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Newsletter

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

Thursday 7 March	Welcome BBQ
Monday 11 March	Year 6 at Wauchope High School
Thursday 14 March	Library Van Visit
Thursday 14 March	Wauchope High School Twilight Tours and Thelma the Unicorn
Friday 15 March	National Day of Action Against Bullying
Saturday 23 March	P&C Election Day Fundraiser

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

North Coast Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our super swimming relay team who won their relay at the Lower North Coast Carnival last week. Tomorrow, Ashwin, Max, Flinn and Jarvis will represent our school in the North Coast Carnival at Ballina. We wish you all the best and are extremely proud of all you have achieved! Well done boys!



Thank You Jarvis

A big thank you to Jarvis Ring who has donated the book Weirido to our school library. This was the one book we had missing from our set so we are very excited to now have the full set of Weirido books.

Assembly

Congratulations to all of our assembly award recipients for Weeks 3, 4 and 5. 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 **Amaya, Haylee, Bella, Lilliana, Seath, Eli, Gideon, Brayden, Emilie, Talia, Cooper, Violet, Harlem, Max, Ashleigh, Tara, Layla and Macey.**



Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Bella Garavito-Bernal, Jacob Strain, Amaya Hayden, Harley Gavin, Talia Garavito-Bernal and Calais Gavin (Yr 6 2018) for their participation in the Summer Reading Challenge over the Christmas/Summer Holiday break. Those students received certificates and book packs from the Hastings Library Library Van which visited on Thursday 21st February for their fantastic effort and participation in the program at the Assembly in Week 4.



K/1/2 News

Library Van and Rugby are two of K/1/2's favourite things!

The Library Van visited our school for the first time this year and K/1/2 enjoyed listening to a story being read by Elizabeth. Each student was excited to borrow books to take home and for their book boxes. The Kindergarten students loved their Library Van experience and can't wait until they visit again. Rugby has also been lots of fun on a Friday as students learn valuable gross motor skills. They have also been developing their ability to play as a team as they participate in a variety of games to enhance their skills.



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

Year 6 to 7 Literacy Project

Wauchope High School, Huntingdon Public School and Comboyne Public School are working in collaboration to develop a more comprehensive transition between primary school and high school English outcome expectations. To facilitate this our Year 6 students will attend a full day at Wauchope High School on Monday 11 March where they will be working with Year 7 students on a Literacy Project.

Mid North Coast Primary School 7s

During our Friday Rugby sessions our 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. This year our school will be participating the 2019 Mid North Coast Primary School 7s. We will have two teams, consisting of Years 3/4 and Years 5/6. This event will be at Stuart Park in Port Macquarie and travel will be by bus. This event is fully funded by the school and we have been lucky to receive free coaching for this event by Coach Mrs Lisa Vogel from NSW Rugby Union who has been coaching our Friday Rugby sessions.

P&C News

If you would like to receive email correspondence concerning upcoming P&C event 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 say '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 minutes and baking goodies to sell at the stall).

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.

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.

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 begin our Transition Days **next term**.

<i>Kindergarten Enrolments 2019</i>		
<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: _____

Comboyne Show
Saturday 16 March and Sunday 17 March
9am - 3pm

A wonderful family day out – well worth the drive up to the gorgeous Comboyne Plateau! Pavilion exhibitions of art, craft, photography, baking, preserves, flowers, fresh produce, home brew beer; all day both days.

Very entertaining variety of horse events in the show ring over both days
Agricultural equipment displays. Demonstrations of setting up a bee hive, hand churned ice cream making (with free samples for the kids) spinning and felt making, cheese and sourdough bread making, preserving vegetables just on Saturday.

Pony rides, face painting, amusement rides, poultry, dog championships just on Saturday.
Coffee cart - Great food – ploughman's lunch, barbecue, freshly made salad rolls, Devonshire teas, Asian food, famous Comboyne homemade cakes and slices.
\$5 per adult. Children under 16 free. Free parking.

How to Install Skoolbag on your smartphone

1. Click the "App Store" or "Play Store" icon on your device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Click on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



**28TH FEB, 7TH MARCH,
16TH MARCH**

COME AND TRY HOCKEY

These sessions are designed for beginners and are run by experienced coaches.

All equipment will be provided – Lots of fun is guaranteed.

The program will run for 3 weeks, no need to register, just come and try Hockey

WAUCHOPE HOCKEY CLUB

COME AND TRY HOCKEY

**FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
AGED 4 - 16**

**ALL EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED**

**28TH FEB & 7TH MARCH –
LANDRIGAN PARK
WAUCHOPE
5:00PM – 5:45PM**

**16TH MARCH HOCKEY
FIELDS
PORT MACQUARIE
9:00AM – 10:30AM**

WAUCHOPE HOCKEY CLUB
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School Uniform

All Uniforms can be purchased at the School Front Office

Cash and cheque payments only
(Parent Online Payments will be accepted)

Item	Description	Price	Size	Quantity	Total price
	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	_____	_____	\$ _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Carer's Name: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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 travelling 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 traveling 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.

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