Dear Parents

Hunter New England Local Health District and the Department of Education are involved in a joint program to bring Speech Pathology services to the school setting. This term our school will have a Speech Pathologist, Katrina Gordon visiting the school every Thursday for five weeks from 23rd February. This is an exciting opportunity for Speech Pathologists and teachers to work together to provide the best outcomes for your child.

Whilst the aim of the project is to support teachers to develop strategies for students with communication difficulties, there are many benefits for all students within the class. As part of the programme the Speech Pathologist may be working with your child. This may occur through classroom screenings, individual screenings, whole class lessons or small group work.

If you are happy for your child to be involved in the Speech Pathology program you do not need to do anything- they will simply be included if and when appropriate.

If for any reason you **DO NOT** want your child to be involved in the Speech Pathology program then please talk to your child’s class teacher.

During this program, if it is believed that your child may benefit from a full formal speech pathology assessment you may receive a letter explaining your child’s difficulties and providing you with some recommendations.

Regards,
Tim Lewis, Principal