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Newsletter

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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.*

Mon 6 th August - Fri 10 th August	Education Week
Tuesday 7 th August	NAIDOC Celebrations
Mon 13 th August - Thurs 16 th August	Small Schools Excursion to Sydney
Wednesday 29 th August	Surf Safety Talk
Monday 3 rd September	P&C Meeting @ 3.30pm
Saturday 22 nd September	Sesquicentenary Celebrations 10am-4pm

Education Week 2018 - Today's Schools - creating tomorrow's world

This week, we are celebrating Education Week. This year's theme, *Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world*, highlights how NSW Public Schools are equipping young people with the skills and capabilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. We love learning here at Huntingdon Public School and we are so proud of the level of commitment that each and every one of our students put in to achieve their personal best on a daily basis.

To help us celebrate Education Week, we have combined our NAIDOC Celebrations with our Education Week Celebrations. The theme of NAIDOC week is, *Because of Her, We Can!*

As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play - active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

As leaders, trailblazers, politicians, activists and social change advocates, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women fought and continue to fight, for justice, equal rights, rights to country, for law and justice, access to education, employment and to maintain and celebrate our culture, language, music and art.

Today we were lucky enough to welcome Aunty Rhonda Radley and her team to our school to help us celebrate NAIDOC week and Education Week. Our students were involved in weaving, art, movement, language, song and game activities. We had a wonderful day and are very appreciative of the contribution Aunty Rhonda and her team have made to our school.



George's Marvellous Medicine

Last Friday, all of our students travelled to the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie to see the live production of George's Marvellous Medicine. Our students returned to school with rave reviews of this experience and have reported that they would like to see more live theatre in future years.

I would like to congratulate every single student in our school. Our staff returned to school absolutely bursting with pride at the way our students conducted themselves in this public arena.

Our students were cooperative, courteous and caring students and wonderful representatives for Huntingdon Public School. Well done, everyone!



Message in a Bottle

Last week, I received a message from a teacher at Crescent Head Public School enquiring about whether I had a student at our school called Spencer who lived on the Oxley Highway at Huntingdon. She explained that the reason she was asking was that one of her students was walking along the beach at Crescent Head and found a bottle with a message inside. Spencer told us that the message was indeed from him and he put the bottle in the river here at Huntingdon almost a year ago to see where it would end up. On Friday, Spencer was able to meet the recipient of his message from Crescent Head whilst at George's Marvellous Medicine. We now have plans to stay in contact with the Year 3/4 class at Crescent Head and share parts of our learning journey with each other.



Assembly

This term, our whole school assemblies will be held on Fridays at 2.20pm. All parents, friends and community members are invited to join us in the hall for these assemblies where we recognise the hard work of our students each week and share reports about what is happening in our school. If your child will be receiving an award at the assembly, the teachers will send home an invitation to inform you about this and formally invite you to our assembly.

Congratulations to our team of Stage 3 students who run the assembly each week. Their level of confidence and skill development in Public Speaking grows each week.

Book Week Celebrations

Book Week is almost here! It is being held from Monday 20th August through to Friday 24th August and our school will be holding our Book Week activities on Friday 24th August. The theme for this year's Book Week is *Find Your Treasure!* We are hoping that our mums, dads, friends and family will be able to help us find our treasure through books by joining us on the day.

All students are encouraged to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Please remember that our celebrations are Book Week Celebrations and not Television or Movie Celebrations. Rather than dress up as a movie character, students are encouraged to bring or borrow the book that their character is in and parade with that book in their hand. We will be completing some writing activities in class in the morning about the character we have dressed up as and during the parade we will conduct some red carpet interviews.

Elizabeth from the Library Van will be joining us and will entertain us with a live reading of one of her favourite stories. Our Parade and entertainment will begin at 10am.

Following the parade, we would love you to join us for our very first BOOKNIC! A bit like a picnic, but with books. Bring a packed picnic morning tea to share with your child/children, a picnic rug and pop into the library, classroom or the Book Fair to purchase or borrow some books to share over morning tea.

Miss Harris will also have a Book Fair set up in the Library for parents and students to purchase books for themselves or to donate to our Library.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 24th August at 10am sharp!

What's Making News in year 2/3

As part of their literacy skills development, Year 2/3 have been honing their listening and presenting skills as they share interesting items with peers.



Small Schools Sydney Excursion

Next week, some of our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students are attending the Small Schools Sydney Excursion. They will be departing from Andrews Park in Wauchope at 6.45am on Monday 13th August. Please make sure that you have the Skoolbag App loaded onto your phone as Miss Harris will be giving parents lots of updates through this App. She will also give you updates on the return time on Thursday afternoon. Our students are due to return at 5pm, however, sometimes the bus can run ahead of or behind schedule. This information will be communicated through the Skoolbag App.

Mrs Marks will have the school mobile with her **for emergencies only**. Please remember that a school excursion such as this involves comprehensive and intensive supervision from all staff attending. If Mrs Marks feels that parents needs to be contacted, she will contact you. This is a wonderful opportunity for your students to strengthen their friendships with their peers and to continue to develop their organisational and independence skills, along with having many wonderful experiences whilst in Sydney.

NRL Skills Sessions Term 3

In Term 3 Huntingdon Public School were very excited to begin a NRL Skills Program with Mr Pat Preston from NSW NRL. This Program will run for the first 5 weeks of this term. Mr Preston handed out a leaflet to all the children at the school on Friday the 27th July, the first day of the NRL Skills Program which will enable those who wish to do so to claim a free footy. Please follow the instructions on the leaflet if you wish your child to claim his/her free football.



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