Welcome to Week 2. I hope everyone has had a great week. It has been an exciting week at HRCS, with students and staff settling into routines and getting to know each other.

School Photos

School photos were on Tuesday and it was a very exciting day, especially for the new students to our school. Some of our senior girls got into the spirit of the day and demonstrated their outstanding make-up skills. I would like to take this opportunity to thank MSP photography for their commitment and dedication to ensuring that the school photo experience is a positive one for each and every student. Their understanding and patience is to be commended. Purchased photo packs will be sent home as soon as they arrive.

School Times:

Our starting and finishing times have stayed the same as last year. To assist our new families, these are as follows:

Gates open at 8:35am. Morning transport concludes at 9:10am. Afternoon Transport commences at 2:30pm and concludes at approximately 3:15pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require assistance outside of these hours.

Administration of Medication

Medication can be an essential component of our young peoples lives and the staff at HRCS are committed to ensuring that all medications are administered following very strict protocols. To assist us with these procedures it would be wonderful if these guidelines could be followed:

Where possible, all medications to be in Webster-paks.

If a Webster-pak is unavailable, the original box with student name and current dosage will need to be supplied.

“Prescribed Administration of Medication” plan will be developed and sent home for signing. All plans that reflect non Webster-pak administration will require a medical sign off.

All medication not travelling with students should be dropped off in the office.

Epi-pens and asthma inhalers MUST not be on site if passed the expiry date.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact me.
School Uniforms

Thank you to everyone who has purchased the new school shirts. They look wonderful and we have had a lot of positive feedback regarding the uniform changes. The size 6 shirts have now arrived and we anticipate the size 4 shipment will arrive toward the end of next week. I would like to thank parents for their patience regarding orders, we will endeavour to finalise the purchases as soon as possible. A special thank you must go to Kiley McDonald, P&C President, for coordinating the uniforms and establishing the “uniform shop”.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 2 March commencing at 10:00am. This meeting will focus on welcoming our new families to the school. Everyone is invited to come along, share a delicious morning tea, and meet the members of the committee. If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We hope to see many new and familiar faces.

Parent Voluntary Contributions

Our trial of the voluntary parent contribution scheme proved very successful last semester. This year voluntary contributions will remain at $25 semester: or $50 year. There is no obligation to participate in this program and contributions are not related to school activities or opportunities. If you are willing to participate, all payments will be greatly appreciated.

Learning Support Team Meetings

Teachers will be contacting you in the next couple of weeks to coordinate a Learning Support Team Meeting. These meetings are an essential tool in planning for the upcoming year and ensuring that student’s individual needs are met. Personnel from other agencies, such as therapists, are more than welcome to attend. Please do not hesitate to liaise with your child’s teacher to coordinate a whole team approach.

Communication methods

Providing relevant, up to date information for members of our school community is very important to us. There are several tools that may assist you receive details regarding school upcoming events and activities.

Hunter River Community School Face Book page is an extremely popular site that regularly posts stories and photos. This page is closely monitored and has assisted in raising the profile and perception on our school, students and achievements. Please do not hesitate to invite family and friends to log on and like us.

Hunter River Community Skoolbag App is another tool that parents have used in the past 12 months. This App provides parents with a tool to electronically send in permission and absentee notes. Alerts will also be sent out for upcoming events and activities. Our weekly newsletter can also be accessed from this site.

Our school web page provides information regarding activities, events and school programs. The current school plan can be viewed from this page.

Hopefully by using these tools, information will be at your fingertips.

Have a great week

Tracey
We have been having lots of fun getting back into school life in Room 2. Some of the things we have been up to in weeks 1 and 2 are:

We learnt that Australia Day is also known as Survival Day and how Aboriginal people were here before Captain Cook. Every morning we have a morning meeting where we look at a calendar and weather charts.

We made chocolate milkshakes . YUM!

We went out into the garden with our brand new sun hats, kindly donated by our friends at Kingsgrove Sports Centre (a big thankyou to Julie Muir) and picked tomatoes and chives to make tomato sauce.

Oh….and we have a new friend in class – a life size doll whose head has been given to us on loan from Mayfield Lifeline Op Shop. She has her very own wardrobe in class and is lovingly dressed every day. Thankyou to Bronwyn at Lifeline for supporting us.
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