Dear Parents/Carers

Could I begin by thanking the parents who attended our planning day last Thursday to express their ideas for the next three years planning phase, 2015-17. The three main areas discussed were community inclusion, communication and assessment. These ideas will be discussed amongst the Planning Committee to assist in program development and implementation. There will be further opportunities for parents and carers to become involved, however if you have ideas in which you think may support the school, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Thank you also to Ollie who presented information on ‘In the Zone for Learning’ which is a program we are currently investigating. This is a program which is being implemented at Clarke Road SSP in Hornsby. The program focusses on Sensory Processing and how we can better engage our students. I am looking forward to visiting Clarke Road this Thursday to further look at how it ‘fits’ into a school setting.

Could I please remind parents that if you need to come to the classroom when dropping your child off, that it does not take up too much time of our teaching staff. This is a very busy time of the day as they often have other students arriving who require attending to and are quite ‘time specific’ for when they need to commence their daily programs and routines. If you want to meet with any staff member, please contact the school to arrange a meeting time convenient for both. We are very happy to meet with parents and carers on a regular basis and encourage your input to better support your child.

A reminder that our next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 10th September at 9am.

All the best
Darren Barnett

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Dates to Remember

- **Friday, 12th September**  Hunter River Community School—FIFA World Cup
- **Thursday**  Riding for the Disabled
- **Friday**  Senior Gymnastics
Allergy Aware

In consultation and discussion with staff here at lakeside School, including our Workplace Health and Safety Committee, we would like to advise that our school will introduce a policy to help ensure the safety of students and staff.

As you may be aware, some allergies can result in anaphylaxis in people who have been diagnosed with severe reactions to certain allergens. To assist in reducing the risk of anaphylactic reactions to peanuts within our school, we ask that students not bring any peanut products to school. This includes such items as nut bars, peanut butter sandwiches etc.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any queries regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 4943 8999.