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Newsletter

Our school's website is found at: huntingdon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Thursday 21 February	Library Van Visit
Tuesday 5 March	Year 6 to 7 High School Taster Day
Thursday 7 March	Welcome BBQ
Monday 11 March	Year 6 at Wauchope High School
Thursday 14 March	Wauchope High School Twilight Tours and Thelma the Unicorn

RECEIVING OUR 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

Swimming Carnival Success

Congratulations to all of our students at the 2019 Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 6 February at the Wauchope Pool. Our students participated with a strong sense of team spirit and a positive attitude and were proud representatives for our school. We had a wonderful representation from our parents and community as well, with a large number of parents assisting on the day to help the carnival run smoothly and to schedule. Well done, Huntingdon!

Our students achieved many successes at this carnival with Huntingdon Public School being named the champion school and our relay team winning. We also had a number of students achieve age champion.

Flynn Trommels – Junior Boy Champion
Emilie Luke – Junior Girls Champion
Ashwin Nath – 11 Yr Boys Champion
Jarvis Ring – Senior Boys Champion



As a result of the success at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival, 11 of our students qualified for the Hastings/Camden Haven PSSA Swimming Carnival. We are excited to report that once again, our relay team won their race and have now moved through to the Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival to represent our school. Congratulations to Max Troth, Flynn Trommels, Ashwin Nath and Jarvis Ring on the achievement. We would like to thank Kylie Salm for the support that she has given our relay team through organising extra training and coaching sessions.

Good luck at the Lower North Coast Carnival boys. We are very proud of your achievement.

Assembly

Congratulations to all of our assembly award recipients for Week 3. A big thank you to all of the parents, family members and friends who joined us to recognise our students. It is so lovely to have you in our school. Congratulations to **Victoria, Peyton, Gabrielle, Ashwin, Bella, Jacob, Flinn, Emilie, Max, Talia, Jarvis, Lachlan, Cooper, Daniel, Gideon and Lyla.**



Wauchope High School Year 6 to 7 Taster Day

All Year 6 students will be attending Wauchope High School on Tuesday 5 March, 2019. This activity is an initiative of the Bago Community of Schools and involves students from Wauchope PS, Beechwood PS, Huntingdon PS, Upper Rollands Plains PS, Longflat PS and Comboyne PS.

It is a great opportunity for Year 6 students of Huntingdon PS to mix with and form friendships with other Year 6 students. This activity is one of the activities in the Transition Program for Year 6 students. All students in Year 6 will be attending regardless of whether they will be attending Wauchope HS in 2020. Students will participate in activities such as: Art, Cooking, Science experiments, Music and Sport with the assistance of Wauchope High School Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and staff.

School buses will convey students direct to the High School or alternately parents can drop off and pick up students at Wauchope High School. Lunch is provided for students in the form of a sausage sizzle and a drink. However, students need to bring their own recess, water bottle and school bag.

Please complete the permission that was sent home this week and return to school by, **MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2019.**

Thank You Haylee and Seath

A big thank you to Haylee and Seath Vos who have donated 2 books to our school library. Miss Harris is accessioning them and will have them ready to borrow by the end of this week.

Thank You Will Jamieson

Mr Jamieson teaches Scripture to our primary students and last week he made a very generous cash donation to support our school. Thank you Mr Jamieson for your generosity and support. We are very appreciative of your contribution to support us meeting student learning needs.

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.



P&C News

Yesterday the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and first P&C meeting for the year was held with a fantastic attendance from the school community.

At the AGM the following people were appointed to the 2019 P&C executive committee:

Sue Troth – President

Kathleen Dick – Vice President

Kathleen Hayden – Treasurer

Robyn Bernal – Secretary

2018 was a successful year for the P&C, with numerous fundraising activities the P&C was able to contribute towards many items and activities helping the students and school as a whole. The biggest achievement was the funding for the creation of the Technology Centre. A big thank you to everyone who helped throughout the year.

The first general P&C meeting for 2019 focussed on the school's budget (including staff and infrastructure) and the plans for the year ahead. The P&C has taken on board the feedback about the need to improve correspondence and will attempt to do this by distributing P&C Minutes via email, Newsletter updates and Facebook updates. The P&C also planned a calendar of events for the year ahead and discussed better ways of fundraising outside our immediate community as well as items to be funded by the P&C in 2019.

If you would like to receive email correspondence concerning upcoming P&C events and meeting Minutes please leave your details with the school, marked to the 'Attention of the P&C Secretary' or email your P&C at: huntingdonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au. You do not need to be a financial member of the P&C or even attend meetings to receive correspondence and updates, this is your opportunity to stay 'in the loop'!

Upcoming events for your calendar:

- **Welcome BBQ – Thursday 7th March 2019**

This will be held at the school from 5-7pm with a free BBQ, mark it on your calendar and come along with all of your family to this great evening!

- **Election Day – Saturday 23 March 2019**

This is a great fundraising opportunity for the P&C, with many people coming out from Wauchope to escape the crowds and get parking at the door! The P&C will be operating a cake stall and selling Pork & Slaw rolls from 10-2pm, further information will come out soon (calling for volunteers to man a stall for 30 mins and baking goodies to sell at the stall).

School Bell Times

This term, we are trialling having our lunch break earlier in the day. This has been a huge success with many rave reviews from both students and staff. We will continue to monitor this change in lunch times and run some focus groups with students to see if we will keep these break times in Term 2.

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

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 student's 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.

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.

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 bring 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: _____

Website Update

Our website platform has been changed to the new GEF, the Global Experience Framework. We are currently working each week to update the information on our website and ensure that all of the upcoming events are advertised through this platform. There are lots of new photos and links. Please visit our website at **huntingdon-p.schools.nsw.gov.au**



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

News from the Primary Room

The Primary Class have been learning about Timber: A Sustainable and Renewable Resource. They have classified resources into renewable and non-renewable and learnt how to identify and draw the renewable symbol. The students have been learning about the scientific terms angiosperms and gymnosperms and they have also been looking at the differences between hardwood and softwood. Learning why trees and timber are such valuable resources has been the focus to date and students have been taking a closer look at the characteristics of trees. The process of photosynthesis, the importance of chlorophyll in plants and the purpose of stomata on plants have all been topics for discussion in the Primary Classroom. Students have been developing their understanding of the terms wood and timber and the importance of sustaining timber as a resource for the future. The Primary Class have been honing their drawing skills and produced amazing coloured pencil tree drawings.



Max's tree



Daniel's tree



Gideon's tree



Rugby Union Skills Program

The students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are participating in a Rugby Union Skills Program each Friday morning with Coach Mrs Lisa Vogel from NSW Rugby Union. The students have been honing and developing their ball skills, practising their running, dodging and participating in a variety of skill building games and drills. They have also been learning about respect, teamwork and good sportsmanship. We have managed to catch some of the senior students honing their skills.



HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION Fundraising 2019

***If you have any allergy concerns you are invited to inspect the food packaging labels personally to make informed choices.**

HOT FOOD

Chicken Nuggets (3)	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Meat Pie	\$3.50
Party Pie	\$1.00

Please write your name, items ordered and cost on the front of a paper lunch bag with money inside. All orders must be received at the office by 9:00am on the day of ordering.

DRINKS

Choc /Strawberry Milk	\$1.00
Fruit Juice Boxes	\$1.00



SNACKS

Chips (various flavours) – 75g bag	\$0.50
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FREEZER

Water/Juice Icy Poles	\$0.50
Miscellaneous Ice creams	\$1.00

Thank you for your continued support of our school's P&C Association.

Huntingdon Public School P&C Association 2019

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2019 Bago Small Schools Swimming Carnival



Wauchope High School



Tuesday 5th March..... Bago Schools Day for Year 7 2020

- Year 6 2019 students spend the day at Wauchope High School visiting the Ag farm, taking a science class to perform an experiment, attend a cooking class and much more, lunch will be provided.

Thursday 14th March...Year 5 & 6 Twilight Tour 5pm - 6pm

- Year 10 Peer Support Leaders will take parents and students on a guided tour of our school, visiting faculty displays, the Ag Farm and much more.

Thursday 14th March.....Thelma the Unicorn 6pm to 7pm

- An open invitation to enjoy a theatrical extravaganza, follow Thelma's adventures as this drama production takes you on a tour of the school, and, oh yes, there is food along the journey. We will be showcasing not only our school but our fabulous students and staff.

Spend a little time at your local high school, you will be pleasantly surprised.

SOME OF OUR BUSES NOW HAVE SEAT BELTS THEY'RE BRAND NEW!

1

If there's a seat belt on your seat make sure you wear it, the way you do while traveling in the car.



2

Your bus driver's job is to keep everyone safe and they need to pay attention to the road while driving.



3

There are three seat belts on the seat, enough for students sitting by themselves or in twos or threes.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Busways has just introduced new buses into our fleet which feature seat belts for passengers. The first vehicles have arrived in June 2018 and we'll continue to get more over the next couple of years under the NSW government's plan to have all school services in regional NSW operated by a seat belt-fitted fleet by 2021.

By law, all drivers and passengers must use the seat belts in any vehicle that is fitted with them.

Before our drivers operate a seat belt-fitted bus we will conduct training covering seatbelt regulations and their responsibilities.

Additionally, we will conduct an induction with the students on the first day of operation covering the expectation that they must wear the seatbelts while travelling in the bus.

While bus drivers will verbally remind students to fasten their seatbelts, it is the student's responsibility to buckle themselves in. The driver's responsibility is to operate services safely and efficiently. The attention they need to give this will prevent them from being able to closely monitor or enforce student adherence.

It would be a great assistance if you can help by talking to your children about wearing their seat belts on the bus without waiting to be asked. It is just like getting in the car - if there is a seat belt on their seat, they need to buckle up.

If you would like any more information about the new buses or would like to talk to us, please contact Busways' Customer Service Department at Infoline@busways.com.au and we'll be happy to help.

Thank you for your support.

