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Newsletter

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<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.*

Wednesday 6th February	<i>Small Schools Swimming Carnival</i>
Thursday 7th February	<i>Parent Information Sessions</i>
Monday 18th February	<i>P&C Meeting</i>
Thursday 21st February	<i>Library Van Visit</i>

Welcome Back

The whole school staff at Huntingdon Public School would like to welcome everyone back to another school year. We hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable break. We are all very excited to start our new school year. It is shaping up to be another outstanding year of learning, as we continue in our journey for ongoing whole school improvement to support all students in their learning.

School began in earnest last week for our teachers at our Staff Development Day. Our staff worked hard to prepare for the coming year and refresh our thinking around teaching and learning programs. It was wonderful to welcome back our returning students last Wednesday and meet our new Kindergarten students on Thursday. We have had a very positive and settled start to the year and all of our students have begun to formulate their own individual learning goals.

Staffing and Class Structures

This year, our current enrolment allows us to form 2 classes. Our classroom teachers and support staff are:

Kindergarten/Year 1/Year 2 – Mrs Hudson
Year 3/4/5/6 – Mrs Elliot
Library and Learning Support – Miss Harris
School Administration Manager – Ms Hathway
Cleaner – Mrs Swan

Release from Face to Face Teaching – Mrs Munro
Student Learning Support Officer – Miss Spargo
General Assistant – Mr Anderson
School Administration Officer – Mrs King

Donation of Every Day Consumables

We would greatly appreciate the donation of the following items to each classroom:

2 large boxes of tissues

1 bottle of liquid handwash

4 glue sticks

1 plastic zip folder for home reading and homework

Please hand these items to the classroom teacher.



School Bell Times

Morning Session – 8.55am-11.00am

Lunch – 11.00am – 11.45am

Middle Session – 11.45am – 1pm

Recess – 1.00pm-1.30pm

Afternoon Session – 1.30pm – 2.55pm

This term, we are trialling having our lunch break earlier in the day. At the end of last year, we found that most students were eating their lunch in the first break and that a shorter afternoon break resulted in the students being more settled in the afternoon session. We will be asking the students for feedback on this change towards the end of term.

Student Supervision

Please remember that our teachers are on duty to provide supervision in the morning for all students from 8.30am. No students should be at school before this time. Please help us in keeping all of our students safe by adhering to this time.

We would also like to remind parents that our afternoon bell goes at 2.55pm. If you are picking up your children in the afternoons then **we require you to come into the school to pick them up.** For safety reasons we do not allow students to run across the car park area as it could be dangerous. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. The supervision that is provided by staff from 2.55pm to 3.30pm is for our late bus children only. If your children do not catch the late bus, please ensure that you collect them at bell time.

Library in 2019!

This year, all students will participate in borrowing from the library at school to work towards completing the *Premier's Reading Challenge*. Please make sure that your child **brings a library bag** on their allocated library day each week. The school has library bags for sale at the school office for \$10 if your child requires one. The following days have been allocated to each class:

Kindergarten/Year 1 /Year 2 - Monday

Year 3/4/5/6 - Tuesday



P&C News

Huntingdon P & C's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 18th February starting at 3:30pm. This will be followed by our first P&C meeting for the year. We would love all Huntingdon families to attend.

Please make the effort to attend and have a say in what happens in our school. We couldn't survive without the wonderful support of our P&C Association. On behalf of all of the staff, parents and students a BIG thank you to our P&C for all of their hard work and efforts during 2018. It really has been appreciated!

Our School Rules

Our students will be engaging in many explicit lessons about how to show our school values in all settings across the school.

Our school rules are:

- I cooperate**
- I care**
- I am courteous**

Newsletter

This year, our newsletter will move from a weekly newsletter to a fortnightly newsletter. We will be making greater use of the skoolbag app and as our new website platform becomes accessible, we will be updating it on a weekly basis. Please make sure that you go to the app store and get our skoolbag app. Simply search for Huntingdon Public School in the app store.

School Voluntary Contribution Fee

All families are asked to contribute to the cost of supplying students with all the learning materials provided by the school. The cost of resources used every day in the classrooms, including books, pencils, pens, paper, art supplies, craft supplies, printer ink, readers etc.... is ever increasing.

The contribution amount is:

- \$30 per student**
- \$40 for 2 students**
- \$50 for 3 or more students**

This school contribution can be made at the school office at any time or via the Parent online Payment (POP) on the school website. Your contribution will greatly assist the school in off-setting the cost of providing equitable new and quality resources and materials for all students in our school.

Swimming Carnival

A reminder for all year 2 students who are turning 8 this year and Years 3/4/5/6 ONLY will be attending the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Wauchope Pool tomorrow Wednesday 6th February 2019.

The cost for this excursion is \$7.00 for each student paid to the office along with permission note.

Travel to and from the venue will be by bus with Mrs Elliott and Mrs Munro, students will depart at 9:15am and we expect to return by 2:30pm.

Recess & Lunch: Take as normal or purchase from the pool kiosk.

Wear: School Uniform and Hat. Sunscreen to be applied before leaving home.

Bring: Sunscreen, Swimmers, Tee Shirt/Rash Shirt, Towel, Drinks, Plastic Bag for wet swimmers, Spending money is optional.



Parent Information Session

A reminder that this year, we have had to change the structure of our classes due our enrolment numbers. As we said goodbye to a large group of Year 6 last year and have a very small Kindergarten enrolment for this year, our school numbers entitle us to 2 classroom teachers. As a result, we have formed a K/1/2 class with Mrs Hudson leading the way and Mrs Elliott will teach our Year 3/4/5/6 students. We are very excited to begin our new year and are looking forward to working with our students and community to meet the needs of all of our students throughout their learning journeys.

As our class structures have changed slightly, our staff would like to be able to speak with parents about their class and the routines and learning that will be taking place. To facilitate this, we would like to warmly welcome all parents to a Parent Information session in your child's classroom on Thursday 7th February. There will be two sessions held as follows:

- K/1/2 with Mrs Hudson at 5pm
- 3/4/5/6 with Mrs Elliott at 5.30pm

School Uniform

All uniforms can be purchased at the school front office, cash and cheque payments only.
(Parent Online Payments will be accepted)



Navy Full Zip Polar Fleece Jacket
Sizes 6 - 14

\$35.00

Double Knee Fleece Track Pant
Sizes 6 - 14

\$20.00



Bucket Hat poly/cotton blend, 6cm brim, adjustable toggle
Sizes 50cm; 54cm; 58cm

\$15.00



Shorts, Navy with mesh lining

\$18.00



Skort, Navy 90% poly/10% elastane

\$18.00



Polo Shirt, Sports plus micro, Maroon with White trim

\$35.00

Kindergarten 2020 – 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, 2020 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 be having our Transition Days **next term**.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2019		
Name of Child	Phone No.	Date of Birth

Name of person providing this information: _____

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

Phone No: _____

Welcome to our New Kindies



Our School Leaders

Our student leadership team for 2019 is:

Captain – Gideon Marr-Grogan

Vice Captain – Max Troth

Prefect – Daniel Strain

These three young men have started the term in a very productive and positive way. They have already worked through some ideas for the playground and have set up some smaller soccer goals to help teach the younger students how to play their own game of soccer. The boys are also working to get some suggestion boxes placed in each of the classrooms so that all students can share their ideas. Congratulations to this leadership team on their commitment to their roles.



It's Not OK to be Away

There are times when absences are unavoidable, for example due to illness. If your child is absent, a signed note must be returned to the classroom teacher that includes the date of the absence and the reason for the absence when the child returns to school.

According to the Department of Education Attendance Policy, parents should ensure that their child:

- attends school on **ALL** school days
- is on time every day
- arrange doctor and dentist appointments outside school hours
- arrange personal shopping trips with your child or birthday celebrations outside of school hours
- arrange family holidays during the school holiday period
- do not allow your child to stay home for minor reasons

Regular attendance at school is important:

- from the first day – if your child misses the basic skills in primary school, they can experience ongoing difficulties with their learning
- to ensure that learning is not disrupted – regular learning provides building blocks for the future
- to ensure the development of important social skills such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and a healthy self-esteem

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

After consulting with the students last year, we are implementing an award system to acknowledge students' efforts in displaying our school values, courtesy, cooperation and care.

At the beginning of each year ALL students are given a Bronze level card to be displayed in the classroom. The card has ten empty boxes on it to be stamped in throughout the year. Once a student has filled their Bronze card with stamps, they will receive their Bronze award at a Personal Best Assembly throughout the year. They will then receive a Silver level card with ten more empty boxes. Once a student has filled their Silver card, they will receive their Silver award. They will then receive a Gold card with ten more empty boxes. Once a student has filled their Gold card, they will receive their Gold award.

At the end of the year, eligible students will attend a Rewards Day to acknowledge their achievements in the reward system.

There are two ways a student can earn a stamp

1. Through weekly self-assessment sessions as a class and/or
2. Spontaneously when displaying examples of outstanding 3C behaviour throughout the week



