Dear Parents /Caregivers & Friends,

Week 7 has been another exciting week at Hunter River Community School with students engaging in a variety of exciting programs.

Community Police Visit:

Last Friday we were very fortunate to have a visit from our local Community Police Liaison Officer. Officer John came to talk about being safe and having safe behaviour at school, home and when out in the community. Students enjoyed having their photo taken with Officer John and asked many questions about his uniform and police issued equipment. We would like to take this opportunity to thank John for his time and for joining our school community.

Shortland Wetland Visit:

This week a small group of Agriculture students travelled to the Wetland Centre to participate in a combined school education program. Students listened to presentations, explored the centre and discovered interesting facts about plants.

Electronic Newsletter:

This week a note has gone home regarding families requesting an electronic newsletter. If you do not wish to receive a paper copy, please complete the form and return to school. Currently weekly newsletters are available on Skoolbag and the School webpage. A copy of the newsletter can also be emailed to families.

Easter Celebrations:

Just a reminder that our Easter Hat Parade for primary students will be held on March 24 commencing at 10:00am. A note will go home today to parents outlining details of the event. We look forward to seeing all our families and friends at this special occasion.

Have a great week

Tracey
Room 7 have had an exciting start to the year. We have been learning the letters of the alphabet and have also been exploring the school to find special places.
It is our aim to:

- Support and inform parents and families who are new to the world of Autism
- Provide ongoing support to parents and families
- Sharing strategies and ideas
- Lobby for Autism Services in the Lower Hunter.
- Raise funds for Autism Services in the Lower Hunter
- Inform the greater Community about Autism Spectrum Disorder

Strive support group meetings for 2016 are:
Tuesday 8th March, Tuesday 14th June, Tuesday 13th September, Tuesday 8th November.

Where: Koe-nara building (Cessnock Primary School)  
Cnr Quarrybylong & Rawson Sts  
Cessnock

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Website: www.striveforautism.org.au

Email: info@striveforautism.org.au
We would like to welcome Allison Hicks, Billy’s mum, aboard as our parent representative for 2016. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Cindy Modderman, Laura’s mum for all her hard work in 2015 as we began our PBL journey.

Pre-order now and receive bonus vouchers. The all Entertainment book. More value than ever before for the same price. Only $60.00. Books will be available from the office from April 1st. Stocks limited so get in quick to avoid disappointment. Digital version available for smart phones.

EASTER RAFFLE

Books of tickets have been sent home today. Tickets are $1.00 each and raffle will be drawn 24th March at the Primary Easter Hat Parade. Donations are currently being accepted so if you have any suitable prizes for the P & C raffle please forward them in with your child.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Hat Parade 24th March
Good Friday 25th March
Easter Monday 28th March
Last Day Term 1 8th April
Day 1 Term 2 (Students) 27th April