**CLASS AWARDS**

**KF**
- Lilly L
- Jaylen L
- Troy Mc
- Matilda V

**KP**
- Leanne R
- Peyton M
- Bailey W
- Charlie H

**1**
- Max B
- Lucas G
- Angus v
- Jace E

**2**
- Brett S
- Jye S
- Nathan K
- Ariella S
- Sarah T

**3**
- Tabitha W
- Angus E
- Lachlan R
- Brandi T
- Hayley D
- Dasharna C

**4**
- Toby M
- Leeza G
- Khyla Mc
- Olivia P
- Tanesha S
- Jase C

**5**
- Josh A
- Tom F
- Imogen C
- Zai M
- Josh R
- Chey-Anne D

**6**
- Takara D
- Jacob K
- Nathan B
- Ruby C
- Abbi B

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

**KF**
- Sehv W

**KP**
- Jacinta W
- Maddie R
- Angel W

**1**
- Ryah H

**2**
- Wil P

**3**
- Jeremy H

**LARGE MERIT CERTIFICATES**

Zara C  
Jordan L

**Dates to Remember**
- 21st March - School Cross Country
- 25th March - CAPA Treat Day
- 3rd April - Zone Cross Country
- 4th April - Yrs 3 & 4 (Stage 2) Excursion

**Assemblies for Term 1**
- 28th March - Yr 5
- 11th April - Yr 1/2
Thank you to everyone that attended our AGM last Wednesday.

New committee is:

**President:** Melissa Witchard
**Treasurer:** Jackie Lowe
**Secretary:** Leanne Hetherington
**1st Vice President:** Louise Bambach
**2nd Vice President:** Pam Graham
**Canteen Co-ordinator:** Maryanne Chown
**Uniform Co-ordinator:** Bernadette Menck

As Easter is coming up very quickly and we will be holding an Easter Raffle we are asking if you could send in your donations of Easter eggs and related items as soon as possible. This will allow us time to put together the baskets. All donations can be dropped into the canteen or school office. **Raffle tickets will be sent home with students shortly.**

We have had quite a few requests to run our Cookie Dough Fundraiser again, so we are sending home order forms with today's newsletter. **Order forms are due back with correct money enclosed by Thursday, 3rd April. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EXECPT LATE ORDER** so please ensure your orders are back by the return date.

Cookie Dough will be delivered back to the school for pick up on Wednesday 30th April 2014 (1st week of Term 2) from 2.30pm. Term 2 Roster will be being printed soon and as always we are keen to welcome new volunteers, if you are able to spare a day every now and then please fill out a volunteer slip which you can obtain from the canteen or the Office.

**Uniform:** Uniform Shop will be open every day **Tuesday** to **Thursday** morning between 8.30am - 9.30am and **Fridays** 8.30am to 2pm. Outside these times please fill out an order form enclose the correct money and leave at the office or canteen, your order will be filled as soon as possible and sent to your child’s classroom.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**
Next fundraising meeting - Wednesday 2nd April at 2pm
Cookie Dough order forms returned by Thursday 3rd April.

Melissa Witchard
President

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**Community News**

MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUN

LEGO MANIA IS HAPPENING AT MAITLAND CITY LIBRARIES THIS COMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. TO FIND OUT WHERE YOUR CHILDREN AGED 4-14 CAN VIEW AND PARTICIPATE IN EVERYTHING LEGO VISIT THE MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY WEBSITE FOR DATES AND SESSION TIMES.


BOOKING AND PAYMENT PRIOR TO EVENTS IS ESSENTIAL AND MAY BE MADE ONLINE.
Principal’s News

Thought For the Week
Life is too short to start your day with broken pieces of yesterday, it will definitely destroy your wonderful today and ruin your great tomorrow.

Loom Bands
The new craze at school appears to be loom bands. Unfortunately they are becoming a problem with children becoming distracted in class, losing them, arguments over sharing and just recently, students selling them to other students. Some children have been hurt because bands have been flicked at them. This could be much more serious if a child was hit in the eye. I would like to request that parents keep these bands as a home activity and that the bands do not come to school - even as a bracelet or necklace. Any students who bring them to school will be asked to give them to their teacher and they will be returned at the end of the day. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Toys at School
It is our preference that students do not bring toys to school. If they get lost or broken it causes emotional upset . Children who bring toys to school do so at their own risk.

P&C Annual General Meeting
The P&C Annual General Meeting was held last week. I would like to thank the committee for all their work over the past year and offer my congratulations to the incoming committee.

Hunter Prelude Playgroup
The play group called Ka-ū-ma Play 2 Learn will meet at Greta Public School Hall next Monday 9.30am-11.30am. The first session of this group was well attended and we look forward to seeing numbers increase.

The group caters for families with children 0-6 years old. No need to book, just come along and share morning tea.

Family Occupation and Education Index and School Funding
A quick reminder to some parents that we sent out some parts of their children’s enrolment forms for completion. Thank you to those parents who have returned the forms. We will be happy to receive any that have not yet been returned.

Netball
It is great to see so many girls attending the netball training sessions being run by Mrs Parrey and Miss Rachel. We have a number of younger students who have asked to join.

Cross Country
Our carnival will take place tomorrow. Children will be walking to and from the oval. If your child requires any medication including asthma puffers please notify us or if you are attending take along their medication.

Students who are 8, 9 or 10 years old will run 2 kms at Greta Oval. Students 11, 12 or 13yrs old will run 3km. Students need to wear appropriate footwear, hats and have their water bottles with them.

11, 12 and 13 years students will leave school at 9.10am to begin their run at 9.35am.
10 years old will leave school at 9.30 to start at 10. am
8 and 9 years old will leave school at 9.50am to start at 10.30 am.

We anticipate that all races at the oval will conclude by 11am.
Our children who are 5, 6 or 7 this year will run a course at school at 2pm.
We would appreciate parent volunteers to man the course. We look forward to seeing you there.

Medical Condition Awareness
Should your child have any sort of medical condition we need to be made aware of this. If this condition is serious and warrants a Medical Care Plan we require you to obtain this from your doctor and give us a copy as soon as possible, eg Epilepsy, Anaphylaxis or any other condition that requires close monitoring and emergency instructions. Asthma also needs to be given careful consideration, if you do not have an action plan from your doctor we have an Asthma Form that you can fill out advising us of the correct management of your child’s asthma. Your child can collect this form from the office for you to fill out. If they require asthma medication we will need you to supply this to the school. Lastly, it is of utmost importance that contact details eg phone numbers and addresses are kept up to date. Please ensure if any of these change that you let us know as soon as possible so you or an emergency contact are obtainable at all times.

Sandra Armstrong
Principal
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TENNIS COACHING CLINIC - TERM 2 SPORT (ALL STUDENTS)
In Term 2 we will be conducting a Tennis Coaching Clinic for our school sports program. This clinic will run over 7 weeks and will cost $10 per child. All equipment will be supplied. In the next couple of weeks more information will be sent home including permission slips.

Please do not send any money at this time. All money and paperwork will need to be sent in together.

NRL VISIT
Last Friday we were visited by members of the NRL. This visit was to introduce the children to the NRL’s Anti-Bullying Campaign. The children enjoyed the presentation and the presence of two of the Newcastle Knights Holden Cup Team. We thank Kacey Drummond from the NRL as well as Sione and Marvin from the Holden Cup for their entertaining and informative visit.

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AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS
Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability Mental Illness or Chronic Condition?
You are invited to attend our FREE Parent/Carer Information Session
Where: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, ARGENTON
Time: 9.30am -2.00pm
Cost: FREE–Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided
RSVP: Thursday 24th April –For Catering Purposes
Ph: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or EducareAdmin@hnehealth.nsw.@ov.au
WHEN: Wednesday 30th April 2014
• The Impact of being a Parent/Carer - HNE - Carer Education & Support Program - Hunter
• Building Parent Resilience - Jackie Currey, First Chance

WHEN: Wednesday 7th May 2014
• Siblings - HNE - Carer Education & Support Program - Hunter
• National Disability Insurance Agency - Suzanne Punchon
• Using Assisted technology - Ben Coombe, Samaritans

WHEN: Wednesday 14th May 2014
• The Importance of Support Groups - Bronwyn Thoroughgood - Families Supporting Families
• Child Behaviour that Challenges Us - Craig Moore, Clinical Psychologist
• Discrimination - Your rights and responsibilities - Claire Williams - Anti Discrimination Board of NSW.

THANK YOU
Greta Public School students and staff will all benefit from the many resources generously donated by the Szymanski family. We would all like to say a big “Thank You”.

Head Lice
Head lice can be a problem with lots of children in close proximity – they love clean heads! They can be especially active in the summer.
One of the best and cheapest methods for removal is white hair conditioner combed through the hair and left in to dry. This suffocates the lice and makes it easy to comb out the eggs.
Could parents please check their children’s heads once a week as this is the best prevention.