CLASS AWARDS

KP
Jayda B
Annika M
Patrick S
Layla M

1
Sehv W
Rebecca M
Billy M
Bailey W

1/2
Angus V
Billy-Bob Mc
Amira F
Kyeisha P
Charlotte H

2
Beau S
Pyper J
Ariella S
Jace E
Max B

3
Lachlan T
Byron C
Hayley C
Heidi S
Koby K

4
Bella K
Tristan W
Tabitha W
Allan T

5
Khyla Mc
Tanesha S
Jacob D
Lauren M
Michael M

6
Josh R
Josh A
Josh S
Kyle I
Natasha R

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

K
Felicity D

1
Hayden W

1/2
Harvey W

2
Larah C

3
Laura P

4
Chloe W

5
Farisha K

6
Angel W

DOJO AWARDS

K
Jayda B

1
Erica S

1/2
Harvey W

2
Drew F

3
Shaylea B

4
Tyler M

5
Allyn B

6
Jessica M

Will R

Dates to Remember

4th March - School Photos
24th March - Zone Swimming (for students who have qualified)

P&C INFORMATION

ASSEMBLIES TERM 1 - 2015 @ 2.10pm in the School Hall
24th Feb - Year 6 Item
10th Mar - Year 2 Item
24th Mar - Year 5 Item

AS THERE IS SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN REGARD TO OUR P&C IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THEIR REPORT ON THE NEXT PAGE.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!!
The P&C AGM is on Wed 18th March 2015 and all positions will be opened for nominations. The positions needing to be filled are:-

- PRESIDENT
- VICE - PRESIDENT X 2
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER

IF THE ABOVE POSITIONS ARE NOT FILLED, UNFORTUNATELY THE P&C WILL HAVE TO FOLD AND THIS WILL RESULT IN NO CANTEEN AND NO UNIFORM SHOP. IN ADDITION TO THAT ALL MONEY PREVIOUSLY RAISED AND IN THE BANK ACCOUNT CAN BE GIVEN TO OTHER SCHOOLS FOR THEIR P&C.

We also require volunteers for the Canteen and Uniform Shop :

- CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR
- UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR

AS ABOVE, IF THESE TWO POSTIONS ARE NOT FILLED THEN WE WILL BE WITHOUT A CANTEEN AND UNIFORMS WILL HAVE TO BE SOURCED ELSEWHERE.

To be able to be nominated for any of the above positions you need to be a paid committee member of the P&C which costs $1.00. This money will need to be paid prior to the AGM at our next P&C meeting being held next Wednesday 18th February @1.30pm in the School Library. If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to hold one of the above positions please complete the nomination form attached to this newsletter and return it to the School Office prior to the AGM.

The P&C Canteen raise substantial amounts of money that goes towards the betterment of our childrens' education. This can be a great opportunity to socialise and have an input into your child's education. So please consider being a member and/or holding a position for the benefit of our children.

Regards
Jackie Lowe
P&C Treasurer

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If you have any suggestions that you think may help in anyway with the canteen please feel free to let us know we are always appreciative of new ideas.

Thank you
Principal’s News

The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper. W.B. Yeats

Be the change: Think of something or someone that makes you feel wondered and amazed? Take the time to show your appreciation for that object or person.

Welcome back to school everyone. It is great to see such happy faces in our playground and classroom on our return. By all accounts it sounds like everyone enjoyed the summer break. A big, warm welcome to our 2015 Kindergarten children and their families. What an exciting time for them and their families.

This week we formally recognised and introduced our 2015 Student Leaders at our first assembly for the year. It was a wonderful occasion and one, which the newly elected leaders and Ms French can be very proud of. Being a leader comes with great responsibility and commitment. Our leaders need to demonstrate the courage to succeed academically in class, socially in the playground and physically on the sporting field and display strong loyalty to our school, our students and our community.

Being a leader has many tasks, they need to listen to others’ ideas and be ready to help solve problems, they need the ability to work with and stand by friends and fellow students, they need to help students and staff find their way and above all promote everything great about our school.

In my very short time here I can already see that our newly elected leaders and fellow Year 6 students have these qualities and even more. I want to personally congratulate all our students on their commitment to the role of ‘Student Leader’ and say how much I am looking forward to getting to know and working with them throughout 2015.

We currently have 194 students enrolled from K-6, which allows us to offer 8 classes and additional in-class support by specialist teachers. The teachers are now busy planning their teaching and learning programs. Some teachers have already held Parent Information sessions and some are planned for the coming weeks. Can I encourage you to attend these information sessions as the teachers share important information about your child’s class including school expectations and learning plans. If you would like to chat to your child’s teacher about their learning program at another time please call the office to make an appointment.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to Greta PS, I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all over the coming year. I am very excited about being part of such a lovely, friendly school.

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

Student Welfare Initiatives

Have you heard about our ‘Greta Geckos’?

What about a ‘Dojo Award’?

These two awards are part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program which operates across our school K-6 and acknowledges students who have demonstrated the values of:

Be Responsible,
Be Respectful and
Personal Best.

Greta Geckos - On Tuesday afternoons a Greta Gecko draw is held, 5 students will receive a dip in recognition of their positive and respectful behavior in the playground.

Dojo Award – ClassDojo is part of classroom practice K to 6, which encourages children to earn Dojo points by demonstrating positive learning habits and responsible and respectful behavior towards their peers and teachers in the classroom. ClassDojo is an interactive computer program with individual profiles complete with avatars for each child and helps create a positive and productive learning environment in the classroom. The fortnightly Dojo Award compliments our Greta Gecko which is the playground award.

School Uniform

Congratulations to the students on the way they are proudly wearing our school uniform. A reminder that black closed in shoes are the preferred option as stated in our uniform policy. They not only look smart with our red and black uniform, they are available at most shoe shops, cost effective and provide comfort and safety for your child whilst moving around the classroom and playground.
Information Update
We are once again updating our student records, this is a very important task that needs your assistance. Please ensure we have the correct information for your children:- home and mobile numbers, addresses, emergency contacts and any medical/dietary needs (including allergies) your child may have.

As part of the enrolment policy, children with Health Care Plans (eg asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis) are required to have them updated annually. Parents are asked to meet with school staff to ensure we are aware of the plan and procedures. If your child has a Health Care Plan please call the office to make an appointment.

School Times
Our school hours are from 8.55 a.m. – 2.55 p.m.

The school playground is not supervised prior to 8.30 a.m. so children should not arrive at school before that time. Children at school before 8.30 a.m. are expected to sit in a designated area until playground duty starts at 8.30 a.m.

Pick up time is 2.55pm, parents are expected to be at school in time to collect their child at 2.55pm. There is no after school supervision for students. If you are unable to collect your child at 2.55pm please organise another family member or friend to collect your child on your behalf and notify the school of the change in pick up. If you are running late please contact the school to let us know so we can arrange emergency care for your child.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
In the coming weeks there could be photos and articles in the Advertiser and Mercury in relation to our new Kindergarten students and School Leaders. As we are unaware of exactly when they will be in the paper please keep an eye out so you don’t miss out on a copy.

LARGE MERIT AWARDS
Large Merit Awards are awarded to children who have received 6 small merits. When your child has achieved 6 small merits bring them to the school office and your child will be presented with a large merit certificate at the next School Assembly.

CANTEEN ROSTER
The Canteen at this stage is closed every Monday and some Tuesdays so please check the roster attached to this Newsletter before sending in lunch orders with your children.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Our School Newsletter is published each fortnight on a Thursday and sent home with the eldest child. If you do not receive your newsletter they are available at the School Office or on our School Website.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Just a reminder that school photos will be on Wed 4th March we will send out the envelopes as soon as they are available. The average cost is approximately $30.00.

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Lochinvar Rovers
Football Club
Saturday 14th February 2015
9am to 12pm
Lochinvar Sports Complex

Community News

Congratulations
Greta Public School Leaders
2015

Jesse & Imogen (School Captains)

Will & Jorja (School Vice-Captains)

Emma & Aleasha (Prefects)

Josh, Mackenzie, Davor & Ben
(House Captains)

Branxton District Netball Club
Registration 2015
Thursday 5th February 4pm-6pm
Saturday 7th February 9am-12pm
Tuesday 10th February 4pm-6pm
All registration days will be at the courts.
For any enquiries please contact
Kim Starkey on 0418 414317
or by email kim@australiahotel.com.au

Greta Branxton Football Club (Soccer)
2015 Player Registration
5-17 years Junior Mixed Saturday Teams
+ under 5/6s girls only team with enough interest
Men's All Age Saturday - Women's All Age Sunday
Over 35's Friday Night & Saturday
Players turning 5 years in 2015 are eligible to register.
ALL REGISTRATION THIS YEAR IS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE at www.gretabranxtonfc.com
FEES:
5yr - 7yr $75.00
8yr-11yr $100.00
12yr - 18yr $165.00
Seniors $210.00 (+$5/week fees)
Completing online rego papers and online payment means
you no longer need to come to a rego day.
Registration/ info day
14th Feb (9-11am) & 17th Feb (4-7pm)
at Miller Park Sport & Recreation Club.
Registration closes 28th FEB
However first in best dressed policy
applies to filling teams