Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with pleasure that we welcome back our students and their families to the 2014 school year.

29 new students enrolled in the school this year. It was pleasing to welcome these students and their families to the school community and to see how well the students have settled into their new school at this very early stage.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming Cas Porter, Mike Tait and Dan Hawkins to our teaching staff. We are also very pleased to welcome speech pathologist Sarah Velasco and Adriana Vigliaturo as an Education Support Officer.

Vince Aitkin retired in December and has been replaced by Tom Sianidis and Mark Edgely, both of whom work three days per week in the maintenance role.

School Council Elections 2014
A call for nominations for School Council will be sent home to all families on Monday 10th February.

There are four (two year) parent vacancies available for the 2014/2015 Hume Valley School Council. This is a most important role, because it is School Council, in conjunction with the Principal and staff, who form the direction for school improvement.

Sun Smart
As Hume Valley School is a Sunsmart school we request parents to provide a hat for their son or daughter to wear during the hot weather. We will encourage all students to wear a hat for their protection during their outside activities. If students do not have a hat to wear outside in hot weather the school policy is for that student to play in a shaded area of the playground.

Hats at a cost of $7.50 are available for purchase directly from the school office.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION
Medication
There is a form, available from the school office, that needs to be filled out for medication that is to be administered at school. Please label all medication with student’s name, the name of the medication and the dosage required and hand it to your child’s Bus Supervisor for delivery to school. No medication, including Panadol, will be administered without written permission.

Student arrivals & pick ups from school
School times for students are: 8.45 am – 3.00 pm.
☐ If you need to bring your son/daughter to school between 8.30 and 8.45am he/she will be supervised in the Homecrafts Room by a teacher until 8.45am when classes commence.
☐ If your son/daughter usually travels home from school by school bus, but for some reason you need to pick them up from school, please notify the office staff on 9309 3477 by 2pm prior to collecting your son/daughter. This is to avoid confusion when staff members are assembling students for their afternoon transport.
☐ If you are collecting your son or daughter from school at the end of the school day please proceed to the Gymnasium where staff will be supervising the students to be collected.
☐ If you arrange for someone other than yourself to collect your son or daughter from school please notify the school in advance.
☐ If you wish to talk to your child’s teacher please contact the school office to arrange a time when the teacher is available, i.e. when the teacher is not undertaking student supervision or teaching duties.

Kind Regards
Diane Bassett
Principal