Dear Parents & Carers,

The recent change in weather has bought on a number of coughs and colds recently. I made a request last week for parents to consider keeping their child at home if they were unwell. I would like to thank the majority of parents for making these arrangements to keep their child at home whilst they recuperate. Whilst we still have a number of students with coughs and colds we do appear to be getting on top of this illness.

School Development Day
Please be advised that our School Development Day will be held on Monday 14th July. Staff will be working with a team of nurse educators from John Hunter Hospital around managing the needs of chronically ill students. We will also be updating our skills around writing Behaviour Support Plans (Risk Assessments) which will bring us in line with processes and procedures advised by the Work Health and Safety Directorate. The afternoon session will be spent looking at resources to support the new English and Maths Australian curriculum.

Students return to school on Tuesday 15th June.

National Consistent Collection of Data
I previously mentioned that staff were looking at the learning adjustments for each student which will be collected early next term. This process has already commenced, with the data being "harvested" from our computer system early August.

Participation in the process was on an "opt out" basis. If you do not want your child’s learning adjustments recorded, please contact the school as soon as possible and the data will not be entered in the system.

From next year all schools, public and private will need to collect this data as part of a national initiative.

Semester One Student Reports
Staff have been hard at work preparing reports for students for Semester One this year. Printing of the reports is well underway and parents should receive their child’s report by the end of the week.

Should you like to discuss aspects of your child’s report in depth, please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss these aspects.

Placement Review Meetings
All students accessing support classes need to go through a review process each year to ensure that placement in that support class remains relevant. For the vast majority of our students this is a simple matter of reviewing some key points of their program, checking that eligibility for Assisted School Travel remains appropriate and the placement at the nearest appropriate setting is valid.

Parents will be invited to discuss their child’s placement at meetings next term, if you are unavailable to do so in person we will send a “response” sheet home for your completion which will be presented at the meeting with the Learning and Engagement Officer from Maitland District Office.

Education Week 2014 – 28th July-1st August
Education Week in 2014 marks the 60th Anniversary of Education Week celebrations. The theme for the 1954 celebration was, Lighting the way to a better world!, in honour of this prestigious event the 2014 theme will be the same.

The school will be in contact with you early next term with details about our celebrations.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank staff, students and parents for their support this term and trust that everyone enjoys their Winter break!

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Class News

From Francis Greenway High School Students..........

Every Thursday 20 students from Year 7-10 travel by train to Hunter River Community School, from Francis Greenway High School, to deliver a variety of assistance programs during their sport time. The students facilitate play, assist students with class work, help with cooking classes, and help with organised sports, as seen below, having fun building cricket skills during the Dream Cricket visit. Social interaction and pampering sessions including painted fingernails give all students involved an enjoyable and rewarding experience.  

Kim Wills Teacher FGHS

Room 3

Room 3 planted sun flower seeds on the 7th April and over the last 11 weeks they have grown into beautiful sunflowers.

Well done Room 3.

29th April 2014

16th June 2014

23rd June 2014
Welcome to my news page. Each newsletter I will be posting interesting facts about our dedicated school Staff”........Enjoy!!

Staff Profile

Name: John Chatillon
Nickname: John Boy or JJ
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Sport: Golf
Favourite Footy Code & Team: League – Mighty Manly Sea Eagles
Favourite subject at school: Lunchtime
Three people I would invite to dinner: Tiger Woods, Daly Cherry-Evans, Robyn Parker MP
If I won $$$$$ I would: I would pay off all the staff mortgages to make their lives easier!!
Aluminium drink cans for crushing for senior recycling program. All donations will be gratefully crushed!!