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Tuesday 12th September

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 19 th September	Year 6 Wauchope High School transition day
Tuesday 19 th September	Kinder 2018 transition day – 9.40am to 10.20am
Friday 22nd September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 9 th October	Students return for Term 4

Principal's Message

NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing

Last week, the students in Year 3 and Year 5 sat the NAPLAN Online Readiness Test, to help us assess whether our school had the capacity to run this in 2018. The test was a fantastic success with all students reporting that they preferred the online format in comparison to the pencil and paper format.



Impromptu Public Speaking

Yesterday, our school hosted the Small Schools' Impromptu Public Speaking Competition. Max Troth, Gideon Marr-Grogan, Lochlan Driver and Georgia Stanfield-Gates represented our school. These four students were given a topic and had only five minutes to prepare their speeches before they had to present them. Congratulations to all four of these students. It is incredibly nerve-wracking to stand up and speak about an unfamiliar topic to an audience and they did a fantastic job. Well done to Gideon, who was awarded Runner Up in the Stage 2 section.



Year 6 Wauchope High School Visit – Tuesday 19th September

This Transition Day is designed to give Year 6 students a “taste” of high school lessons and to help them familiarise themselves with high school life. They will rotate through a series of activities throughout the day. Students are asked to bring their own food and drink for recess. A BBQ lunch and drink will be provided at lunch time. Students are also asked to bring along their regular school bag and equipment as this will help them get used to toting their bags around all over a large school.

To help with organisation please ensure the permission note is completed (indicating how your child will travel to Wauchope on the day) and returned to school.

Kindergarten Transition Program

Our final Kindergarten transition for this term is next week on Tuesday 19th September from 9.40am to 10.20am.

Next term, in consultation with the parents of our new Kindergarten students, we have decided to extend the transition visits from 9am to 10am initially and then in the later weeks of term, our new Kinder students will stay with us for the full morning session.

Our Term 4 transition dates will be:

Tuesday 17th October

Tuesday 31st October

Tuesday 14th November

Tuesday 28th November

Book and P&C Voluntary Contribution Fees

There are still a number of families who have not paid their Book Pack Fee for the year. If you are not sure if you have paid this, please check with Mrs Golding at the front office and arrange your payment as soon as possible. We are also still accepting the payment of P&C Voluntary Contributions.

Mobile Dentist

Unfortunately we did not have enough responses to sustain a visit from the mobile dentist this term.

Art with Mrs Marr-Grogan

On Thursday, the Year 4, 5 and 6 class were lucky enough to have Mrs Marr-Grogan come and teach them how to use a dot and dab technique to make a beautiful concentric circle painting. They learnt about the history of pointillism (as it is also known) in Australia from its origins in the 1970s in Papunya with Geoff Bardon. They were also taught some traditional language for painting (Bibay) and colours such as Butjung for black, Watun for white and Warang for Green.

Art with Mrs Marr-Grogan



Congratulations Georgia!

On Friday 1st September, Georgia Stanfield-Gates represented our school at the North Coast PSSA Athletics Carnival in the Senior Girls Shot Put Event. Georgia was placed 10th in this event which is an outstanding result. Congratulations on your achievement, Georgia!

Student Safety

In recent weeks, we have had a number of safety concerns when the home time bell rings in the afternoon. Our school carpark is a very busy place with lots of cars pulling in, many cars reversing out, students making their way to the bus and many parents collecting children.

To ensure that all of our students are safe in this very busy and dangerous environment, we are requesting that all parents collecting their children, walk into the school lunch area to collect their children, rather than calling to them from the car or the children simply running out into the car park unsupervised. We thank you for working with us on this concern to keep all of our students safe.

Fun With Maths

Students enjoyed fun sessions, problem solving and critical thinking with hands on maths activities.

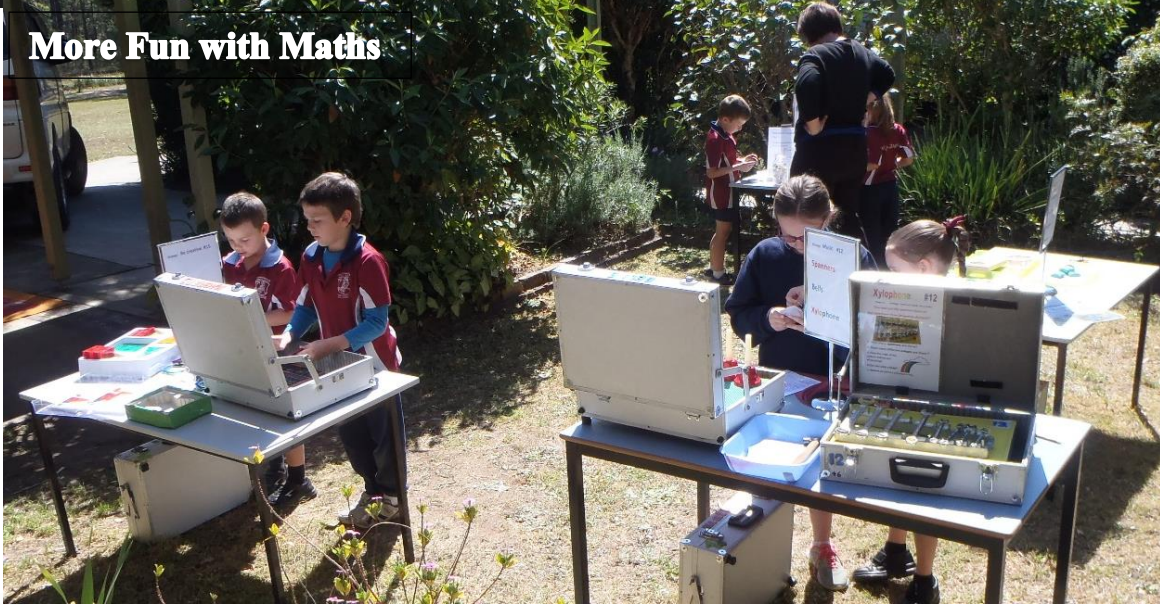


FUN WITH MATHS





More Fun with Maths



Awards

Congratulations to our award winners
**Daniel P, Amelia, Max D, Jacob S, Cooper D
& Jayden.**



Hayley Vos
11th September



Community Noticeboard



Registration night: Tuesday 26th September 2017 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Aqua scramble will be open on rego night with BBQ items available for purchase. Std pool fee applies.

2017/18 Season Details

Season: 3rd October 2017 (1st two weeks **FREE** come and try) – 13th March 2018 (excl. School holidays)

Time: 5:45pm for 6pm start

Registration Fee: Swimmer \$50

Non Swimmer \$20.00

U7's FREE

Registration enquires contact Cara Richards - 0421683060, general enquires contact Rebecca Begley – 0487 240 307



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

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



Head Lice

- Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair
- Don't share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other students.
- Thank you for your cooperation.



Sept. Oct. School Holidays 2017



Tuesday 26th September

Little Bang Discovery Club @ Port Library

from 10.30am to 11.30am

Hands on Science Workshop for 4 to 7 years olds with Parents/Carers. Bookings essential 6581 8755

Wednesday 27th September



The Wonderful World of Bees @ Laurieton Library from 10.30am to 12 noon

Join Ana from Amber Drop Honey as we find out all about bees. Why are they so important to us? How do they work together to get the job done? How can we help bees in their work? Take a look at bees up close (but safely behind glass) and learn more about their world. Have fun with some bee craft and a story or two. **This activity is for 8 years plus.** For bookings, please call 6581 8177. Honey will be available for purchase.

Thursday 28th September



It's Wauchope's turn for the **Mighty Family** Trivia Quiz Morning @ Wauchope Library

11am to 12.30pm

All ages welcome. Test your brain power with lots of fun activities. Book a family table or come along and make new friends. Lots of surprise library pack prizes! Bonus points if you wear a crazy hat. Call 6581 8162 to book your place.

Thursday 28th September

Come and celebrate the refurbishment of Kooloonbung Creek Arboretum

Local Birpai Artist, Trish McInherney will be sharing her **Water Dragon story and helping you make a weaving using local natural resources** from 10.15am to

11.15am The Official Opening with morning tea will be at 10.30am. Meet at the beautiful Water Dragon on Gordon Street (opposite Finnians). *See you there.*



Friday 29th September

Pop Up IT @ Port Library

Pop up I.T. Open Day @ Port Library

9.30am to 11.30am You are invited to come in and try the latest in 'weird techie stuff' at Port Macquarie-Hastings Library's new Tech Room - Virtual Reality, 3D Printer, Makey Makey, Raspberry Pi.

All ages welcome. No bookings required...just come along



Wednesday 4th October



Makers Market @ Port Library

9.30am to 12 noon Young stall holders are invited to sell

their handicrafts. **Registration essential** - see Virginia - 6581 8755 or

virginia.cox@pmhc.nsw.gov.au



Wednesday 4th October



Yoga For Young Ones @ Port Library

Join Phoebe from Nectar Creative Therapies for two Yoga sessions. **Pre-schoolers** with parents/carers are invited to join in a workshop from **10 am to 10.30am** and **school aged children (6 years to 10 years)** from **11.15am to 11.45am**. Bookings essential 6581 8755

Thursday 5th October



Port Macquarie Family Fun Day

Join in all the fun at Findlay Park Findlay Avenue Port Macquarie (near Westport High School). **Loads of fun for all the family.** 10am to 1pm. Look out for the Library Van.

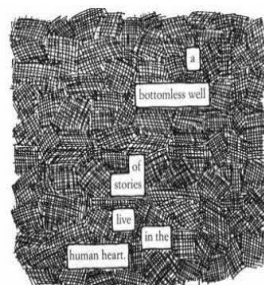
Friday 6th October



Blackout Poetry @ Port Library

10am to 11.30am

Returning by popular demand, we are gathering to explore this exciting idea. Blackout poetry focuses on rearranging words to create a different meaning. **A great activity for teens.** For bookings, please call 6581 8755



All activities free

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Port Macquarie Library - Corner Gordon & Grant Streets, Wauchope Library - High Street (near Post Office)

Laurieton Library - Laurie Street (near School of Arts Hall)

See you at the Library!