Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,
Welcome back to school for the last term of the year. We are looking forward to a variety of exciting end of year activities as well as a continuation of enjoyable learning experiences in the classroom and beyond.

P & C Meeting – TONIGHT at 6.15pm
This month’s P & C meeting will be held this evening from 6.15pm in the library. The meeting will begin with a presentation from Nicole and Rachel, representatives from Hunter Health. They will inform us about the NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy and answer any questions in regard to the implementation of this strategy in our canteen.

Attendance
I would like to remind parents about the importance of students attending school every day. Did you know?
If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular attendance at school will help your child to succeed in life. Students need to come to school unless there is a justified reason for their absence. It is important to understand that in NSW parents may be prosecuted if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Little Learners
This Friday our transition program will continue for Kindergarten 2015. Little Learners (Kindergarten 2015) have one more session next week on Friday, followed by two Kindergarten Orientation sessions on Tuesday mornings (21 and 28 October) from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Kindergarten classrooms.
The value of this program cannot be underestimated as we aim to make the transition to school as smooth as possible for all students. We also appreciate the support given by parents, carers and preschool/ day care staff as we all work together during this transition phase.

Hats On, Play On
A reminder that in Term 4 it continues to be compulsory for boys and girls to wear their broad brimmed hats when they are playing in the playground in the morning, at recess and at lunchtimes. No caps are allowed. Children who do not have broad brimmed hats at school will have to sit on silver seats under the cola (north playground) or in the shade (south playground) during play periods. Please make sure that hats are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
Our awards will be handed out this week. Congratulations to every child who has earned their next award. Remember to continue to display those terrific behaviours during our final term. We will hand out the final awards at the end of this term.

Narelle Mann
Principal
**Kindergarten Enrolments 2015**
To assist us with planning for 2015 we are now accepting expressions of interest if your child is eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015. Please complete the form attached and return it to school and/or pass this information on to family and friends who have children who are eligible to start school in 2015.
You could also call in at school or contact us on ph. 49811007.

**Canteen Helpers**
Our school canteen operates with the assistance of parent helpers. Parents can assist on a rostered basis weekly, fortnightly or monthly or just help whenever they are available. New volunteers are always needed, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please contact the canteen on 49811007.

**Fax Machine**
We have new photocopiers in the school. We have some cables missing so that our fax machine is functional. Hopefully this will be sorted out asap. You can still email but not fax. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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**Family River Day**

*Celebrate National Water Week*

**Sunday, October 26**
10am - 3pm
Finnan Park
Grahamstown Dam

- Discover how catchments work
- See local native animals
- Learn about marine debris
- Go ‘Nuts about Nature’
- Meet Platypus Pete
- Plus much more!

For more information call Local Land Services on (02) 4938 4958

*Celebrating our drinking water catchments - where your water comes from!*

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**Book Parade Last Term**
Mostly everyone bought a book that corresponded with their outfit. It was great to see.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**
Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). For the safety of all students and staff, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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**Merit Awards**

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**Canteen Menu**
There is a new Summer menu for the canteen. Please find attached with this newsletter.
5C Batik Art: They used wax as an outline and then used fabric dye to colour in the design.

Book Parade Costumes … some awesome ones as usual … Great Job Mrs Swartz!! Best MP.