Dear Parents and Carers
Welcome back to Term 4! Traditionally Term 4 is always a very busy term for schools and families. For most Public Schools we enter a new and exciting strategic planning cycle, not only is this a new cycle of planning but a whole new approach to planning which brings together a number of reforms to improve the quality of teaching in schools and improved outcomes for students. This new approach is the first attempt towards the achievement of a simplified, integrated school planning and reporting process.

We have already started to collect data from a variety of sources, including staff, students, parents and community members.

Parent Survey
Our parent survey has now closed. With 26 responses we were able to get some quality feedback from the survey. I do thank all parents and carers for their open and honest responses. I will give an undertaking to address those areas of concern which were identified by a number of families.

For example we had over 50% of respondents indicate that they did not always feel welcome at the school.

As Principal of the school this is very important feedback, and I have already made staff aware of the concerns and we will work through a number of processes to ensure that people feel welcomed when they visit the school. I am more than happy to hear from parents and carers regarding ways in which we can address this problem.

Clothing Labels
Could I request that all parents and carers take some time out over the weekend to check that all clothing items and personal equipment is clearly labelled. It becomes very difficult sorting out clothing, especially during the change of seasons when children are often removing their jumpers as the day progresses. Thank you, in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Father’s Day Breakfast
We had a wonderful attendance for our Father’s Day Breakfast this year. It was great seeing so many fathers enjoying breakfast with their children. I understand the food was delicious and the coffee from the newly P&C donated coffee machines was greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to Tracey Rapson and all the staff who helped make the event such a success.

Market Collection
Thanks you to all the family, friends and staff members who assisted at the gates at Maitland Markets last Sunday. We managed to collect $400 which goes towards our P&C fundraising efforts.

Well Done and Thank You again!

NEXT P&C MEETING
Wednesday 5th November 2014
10:00am—Community Room (BER)
IOTAS Graduation Ceremony

Students from many Hunter Region schools joined together on Wednesday at Newcastle Panthers to celebrate the graduation of their Year 12 peers. The audience was treated to a spectacular concert performed by many talented performers from our schools. Congratulations to the students and performers from Hunter River Community School who “danced up a storm” and thrilled audiences with their performance.

A special mention to Emma McDonald who performed the National Anthem in front of the very large crowd.

A professional video of the day will be made available to interested families at a very reasonable cost of $20. Orders can be left with our friendly Office staff.
Today Room 7 made some green smoothies to add some green vegetables to our diets. We mixed all the ingredients in the blender and all tried them, yummy😊 They are a healthy food choice and something students are able to make with minimal adult support. Ingredients:

- Baby spinach, Avocado, Banana, Almond milk, Coconut water, Vanilla protein powder
Picasso Cow!

Geoffrey is completed! Entries have closed in this year's Australian Dairy Competition and we are eagerly awaiting results. Our entry will be judged on Geoffrey's appearance and on the Student Learning Journal that has been completed by all students involved in the project.

A big thank you to all classes for enthusiastically participating in the project. A special thank you to Natasha Woodbine who coordinated the Learning Journal!

IOTAS SPORTS DAY

On Monday 8th September, an enthusiastic group of senior and middle school athletes travelled to Glendale Sports Centre to compete in the annual IOTAS sports carnival. Looking fabulous in their sport shirts, our team was awarded 2nd in the March Past. All athletes competed with enthusiasm and were rewarded by placing in several events. Laura was placed 4th in 17+100m, 4th in 200m and 4th in the open 400m. Emma was placed 3rd in 13/14yrs 100m, 3rd in 200m and 1st in the shot put. Katie was placed 2nd in 15/16yrs 200m. Congratulations to all!!
More pictures of our children enjoying a Fathers Day breakfast with their Dads !!!

All RDA riders have had a very successful term and have enjoyed participating in a variety of fun activities during their Thursday lessons. On Sunday 14 September, 6 riders represented our school in the Regional Mounted Games Championships at Raymond Terrace. All riders rode exceptionally well, with many receiving ribbons in events. A special congratulations to Connor and Laura who won several of their events.

Looking forward to our party day in November!!
A big thank you to the P&C who have purchased new equipment for the senior hospitality program. We have received new coffee machines that proved to be a hit on Father’s Day, milkshake makers and cups, new crockery and cutlery. These items will make coffee chop a lot easier and we look forward to sharing them with you all soon!

Our Fifa World Cup Sports Carnival was a huge success and over 240 athletes competed in a range of track events.

The day would not have been possible without the fabulous support from our local community!!