Oxley beach.

Great for children wanting to improve their Tennis by playing other Junior Tennis players.

The children will learn to rally, where to stand on the court and score.

Each child will receive a free sausage sandwich from our new outdoor Kitchen.

Cost \$6 per afternoon. For more info call Greg on 65849940 or email pmtc@bestit.net.au



Little Athletics is a uniquely Australian sport for children aged 3-16 years. As the name suggests, it is based upon the sport of athletics (track and field) and the events are specially modified to suit the ages and abilities of children. A wide range of running, jumping, throwing and walking events is conducted.

Wauchope Little Athletics Centre will be holding information day Saturday 26th August will be 9am till noon out the front of IGA Wauchope.

Starting on the 1st September we will be running event instructions teaching techniques for throws, jumps and running.

Competition nights will be starting 13th October.

*We run on Friday afternoons from 5:15pm at Blackbutt Park during the school term.
Cost : Under 6/17's \$90
Tiny Tots \$75*

Anyone wanting more information is invited to come along and chat to the committee. Wauchope Little Athletics catering for children aged from 3 years old up to 16 years. A new Tiny Tots program will be commencing this season.

Anyone wishing to join can go to LANSW website and follow links.

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