



# HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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	
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	High School Expressions of Interest to be returned for Year 6 to 7 2019
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Meeting at 3.30pm – All welcome!
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Harmony Day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Sports Ability Links Visit
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2/3 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Kindergarten/Year 1 Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4/5/6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1 2018

### Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to Live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia Home. The message of Harmony Day is **'everyone belongs'**. The day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

Our School will celebrate Harmony Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and we encourage all students to dress in costume from another country or to wear orange clothing. Orange is the colour of Harmony Day. During the day the children will be placed into three groups with children from Kinder to Year 6. Each group will 'travel' to a different country and experience some of the culture from that country through a variety of activities. They will also be treated to lessons so they understand the meaning of Harmony Day.



## ***Kindergarten 2019 – Taking enrolments now!***

Parents of children who will commence Kindergarten next year are asked to advise the school office so that enrolment numbers can be anticipated. Children who turn five on or before July 31, 2019 may be enrolled from the beginning of the school year. Please complete the table below for your child/children or for any child that you know of in the district, whom we may not know about, who will commence school at Huntingdon over the next two years and give to the school as soon as possible. This will greatly assist with our forward planning.

Please ensure that you include your name, phone number and address so that we can ensure that all information regarding our Kindergarten Transition Program can be sent. We will bring our Transition Days **next term**.

<b><i>Kindergarten Enrolments 2019</i></b>		
<b><i>Name of Child</i></b>	<b><i>Phone No.</i></b>	<b><i>Date of Birth</i></b>

**Name of person providing this information:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of parent/carers (if no other siblings at school):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ***150 Year Anniversary Celebrations Committee***

This year, our school celebrates its 150 Year Anniversary. These celebrations will take place towards the end of Term 3 and we are hoping to form an organising committee to begin the planning for these celebrations. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Miss Harris and she will arrange a meeting time for the committee to begin planning.



## ***Anaphylaxis in Schools***

This year, we have a student who has an **allergy to nuts** which can result in anaphylaxis. As one of our school values is to be caring, we would ask all families to support us in ensuring the safety of all students by refraining from packing any type of nut products in the childrens' lunchboxes, including sandwich spreads such as Peanut Butter and Nutella. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



## ***Personal Bests Around the School***

Mrs Elliott's students have been continuing to work hard on their projects about Australian Icons. It is wonderful to see the confidence they are displaying when making their oral presentations to the class and it is very impressive seeing them standing in front of the whole school to talk about their projects at our Friday Assembly.

### ***Easter Colouring in***



Mrs Marks was super excited yesterday to share the success that Lochlan, Meg and Luella are experiencing in their Maths work through persistence and hard work. Great job!



***Harley Gavin  
Great Barrier Reef***

### ***Haylee Vos, Echidna***



### ***Cooper Driver Boomerang***

***Cooper Driver, Spencer Hirst,  
Flinn Trommels & Ms Harris***





## Assembly Awards



**K - 1**

**Drake Waters, Ruby Dornan**



**Yr 2/3**

**Spencer Hirst, Matilda Bates &  
Jacob Strain**



**Yr 4/5/6**

**Calais Gavin, Meg Driver &  
Bodhi Paulson**

## Koala Trees

In conjunction with Forestry Corporation NSW, the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital is launching a 10,000 tree planting project. The goal is to plant 10,000 Tallowwood tube stock (*Eucalyptus microcorys*) around the region. The aim is for these tree seedlings to go on farms, hobby farms and locations where existing habitat can be expanded and also connected to other isolated pockets of koala habitat.

Our school has been given 100 Tallowwood tree seedlings to be "given away" to students and teachers to take home and plant. Over 2,000 of these tallowwood tube stock have already been sent out just in the last 48 hours across the region. Tallowwood is a primary food source for koalas, but it is also a very useful habitat tree that accommodates a large number of native species such as birds, possums, insects, reptiles plus thousands of micro-organisms. Of course, they are a simply beautiful landscape tree as well. If you would like some of these seedlings, please fill in the slip below and return it to school, or simply pop in and pick some up.

Name	Phone	How Many

## Stewart House Donation Drive 2018

Win a family holiday valued at \$4,000. The Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes are attached with this newsletter. Entry into the draw is only \$2.00 for your chance to win a family holiday to the destination of your choice. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please return envelopes with your donation no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. Envelopes are also available at the Front Office of the school.