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Newsletter

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

Thursday 15 August	Kindergarten 2020 Transition 9am – 11.45am
Wednesday 21 August	Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
Friday 23 August	Book Week Parade and Booknic at 10.30am
Monday 2 September	Years 3-6 visit Wauchope High School to launch rockets

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

Hastings/Camden Haven Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Bella Garavito-Bernal, Emilie Luke, Flinn Trommels, Ashwin Nath and Cooper Driver who qualified for and competed in the Hastings/Camden Haven PSSA Athletics Carnival. All of these students achieved personal bests on the day and were outstanding representatives for our school. Well done team!

Education Week 2019 Every Student, Every Voice

Last week, we celebrated Education Week. On Tuesday, 6 August, all of the schools in the Bago Community of Schools came together to celebrate Education Week in a special Awards Ceremony. Mrs Sue Troth and Gideon Marr-Grogan received awards at this ceremony in recognition of their contribution to our school community and public education. As part of this event, our school had 16 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participating in the massed choir and they performed 2 songs, True Colours and Try Everything. Their performance was very uplifting and we thank them for the time they put into rehearsing for this performance.

On Friday, our students delivered a special Education Week Assembly that highlighted the learning experiences that have been taking place throughout the year. Every student in our school was involved in the this assembly, whether it was through developing the script, designing art work, speaking at the assembly or simply joining in the singing and signing of "Paint You a Song." It was a wonderful celebration of Public Education and our staff are very proud of the assembly that our students created together. Great job, Huntingdon.



Assembly

Due to technical issues, last week's assembly award recipients and photos will be added to the next fortnightly Newsletter. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Rocket Launch for Years 3-6

This term, we are working with Wauchope High School to provide our primary students with a number of opportunities to work with high school staff and visit the high school to strengthen the transition of students between primary and high school settings. Mr Jayme Reid is working with us to build some rockets and on Monday 2 September, our Year 3-6 class will visit Wauchope High School to participate in some science experiments and then launch the rockets that we build on the school oval. More details will be sent home in a permission note shortly.

School Uniform

As the colder weather sets in, we would like to remind parents and students that our school uniform is the Huntingdon t-shirt, our navy blue Huntingdon jacket and navy blue track pants, shorts or skorts. Black tights, tracksuit pants or shorts are not a part of our school uniform. We have all items in our school uniform available for sale in the school office if you require them and there are a number of second hand options as well.



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

K/1/2 News

This term the K/1/2 class have been developing their gross motor skills by participating in a variety of cricket activities on Friday. They are learning to throw, catch and bat. It has been fantastic to observe each student develop confidence, learn to play a team sport and further enhance their cooperation skills as they play games and get active!



School Attendance

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

Congratulations to Layla White, Macey White and Spencer Hirst who have maintained a 100% school attendance record for 2019.

Kindergarten 2020 Transition Program

The K/1/2 class enjoyed spending time with the children starting kindergarten next year. It is fantastic to see each student develop confidence in both the classroom and school environment. Last visit they enjoyed lunch with the whole school and played in the playground. We look forward to seeing them again this Thursday morning from 9.00am-11.45am

P&C News

Father's Day Raffle

A reminder – Our Fathers' Day raffle which will be drawn on Friday 30 August (Fathers' Day is Sunday 1 September). If you'd like to sell a few tickets, or buy some yourself (there are some fabulous prizes including vouchers for Waniora Village Butcher, Bunnings and A1 Autoparts to name a few) please email us (huntingdonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) or call into the school to pick up some tickets. Tickets are \$2 each.

Garden to Plate

Our Sustainability Project, "Garden to Plate" has begun! We have been very busy weeding, fertilising, composting and mulching our existing garden beds. Last Friday we were extremely lucky because Libby from Bunnings came and worked with our school. As well as donating 2 new raised garden beds, a greenhouse, biodegradable pots, soil, seeds, gardening tools and gloves she also spent an hour with us teaching us how to plant seeds and how to look after these in our new greenhouse until they are seedlings and can be planted in our garden beds. We had a blast and enjoyed watching the peat pellets (like dehydrated soil) grow in the bowl of water and planting our seeds. So many exciting adventures to come yet!

A huge thank you to Bunnings for all your donations and ongoing support. Another big thank you to the Hastings Co-op who are very generously donating fertiliser and mulch on an ongoing basis. We couldn't do this project without your community support!



DISCOVER THE WONDERS ABOVE

Sky Stories

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing



Friday 16 August, 5pm - 8pm

Sancrox Reserve, on Rawdon Island Road

- ★ Virtual reality moon expeditions
- ★ Wander and explore the scale model of the solar system
- ★ Presenting the talking telescope by Midcoast Astronomy
- ★ Indigenous cultural performances
- ★ Bush tucker tastings
- ★ Free sausage sizzle
- ★ Soup, barista made hot drinks and a selection of cakes and slices available courtesy of Hastings Secondary College senior hospitality students
- ★ Bring a chair or a picnic rug and your curiosity to learn about the wonders above
- ★ Entry Gold coin donation.

Announcing Special Guest Speaker
Robert Fuller (PhD student UNSW)
The cultural astronomy of the Saltwater Aboriginal peoples of the Australian East Coast
<http://unsw.academia.edu/RobertFuller>

Educators and astronomy enthusiasts will present an entertaining and educational night engaging students and our community in learning.

You will learn everything about the night sky, how to read sky maps and how to identify moon craters and star clusters.

Bring your own telescope or view the night sky through giant telescopes provided. You will also see Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and the majestic full moon.

Bring the whole family for an exciting fun-filled evening and learn how the night sky connects to Dreamtime stories past, present and future.

Directions to Sancrox Reserve from Port Macquarie Macdonalds (Oxley Highway)

Sky Stories

- ★ At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on Oxley Hwy/B56 - travel 4.2km
- ★ Turn right onto Rawdon Island Rd - travel 3km
- ★ Turn left onto Colvin St and Sancrox Reserve, Colin Street. 280m - Entry via the front gates.

Sky Stories

Sancrox Reserve

Colvin St

Rawdon Island Road

Sancrox Rd

PACIFIC HWY

OXLEY HWY

WAUCHOPE

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READY TO GO

Ready to Go North Coast

Community OPEN HOUSE

GLASSHOUSE PORT MACQUARIE

SATURDAY **24** AUGUST

10AM - 3PM

To celebrate our 10th Birthday we are throwing open our doors and everyone is invited!

FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES

PERCIVAL
PROPERTY

10 YEARS
GLASSHOUSE

PORT MACQUARIE OZ TAG

portmacquarioztag.org

JUNIOR SUMMER COMP

- Start Date:** Competition starts Monday 14th October
Finishing Monday 9th December – 9 rounds
- Game Times:** First game will start at 4:15pm with the second timeslot starting at 5:00pm
- Cost:** \$70 per player if joining as a team and not requiring a shirt
OR
\$80 per player - includes playing shirt with number
Shorts \$25.00 & Tights \$35.00
- Divisions:** Under 10 – Mixed – Born 2010 - 2011
Under 12 – Mixed – Born 2008 - 2009
Under 14 – Mixed – Born 2006 - 2007
Under 16 – Mixed – Born 2004 - 2005
- Registration:** **SPORTSPower** – Gordon Street Port Macquarie
Monday 2nd Sept. 4pm -5:30
Wednesday 4th Sept. 4pm -5:30
Wednesday 11th Sept. 4pm -5:30
- OzTag Skills Day Saturday October 5th Tuffins Lane 10am til 1pm**
!! LAST CHANCE REGO !!

If you don't have a team we can place you in one.
Any questions please email us at:
portmacquarioztagjuniors@gmail.com
Stay updated by following the Port Macquarie Junior Oztag Facebook page and PMQjunioroztag on Instagram



The simplest way

... to save time in the morning.

With some simple preparation at a time that suits you, you can save a lot of stress in the morning.

Try these tips to pack healthy foods quickly:

- Buy snack sized veg that don't require cutting e.g. cherry tomatoes, baby cucumbers and snow peas
- Keep some shelf stable items like beans and milk in the pantry
- Make and pre-pack individual serves of healthy snack mixes such as [poppletana](#).
- Get in to the habit of cooking extra for dinner and packing leftovers for lunch.
- Spend some time on the weekend preparing freezer-friendly lunch box items such as fruit or [vegie muffins](#).
- Allocate a drawer or area of the kitchen where lunch boxes and containers are kept, making them handy to find come packing time.



healthylunchbox.com.au