**Term 4 Week 2**

**Website:**
www.greta-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Keep up to date with happenings at our school via the :-
Greta Public School App**

**School Hours**
 Supervision from: 8.30am
 Classes Start: 8.55am
 School finishes: 2.55pm

**Term Assembly Dates**
 Tuesdays at 2.10pm in the Hall
 (Fortnightly)
 27th Oct - Yr 3
 10th Nov - Yr 1
 24th Nov - Yr 5

**Messages**
KA-U-MA Play To Learn
Term 4 (9.30am - 11.30am)
 26th Oct
 9th Nov
 23rd Nov
 7th Dec

**Notes to be Returned**
Parent Surveys
Return by tomorrow Friday 16th Oct
Zumba Note - McHappy Day
Book Club Due Wed 21st Oct

**Dates to Remember**
Pie Drive PickUp Wed 28th Oct
Aussie Bush Camp - 11th, 12th
13th Nov (Yr 5&6)
Angels - Mon 7th Dec
Presentation Day - Wed 9th Dec
Yr 6 Farewell - Thur 10th Dec

**P&C Information:**
Next Meeting
Wed 18th Nov @ 1.30pm
Canteen Open
Tuesday - Friday
No Canteen on Mondays
Uniform Shop
Tuesdays Only
9.00 - 11.00AM

**Principal’s News**

*“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.” The Dalai Lama*

This past fortnight we have welcomed a number of new students and families to our school. This week we also welcomed our newest members to our school, 2016 Kindergarten children and their families. This is a very exciting time for them and us. We look forward to getting to know you all more throughout the term and thank you for coming to our school.

If you missed this week’s assembly you missed a wonderful celebration of a year in the life of our Kindergarten children. My, my how busy they have been learning, learning and learning. Thank you to Ms Page and Mrs Brown for preparing such a delightful performance, I was lucky enough to see an encore performance yesterday.

Also at the assembly we presented a number of students with special awards as we celebrated their success in recent external competitions. A full list of the students and awards is included later in this newsletter. Congratulations to all the students and a big thank you to Ms Rummery for organising our participation in these activities.

Welcome back Mrs Hill, we missed you and a big thank you Mrs King for managing the office – we couldn’t have done it without you.

This weekend our school is involved in two community events – McHappy Day at Greta McDonalds and The Umbrella Festival at Branxton. Thank you to Mrs Gilmour for organising the dance group and thank you to the parents who are working on the P&C Stall. Wishing everyone who is involved in either event a lovely time.

*Working together with families, staff and community to ensure all our children are happy and safe at school and achieving their best at all times.*

Mrs Jayne Schmarr
Principal
**TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY**
The Tell Them From Me survey is still open and will accept your input until 23rd October 2015. If you haven't done so already, please share your thoughts and ideas as they are important to us and will guide our future directions. If you unable to access a computer at home school computers are available for your use. To access the survey please use the following link:

1. Login in: [https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com)
2. Your School’s Parent Username = parent17023
3. Your School’s Parent Password = Gre2084

**PAYMENT REMINDER - GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP EXCURSION**
Payments need to be finalised by Friday 30th October. If you have not yet paid, please forward payment in whole or smaller part payments to the front office as soon as possible.

**FAR TOO EARLY**
Once again parents and carers are reminded that there is **NO supervision** for students at school before 8.30am. This Tuesday a number of children were at school at 8.05am. NO staff are required on site at this time. Students should not be at school before 8.30am for their own safety. If this practice continues I will be required to send official letters to families of the children.

**WEARING OUR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE**
The Greta Public School, along with the Department of Education and Training believes that a school uniform provides a sense of belonging and fosters pride in the school. Greta Primary School is very proud of its school uniform, and it is worn by all students. Any children who have pierced ears must only wear studs or sleepers and no necklaces are to be worn. This is an OH&S requirement. No bright hair colours, makeup or nail polish will be accepted.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
- **Girls Summer Uniform:** Red Polo Shirt with logo, black Shorts/Skorts, white socks, black shoes and school bucket hat.
- **Boys Summer Uniform:** Red Polo Shirt with logo, black shorts, white socks, black shoes and school bucket hat
- **Girls/Boys Sports Uniform:** Red shirt or coloured sport shirts, white socks, black shorts, joggers and school bucket hat. **Exception:** Year 6 special shirt may be worn on Friday only.

**SNAKE SAFETY**
As the weather warms up snakes, spiders and lizards become much more active. Now would be a good time to have a talk with your children about staying safe while out and about. At school, children are reminded to walk along the pathways and play on the grassed or concrete areas, children are asked NOT to play or run through the gardens or climb the trees, this is especially important at home time. Parents please remind your students of these safety messages.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS.**
This week we sent a note home with all Year 5 students:

*Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017.*

Please take note of this important information:

- Please return the Intention to Apply note to school by 23rd October.
- Parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 10 March 2016.**
- Applications for entry in **2017** can be made online between **13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015.** Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
School News

GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ka-ú-ma Play 2 Learn

TIME: 9:30am - 11:30am
WHERE: Greta Public School Hall
WHO: Families with children 0-6 years

Term 4 2015 dates:
- Mon 12th October  Speech Therapist Visit
- Mon 26th October  Occupational Therapist
- Mon 9th November
- Mon 23rd Nov  Occupational Therapist
- Monday 7th Dec  Physiotherapist

Shared Morning tea. Meet other families.
Art & craft activities, educational toys,
books & games.

ICAS Exam Results.

A number of our students recently sat the University of NSW International Exams in English and Maths and received some very pleasing results.

Congratulations to all these students.
Special mention goes to :-

Angus for being awarded a Merit in Maths

Jack for receiving a Credit in both English and Maths

Pyper for receiving a Credit in both English and Maths and

Drew for receiving a Credit in Maths and a Distinction in English.

This is the first time a student at Greta PS has been awarded a distinction which puts him in the top 10% of students who sat the test.

Congratulations to all participants as we all know the biggest achievement is just “having a go” !!!

OLD BATTERIES

PLEASE HELP US TO SAVE THE PLANET AND BRING IN YOUR OLD BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING.

NO CAR BATTERIES !!!

PRINCIPAL’S STARS OF THE WEEK
### Class Awards

**K**
- Amelia R
- Kasey L
- Isabelle H
- Meyah L

**Yr 1**
- Jasmine C
- Jake M
- Kale Q
- Ella L

**Yr 1/2**
- Coby S
- Izabella B
- Lilly S
- Kayleb K
- Angus V

**Yr 2**
- Ryah H
- Brock M
- Alex W
- Angus L
- Max B

**Yr 3**
- Purav G
- Jye S
- Renae R
- Koby K
- Sinead M
- Nathan K

**Yr 4**
- Darcey T
- Kye B
- Jordan S
- Chloe W
- Lachlan R

**Yr 5**
- Nicholas H
- Khyla M
- Aleyah R
- Skadi B
- Ben R

**Yr 6**
- Brodie T
- Shakira J
- Benjamin M
- James O
- Harris B

### Citizenship Awards

**K**
- Hannah-Lee R

**Yr 1**
- Lawson S

**Yr 1/2**
- Sarah P

**Yr 2**
- Kaysha T

**Yr 3**
- Ellie G

**Yr 4**
- Ashley M

**Yr 5**
- Malakai M

**Yr 6**
- Jessica M

### Dojo Awards

**K**
- Aden L
- Rebecca M
- Natalie L, Callyn E
- Ariella S
- Renae R
- Allan T
- Dayne B
- Benjamin M

**Yr 1**
- Haleigha V
- Billy M
- Charlotte H
- Zara C
- Analeigh V
- Lauren M
- Jorja P
GOLD COAST RAFFLE
Win a 4 night family holiday at Sea World Resort & Water Park for 2 Adults & 2 children, unlimited entry into Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet n Wild, $100 credit for food and drinks and a $200 Caltex cash card. 
Tickets are available now - $2.00 each or buy books at $40.00.
Ticket books are available for purchase at the canteen.

THOMPSONS PIE DRIVE
Pie Orders will be available for pickup from the school on Wednesday 28th October.

SNACK SHACK
The snack shack is now closed on Mondays.
It may also need to be closed on Tuesdays if we are unable to get more volunteers, volunteers are urgently needed for Tuesday 27th October, Wednesday 4th and 18th November and Wednesday 2nd December.

DID YOU KNOW?
Our meetings are a place for debate, discussion and ideas and mainly decision-making. If you have any ideas that you think would benefit the students please either contact us or come to a meeting. If we don’t have enough members attend meetings then we cannot make vital decisions that affect your children.

WHAT IS THE MONEY USED FOR?
The main goal that the P&C and GPS are working toward is the improvement and update of the playgrounds. We have received a quote from Lex James a very talented artist who has some great ideas for redecorating. We have attached his sketches of what might be possible with your support. Please come to the upcoming meetings if you want to have a say and see more detailed breakdown of the work we are considering and if our fundraising makes this possible!

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 18th November with a later start time of 1.30pm.

If you have any concerns or suggestions please contact us via greta-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, attention P&C.

Regards
Krista Findlay-Egerton

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
TUESDAYS ONLY
9.00AM - 11.00AM
Order Forms are available outside of these hours.

CANTEEN ROSTER
16th Oct   Lucy, Rae
19th Oct   Closed
20th Oct   Lauren
21st Oct   Pat, Stacey
22nd Oct   Pat, Pam
23rd Oct   Lucy, Rae

Greta Public School - Future Enrolments
Child’s Name ____________________________  Date of Birth ____________
Address _________________________________  Phone No. _____________
Parent Name/s __________________________________________________
Preschool Name _________________________________________________
Year starting school ___________________________
This information will be used for planning. If you are able to give us any details about future enrolments it will be of benefit to us. Otherwise, this slip may be given to a friend or neighbour to be filled out by them and returned by your child.