Hi Everyone,

Term 2 is certainly flying by.

Classrooms affected by the recent floods are now operational. Whilst we are still awaiting carpet, normal class activities have resumed in all rooms. A very big thank you to the staff who have been fabulous in being “creative” during the aftermath of the disaster and who have been extremely supportive.

Communication Developments:

Hunter River Community School’s Facebook page has been a huge success, with nearly 4000 people viewing the page in the last fortnight. The page is designed to, not only promote the excellent achievements of students, but to raise the school profile, re-establish our identity in the community and provide parents, carers, and friends with informative links. The feedback has been exceptionally positive and I hope the “sharing” will continue. If you have any links or information that you would like to see on the page, please inbox the Hunter River Community School page with the details.

You can find our page by searching for Hunter River Community School – education. If you haven’t already, pop on and have a look.

“Skoolbag” is also proving very popular with parents and carers. This is an “app” that can be downloaded to IPhones and smart phones. The app will provide you with notifications for upcoming events, allow you to submit absentee notes and download permission slips. The P&C have kindly agreed to purchase the application license once the trial period has finished, so the “full” version will be available for android phones in the near future.

The app can be downloaded from the “app store”

Winter Illness:

The air seems to be full of nasty viruses lately and there have been several strains of flu that have affected staff and students. To try and minimise the spread of these nasty germs, it would be appreciated if students who are feeling ill remain at home until the worst of the illness has passed. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Entertainment Books:

2015 -2016 entertainment books are now available for purchase at school for $60 per book. Digital books are also available for the same cost. The school retains $12 from each sale, so please encourage all your friends and families to purchase a book. They make excellent gifts.

Parent Reading Groups:

One of the initiatives from our 2015-2017 School Plan is to establish parent reading or literacy groups 3 mornings a week. Parents, friends and carers are invited to come in for a 40 minute session and work 1:1 with students. Parent helpers may be assisting students with reading, communication, numeracy or sensory activities. Helpers would not be working with their child, but would be assisting students from other sections of the school. Notes outlining the program have gone home this week. Please complete the attached slip and return if you are interested in participating in the program.

Weekly Newsletters:

To facilitate more effective communication, we will be trialling a weekly newsletter format. Each class will be on a “newsletter” roster and will present articles outlining the exciting learning that is taking place. I will be surveying parents and friends at the end of the term to evaluate if the new format has been successful!

Hope you have a great week

Tracey
Class News!

Room 6 have been learning to recycle. We made toy cars out of toilet rolls – Darcy drives them fast!

Our Students have really been enjoying Gym on Wednesdays!!
On the 26 May each year, we recognise National Sorry Day. This is a day for Australians to say sorry to Indigenous Australians for all the hurt and pain. Today we held an assembly for Sorry Day. We also placed Aboriginal flag tattoos on our skin.
Welcome to my news page. Each newsletter I will be posting interesting facts about our school staff

**Staff Profile**

**Name:** John Winters  
**Nickname:** Jack  
**Favourite Colour:** Eagles Green  
**Favourite Sport:** Baseball/NFL  
**Favourite Footy Code & Team:** Philadelphia Eagles (NFL) Knights (NRL)  
**Favourite subject at school:** Science/PE  
**Three people I would invite to dinner:** Tom Hanks, Arnold Schwarzenegger & Chase Utley  
**If I won $$$$$ I would:** Buy a Porsche