Hi all
I hope everyone has had a great week. Students and staff have been very busy rehearsing for the Education Week activities next week.

**Education Week Extravaganza**

Education Week is an extremely important date on the Department's calendar and Hunter River Community School will be celebrating our abilities and successes in style this year.

Parents, carers, friends and visitors are invited to join us in our Education Week Extravaganza, next Friday 31st July. The days activities will commence at 10:00am with a combined school assembly and performance. Friends will be invited to visit the "Pop up Stalls" market section of the playground to purchase items from a variety of stalls including craft, trash & treasure, textiles, food and photo booths. There will be a sausage sizzle and 'take away' coffee shop also available.

Students are encouraged to bring in $5 spending money, which will "buy" them entry to many of the interactive stalls. These stations include face painting, bubble blowing and juggling.

A special component of the day will be the official opening of our new memorial wall.

I hope to see you all next Friday.

**Literacy Groups**

Our very first Literacy group kicked off this week with parents and friends supporting students on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Students worked with their "helper" on Reading eggs, writing and sound recognition.

Both volunteers and students were excited about the opportunity to work together and enjoyed the 1:1 session.

A very grateful thank you to all our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you next week. It's not too late to volunteer, if you are interested please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Voluntary Parent Contributions**

At the last P&C meeting, the reinstatement of voluntary parent contributions was discussed. The meeting supported the idea of a $25 per semester voluntary contribution being reintroduced. In practical terms, this translates to parents and carers being encouraged to pay a semester “fee” of $25 ($50 per year). All funds received will be allocated to the purchase of technology supports for the classroom.

I must stress that this is a purely voluntary scheme and there is no pressure on families to contribute. An envelope and payment slip will be sent home to all families next week.
Inaugural Golf Day

Are you a keen golfer? Do you like having fun? Well if the answer is YES, Hunter River Community School’s Inaugural Charity Golf Day may be for you!

Families, friends, carers, and complete strangers are invited to find a team of 4 and play in our Ambrose competition over 11 holes at Beresfield Golf Course on Sunday 25th October. The day will commence with a cooked breakfast at 6:30am and tee off will be at 7:00am. There is a $45 entry fee per person and this will include breakfast, game fee and entry into lucky door prize.

Yesterday Leap Frog came on board as our first GOLD sponsor. Businesses are able to show their support as a GOLD or SILVER sponsor. More details can be found on the attached flyer.

For more information please contact the school or follow the link on our school Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Community Support

Our local community have always, and continue to be extremely supportive of our programs and initiatives. This semester several firms are hosting our senior students on work experience. Coles at Thornton continue to be outstanding supporters of our school and this term Courtney and Laura are completing supported shifts on a Tuesday.

Richie’s IGA at Cessnock has recently become involved with our school and Luke will commence his work placement next Wednesday.

Our students could not be provided with the invaluable opportunity to engage in work placement without the support and generosity of these businesses. If you can, please support them in return.

I hope everyone has a great week and I look forward to catching up with you all on next Friday.

Tracey

Volunteer Program

Hunter River Community School is keen to assist our past students achieve their post school goals. To facilitate this achievement, a volunteer work scheme is being trialled. Identified clients will volunteer for a 2-3hr shift each week and complete skill based work tasks. This term volunteers, accompanied by their support worker, will be preparing materials for a recycled art program. Clients who are self-managing their funding packages and those from Endeavour Industries are currently involved in the project. It is fabulous to have some of our “old” friends back in the school. Well done everyone.
Class News !!!

Room 6 NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

Last week Room 6 had lots of fun painting crocodiles as part of our NAIDOC week (which fell in the school holidays) activities.

Braith laughing when putting spots on the crocodile

Koby painting some dirt for the crocodile to walk

Coby using his fingers, lots more fun!!

Connor's colourful crock

Darcy independently choosing his colours

Jonathon touching the crock's head!
INAUGURAL
HUNTER RIVER COMMUNITY
SCHOOL CHARITY GOLF DAY!

Become a Sponsor

Major-$500

- Team entry on the day & BBQ breakfast (4 players).
- Advertising banners on first hole tee-off and another hole of your choice.
- An opportunity to hand out any promotional merchandise for your company (brochures, etc.)
- A special mention in our weekly school newsletter
- Advertisement on our School Facebook page & website

Minor-$250

- Advertising banners on any hole between holes 2-6
- An opportunity to hand out any promotional merchandise for your company (brochures, etc.)
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