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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.*

Friday 24 th August	Book Week Parade and Booknic
Wednesday 29 th August	Surf Safety Talk
Thursday 30 th August	Y-Pep Child Protection Lessons
Monday 3 rd September	NAPLAN Online Readiness Test Year 3 and 5
Monday 3 rd September	P&C Meeting @ 3.30pm
Thursday 6 th September	Y-Pep Child Protection Lessons
Friday 7 th September	Soccer Gala Day
Saturday 22 nd September	Sesquicentenary Celebrations 10am-4pm

Small Schools Sydney Excursion

Sydney was great, Sydney was amazing, Sydney was exhilarating!

It was an early start but that was a good thing because it gave us more time to do lots of fun things.

Our first activity was a visit to Taronga Zoo. Unfortunately some of the seals at the seal show decided they were too tired to perform so instead of diving and swimming, they just sat there and looked at us! My favourite part was the snake and reptile section.

On Tuesday we visited the Aquarium, awesome! The Wax Works where we saw lots of models of real life people made out of wax, marvellous! State Parliament where they make the laws for our state and we even got to see the Premier of our state, Mrs Berejiklion and all of the other politicians, exciting! After that we were transported 309 metres into the air to visit one of the tallest buildings in Sydney, Centrepont Tower. It took 41 seconds for the elevator to reach the top. The views were spectacular!

Wednesday was the day we went back in time and learnt about convicts and bushrangers. We visited a place called The Big Dig and this was one of my favourites. We dug for artefacts and heard lots of stories about what life was like for the convicts. We ended the day at a really fun park in Darling Harbour and the teachers brought us an ice cream each. YUM!

Thursday we packed up and said goodbye to our hotel, but we had one more place to visit, The Hyde Park Barracks. This was where the male convicts lived when they weren't out making roads, building houses, hospitals and bridges. Did you know that the convicts had to sleep in hammocks and only bathed once a week?

After all that we were happy to get on a bus to have a rest and make our way home. We had a fabulous time and we thank our parents and teachers for making it happen.

By Rueben and Mrs Marks.



Book Week Celebrations

Book Week is here! 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 Friday.

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

Book Fair

Miss Harris has our Book Fair set up in the library all of this week. Students may purchase a book or some books any day this week by either seeing Miss Harris or Ms Hathway in the office. Yesterday, all of our students had the opportunity to have a sneak peek at the books available and they completed a wish list. Students may purchase books for themselves or to donate to the school library. The school is able to use thirty percent of the total sales to purchase books for our library.



Child Protection Lessons

This week, all of our classes will begin their Child Protection Lessons. The content that is taught in these lessons is mandatory content from the Personal Development and Health Syllabus. This year, to assist in the consistent delivery of this content, YWCA NSW Facilitators will work with classroom teachers to deliver the Y-PEP program. This week, our students will begin learning about *Sense of Self* in class. If you have any questions or would like more information about these lessons, please speak to your child's teacher.

Hastings/Camden Haven PSSA Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who qualified and attended the PSSA carnival for their excellent participation, 3 C behaviour and outstanding results.

The relay team performed brilliantly coming 1st in the P5 category and are going onto the Lower North Coast PSSA.

Congratulations Max Troth, Meg Driver, Harry Jakobsson and Ashwin Nath. This team improved overall coming 2nd in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival, to coming 1st in the district carnival. Well done!

Harry Jakobsson (senior boy) 1st shotput, 1st 200 metres, 3rd 100 metres, 4th long jump and overall 4th senior boy. Outstanding!

Ashwin Nath (junior boy) 2nd shotput and 3rd long jump. Fantastic!

Good luck at the Lower North Coast PSSA.



NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

To prepare for the move to online testing, NSW schools will participate in an online practice run, known as the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test.

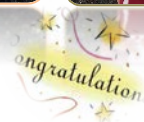
The readiness test is an assessment of a school's technical readiness to administer NAPLAN Online. It is an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test platform and to identify any technical issues they may have.

The test will be for students in Years 3 and 5 and will comprise two one-hour tests. These test will take place between Monday September 3 and Friday September 7 in our technology centre.

The readiness test is an opportunity to experience the online environment and the different question types that can be used in online testing. It is not a test of skills and knowledge.

Assembly

Congratulations to all of our assembly award recipients for Week 4. 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 **Oliver, Darby, Ashleigh, Syd and Eli**.



Sesquicentenary Celebrations

Our sesquicentenary celebrations are well into the planning stage and the school community would like to thank Mrs Sue Troth for her dedication and hard work in the planning and organisation of this event. Sue is currently in the process of putting together a documentation of the history of Huntingdon Public School to be published in a book form and available for sale at our Family Fun Day on Saturday 22nd September. If you can support Sue in the development of this book, please contact the school.

We will also be staging a Bric-a-Brac stall on the day as a fundraiser for the school. If you are thinking about having a clean out and have some items you can donate to this stall, your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Any items you feel would be suitable for this stall can be dropped off at the school office at any time.

If you are interested in being a part of the organising committee for this event, please contact the school office.

Kinder 2019 Transition

Kinder 2019 Transition was lots of fun last week. The children are enjoying staying longer to have crunch 'n' sip with the rest of the K/1 class.



Skoolbag App

Have you installed our Skoolbag App yet? The app is easy to install on your Smart Phone. Simply go to your App Store and search for Huntingdon Public School.

The Skoolbag App will ensure that you stay up to date with all of the things happening in our school from newsletters, to permission notes, you will never miss out on school information again.