Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the 2014 school year – it is wonderful to have all our students back, especially in our bright new shiny school. We are amazed at how well the students have returned to the new school. They have been very settled, but also very inquisitive.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new staff members, Helen Clarkson, who is teaching on a junior class. Helen is a very experienced teacher who has recently completed the special education re-training program. Helen has been appointed to the school on a permanent basis, replacing Norm Elvidge who has retired. I know you will join with me in wishing Helen well at Hunter River. I also extend a warm to Damian Flaherty, teaching in the Middle school. Damian comes to us from Moree, where he was teaching in a Support Class. Damian has been appointed on a temporary basis filling the vacancy created by Bev Holden who is on extended leave.

Student Information Update
You should by now received an Information Package, requesting updated information on your child. These are vital records for our school staff and especially assist us in keeping your child safe and healthy.

Could I also ask that you pay particular attention to the Medication Information Update as it is VITAL that this be updated every time there is a change in medication or dosage.

It is hoped that in the not too distant future we will have downloadable copies of all our forms on the school website for parents and carers to access as required.

It would be appreciated if you could make the completion of these forms a priority over the weekend and return them to school as soon as possible.

Assisted School Travel
Arrangements with the Assisted School travel drivers appear to be quickly settling this year. I apologise for any inconvenience that it may have caused families in having an altered pick-up or drop-off time. It is very important that we manage the traffic flow in both the morning and afternoon.

Within the next few weeks I am sure that routines will be firmly established and your pick-up and drop-off times will become more consistent.

Could I also remind parents that under the terms of the contract it is the parent’s responsibility to escort their children to and from the vehicle and assist with the loading and unloading procedure.

School Contributions
As you may be aware Hunter River does not charge school fees, however we do ask that parents assist with the purchase of some consumable items, such as scrap books, tissues, glue sticks etc. If you are unsure of what may be the best support for your class please ask your child’s teacher, however I can assure you that Scrap Books and Glue Sticks are highly consumed items.

Please be assured that any supplies provided by parents stay in the classroom for class use. They do NOT become part of whole school supplies.

REMINDERS
☞ Our regular newsletter comes home on Friday afternoon of Week 3, Week 6 and Week 9.
☞ Next P&C Meeting – Wed 12th Feb 10am – ALL WELCOME, especially new parents! (Don’t panic this is NOT an Annual General Meeting!)

Regards - Ian