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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	
Wednesday 21 st March	Harmony Day – starts at 10am
Thursday 22 nd March	Sports Ability Links Visit
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 30 th March	Good Friday
Monday 2 nd April	Easter Monday
Monday 9 th April	Year 2/3 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 10 th April	Kindergarten/Year 1 Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 11 th April	Year 4/5/6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 13 th April	Last day of Term 1 2018

Harmony Day

Harmony Day, which celebrates the diversity of Australian culture, will be observed at Huntingdon Public School tomorrow, Wednesday 21st March.

We encourage all children to come dressed as a child from another country or alternatively wear orange clothing.

The children will be placed into three groups. Each group will be made up of children from Kinder to Year 6. The groups will rotate through three activities where they will learn about the culture of another country or the significance of diversity, harmony and acceptance.

We look forward to a happy, harmonious and fulfilling day



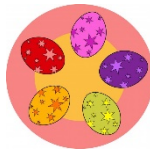
HP Technology Grant

The news has arrived that our short film entry for the \$10,000.00 HP Technology Grant has been successful. We are a very excited school and so proud of our achievement. A huge thank you to Kathleen Hayden and Sue Troth who were so passionate in ensuring that this application was put together in the short time frame we had. Our school community would also like to recognise the contribution that Mr Paddy McCann made to our school through donating his time and expertise to put together this truly professional and outstanding quality film. Finally, to those families and students who gave up their time at the last minute to ensure that we had actors to star in our film, we really appreciate your support and team work. What a fabulous result!



Easter Hat Parade

Our Annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 29th March at 10.30 am in our school hall. Students are invited to bring an Easter Hat to school to wear in the parade. Students may also come out of uniform for the day. Students need to wear protective shoes such as joggers. Thongs are not suitable to wear. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful creations and sharing this fun occasion with friends and family. Our Easter Hat Parade will be followed by a Hot Cross Bun and Moo Box Morning Tea Fundraiser, organised by our hard working P&C. Keep an eye out for the order forms over the next few days!



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 our first organising committee meeting is today at 3.30pm in the School Library.

Please join us

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

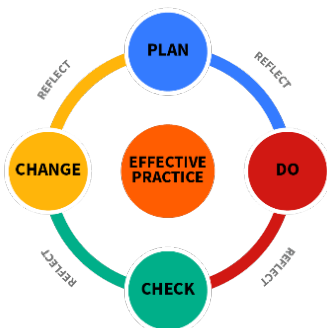
All parents will shortly receive an Appointment Booking sheet for our Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences which will take place in Week 11 of this term. It is vital that all parents attend these interviews to ensure that we are building strong partnerships in student learning. This year, all students have been setting goals in their individual learning and this is a valuable opportunity for all members of the learning team - parent, student and teacher – to share and reflect on those goals and to develop a plan for future learning.

Once you return your Appointment Booking Sheet, the teacher will send you an appointment confirmation slip, informing you of the day and time of your conference. We look forward seeing all parents in the conference process.



P&C Meeting News

Yesterday afternoon, a wonderful team of parents and staff met for our monthly P&C Meeting. At this meeting, parents and staff reflected on the progress our school is making towards achieving our two strategic directions of a School Wide Culture of Learning and High Quality Evidence Based Teaching and gave feedback on areas for future focus in Term 2. Thank you to all of the parents who contributed their time to this meeting. This collaborative and honest approach is certainly ensuring that our school community is working together to have the greatest impact on student learning outcomes. We look forward to welcoming more parents to this group in future meetings.



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. Our Transition Days will start next term.

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

Name of person providing this information: _____

Address of parent/carer (if no other siblings at school: _____

Phone No: _____

Sports Ability Links

On Thursday **Ross, Janet** and **Tamara** from **Sports Ability Links** will be visiting our school running three sessions of inclusive activities for students of all ability levels. Timetable for the day is: **9:30am to 10:15am K/1; 10:15am to 11am Yr 2/3; 11:30am to 12:30pm Yr 4/5/6.**



Assembly Award

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Assembly on Friday 16th March 2018.



*Well done
Oliver, Seath
and Daniel*



*Super job
Brayden, Harper
and Luella*



*Congratulations
Haylee, Lachlan
and Harley*



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 11th May, 2018. Envelopes are also available at the Front Office of the school.



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Ability Links is a new and different approach to supporting people with disability aged 9 to 64 years, their families and carers in their communities.

Ability Links assists people with disability to live the life they want to live as equal and valued members of their local community. Ability Links also supports those communities to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible.

Ability Links Coordinators, known as 'Linkers' work alongside people with disability to find out what is important to them, identify their dreams, goals and hopes and help to make these possible. Linkers work in partnership with people with disability, placing them at the very centre of decision making about how they want to live their lives.

Community members, clubs, groups and businesses can also contact a Linker for information or support to be as inclusive and welcoming for people with disability as possible.

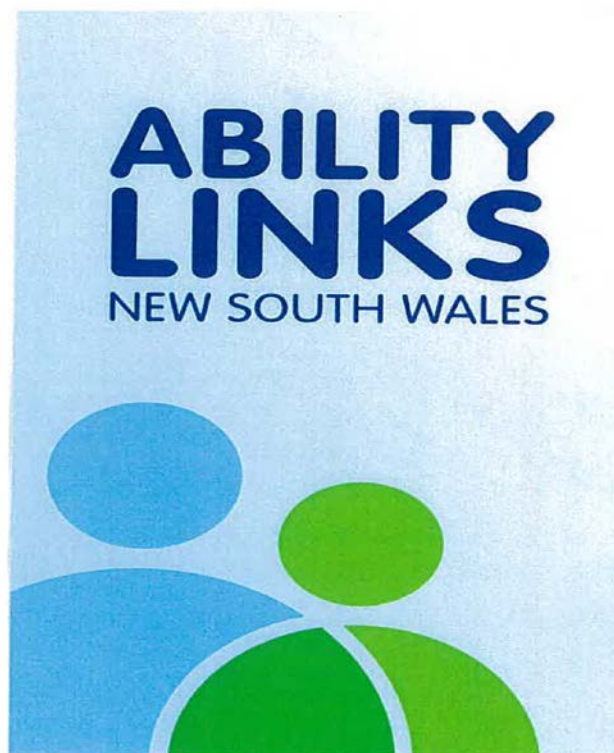
Want to find out more about Ability Links?

Email us at: abilitylinks@midcc.org.au

Visit our website at: www.midcoastcommunities.org.au

Or call one of our Ability Links offices to speak with a Linker

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**Linking people with disability to
their local communities**

