### Term 4  Week 5

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<td><strong>“Rules for happiness: something to do, someone to love, something to hope for.” I Kant</strong></td>
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Friday, 30th October was **World Teachers’ Day** and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for their contribution to the education and the social and emotional development of each of our students. We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and committed teachers at Greta PS who not only create an exciting place for learning at Greta for your children but are also very devoted to their own learning journey and further developing their knowledge of skills in education. I would like to thank our teachers for their support in helping to grow and develop Greta PS as a place of learning for students and their families and staff.

I have once again attached an alert from NSW Health re **whooping cough**.

As stated in the letter there is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW and cases have been reported in our local community. Please follow the guidelines outlined in the memo and seek medical advice when needed.

As we are moving closer to the end of the year it is timely that I include again our **DET Core Rules** for all students and remind everyone of our PBL values of **Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best**. Busy schedules, longer days, excitement of end of year events on top of just the normal day to day events can sometimes leave us feeling over tired, more stressed and less patient. It is this time of the year we need to make sure we are eating well, sleeping lots and resting when we can so we can remain focused and in good spirits with our family and friends. Let’s try harder to look after each other and play by the rules.

### Approaching Students

Sadly I need to include this information again:-

“Parents and caregivers are reminded that if there is a problem with any child in our school they should approach a teacher or come to the office to report the problem. It is our duty of care to ensure all our children feel safe and secure at school. Parents and caregivers are **not to approach or reprimand any child personally at school.**” Your cooperation in this matter would be much appreciated.

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
A fairer Way - The Resource Allocation Model (RAM)
In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM provides a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and changes the way resources are managed in our school system.

On 21 October 2015, the NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Education the Hon Adrian Piccoli announced the next phase of the RAM implementation. In 2016, $113 million in additional funding has been allocated to NSW public schools through the RAM. These additional funds have been allocated in a way consistent with the recommendations of the Gonski Review.

In 2016, NSW public schools will receive a base allocation for staff professional learning and funding for each student using a new methodology. Schools will continue to receive equity loadings for socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and low level adjustment for disability. Eligible schools will also continue to receive a location allocation in 2016 to address the additional costs faced by NSW public schools that are geographically remote or isolated.

Throughout Term 4, 2015 and term 1, 2016 the school executive will continue to work with our school community to determine the best ways to use these resources to support student learning.

Social Media
Our school has embraced social media with its own school website and school APP. I encourage you to check both regularly and use it as a way of communicating with our school. The APP offers you a quick and easy way to alert us to student absences and allows us to share with you 'hot off the press' school news and changes to routine. We do not have a FACEBOOK page and nor do we contribute in any way to FACEBOOK sites. There are clear guidelines about the way schools use FACEBOOK and at the moment we have decided not to venture into this form of social media. We are aware that many of our families communicate with each other via social media. If you have any questions or concerns about things happening at the school we ask that you speak to the school directly by speaking to your child's classroom teacher, Mrs Ferguson, Ms French or myself depending on your enquiry.

Core Rules for students in all NSW Government Schools
Students in NSW government schools are provided with a high quality education so that they may learn to the best of their ability and become self-disciplined, tolerant, enterprising and contributing members of the school and community.

These core rules for student behaviour have been developed to establish consistent expectations in all government schools in support of these aims. They are based on the core values of integrity, excellence, respect, responsibility, cooperation, participation, care, fairness and democracy.

The critical role of parents and carers is recognised as the primary influence on each child’s character and behaviour and as essential partners in supporting the core rules and the successful education of their children.

All students in NSW government schools are expected to:
· Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy
· Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn
· Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school
· Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities
· Treat one another with dignity and respect
· Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.
School News

WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

ANGELS – GPS CHRISTMAS CAROL EVENT
BE SURE TO KEEP THE EVENING OF THE 7TH OF DECEMBER FREE!

GPS is once again holding a delightful evening of carol singing, festive cheer, peace and goodwill. This year we would like to extend our invitation to all members of the community so spread the word.

The P&C will be cooking a BBQ for you to purchase on the night with steak sandwiches, sausage burgers and more. Bring your picnic blanket, chairs and your best singing voices and be a part of the festivities.

More information will be coming your way in future newsletters.
NRMA Science & Road Safety Day

On Tuesday, a visitor from the NRMA science and safety came to our school to relay road safety to our students. The students in each class thoroughly enjoyed learning the many aspects of personal safety: as pedestrians, bike riders, or passengers in a car. Our visitor, Tyrone, taught the students about the importance of wearing a well-fitted helmet. The children learnt how the hard outer shell spreads the force of the crash to reduce head injury. The soft inner liner can compress just once to absorb the force of the crash and that helmets should be replaced after any crash. The show was very entertaining with lots of interaction and some students even had a ride on a hovercraft! The children left the show knowing that the right attitude on the road is very important. *Always remember “You are the most important person when it comes to making decisions on your safety”.*

**Important Information for Year 5 Students.**

Recently 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.
- 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.

**Year 6 Fundraising Events**

Firstly thank you to those who came along to Greta McDonalds last night and contributed to a great night and assisted us in raising $280.00. **Please pencil in the Wed 18th November as thanks to Greta McDonalds we will be doing it all again. So come along and enjoy the fun !!!!!**

**Saturday 21st November** - Carwash, raffles and face painting & tons of fun @ The Carpark, Greta Bottle Shop 9-12.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at next week’s Assembly as part of our Yr 6 fundraising @ 50c ea. The prize is a lovely Beauty Gift Pack. This will be drawn on the day.

So bring along your loose change and help us out !!!

**YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED**
GOLD COAST HOLIDAY 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.
There is a bonus prize of a $300 voucher for Woolworths/Big W for the most ticket books sold.
Tickets are available now from the canteen and office - $2.00 each or buy books of 20 tickets for $40.00.

CAR WINDOW TINTING RAFFLE
Buy a number (between 1 and 200) for $2 at the canteen to go into the draw to win window tinting to the value of $330! Perfect to keep out the summer glare on your car or home! Thanks to Elite Window Tinting Singleton.

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday the 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
Secretary

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

CANTEEN ROSTER
6th Nov  Lucy, Rae
9th Nov  CLOSED
10th Nov  Sasha, Renee
11th Nov  Pat, Stacey
12th Nov  Pat, Lynette
13th Nov  Lucy, Rae

Many thanks to our Wonderful Canteen Ladies for providing such a fun day for the children of our school. So much effort goes into these days and our children love it!!!!!!

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 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.

Community News

FOUND IN GRETA
A VERY FRIENDLY PINK GALAH HAS BEEN FOUND. IF THIS IS YOUR PET PLEASE CONTACT HELEN - PH: 0418 636 676

Grease & Glitter Spiders 60c