Dates to Remember
1st April - Kindergarten Excursion
2nd April - Easter Hat Parade, Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle and P&C Easter Raffle Draw
   Last Day of Term
21st April - First Day Term Two (Tuesday)
23rd April - Gymnastics Program Commences
24th April - School Anzac Ceremony

Happy Easter & Happy Holidays
**P & C News**

**Easter Raffle**
The P&C are having their annual Easter Raffle, this will be drawn on the last day of school in conjunction with the Easter Hat Parade/Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle next Thursday 2nd March 2015. If you could please return any sold or unsold raffle books to the school office or canteen by the 1/4/2015. We are asking families to donate to the school any Easter Eggs etc for us to use as raffle prizes. The more donations we get the more raffle prizes we will have. If you could drop these into the canteen or office this would be greatly appreciated and enable us to keep costs down. All money raised benefits the school and your child/children.

As of yesterday the 25th March 2015 we now have a new P&C Committee:-

President: Nicole McPherson
1st Vice President - Diane Townsend
2nd Vice President - Sandra Crisp
Secretary - Kristen Stevens
Treasurer - Jackie Lowe
Canteen Co-Ordinator - Sasha Styles
Ass. Co-Ord - Rebecca Dougherty
Uniform Co-Ord - Bernadette Menke

Congratulations to all of our new committee members I am sure as a team we can work together to make a positive difference to our children’s school.

The P&C would like to sincerely thank the outgoing committee for their efforts and commitment in assisting our school for the betterment of our children.

Regards
Nicole McPherson
President
Principal’s News

“In order to grow up to be good people, kids need to be around good people.
We can only learn kindness, patience, good humour, self sacrifice - in a word - LOVE, if we experience that first hand. “ Steve Biddulph

Students learn from their role models, they model what they see and hear. As carers of the future generations we, parents and teachers, need to foster and grow children into successful, thoughtful and caring citizens. We must ‘walk the talk’ and at every opportunity model what we want and expect our children to be, to do, to act, to say and to feel.

Congratulations to the new office bearers of the P&C and thank you for taking on these important roles. I look forward to working with you more closely as we build positive partnerships with the school and community and on school projects which will directly benefit our students throughout 2015. Thank you to our outgoing members you have left a sound legacy for us to carry on with.

I have included an article on helping your child manage their emotions – specifically anger which I found very interesting and offered great supportive ideas and advice. On the back is a copy of a poster we are introducing into our classrooms and Student Welfare Policy which provides children with five easy to remember steps in controlling their emotions. I would like to encourage you all to use the holidays to discuss the ideas and steps in the poster with your children and maybe even place it on your fridge or family noticeboard as a reminder. Spending time to help our children develop useful strategies to manage their emotions is time well spent.

As this is our last newsletter before holidays I would like to wish everyone a very HAPPY EASTER with family and friends and a very safe holiday. Thank you for your support throughout my first term as your Principal, I really am enjoying getting to know your children and their families. I have met so many lovely, friendly people – young and old who are so eager to learn and grow and I look forward to meeting even more next term.

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

And Run They Did!
Wishing our cross country competitors a successful and fun day tomorrow as they tackle the ‘rugged terrain’ known as the Zone Cross County track. Mrs Hemsworth is our team manager and is looking forward to supporting students and their families at this year’s event.
GOOD LUCK everyone and RUN, RUN, RUN !!

Snakes Alive!
Over the past fortnight we have spotted a snake or two in our playground. Now would be a good time to have that ‘be safe and sensible snake talk’ with your children. We are encouraging children to be on the lookout, especially around the garden beds and stay on the pathways around school.

Parent/Carer – Teacher Interviews
Just a reminder that we are offering parents and carers an opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child’s/children’s progress at school. If you would like to meet with your child/children’s teacher/s please make an appointment by calling the front office of our school or approaching the teachers directly. Interview times may be before school, after school or during the day around teacher’s playground duties or in release time. Interviews may take place face to face at school or over the phone at a mutually agreed time.

School Plans
We are nearly there with the 2015-17 Greta PS School Plan. I would like to thank parents, staff and students who have contributed to its development through focus groups, interviews, meetings and surveys during 2014-15. Your input is of high importance and I hope the final document will reflect your thoughts and ideas on moving our school forward over the next three years.

School Parking
A big THANK YOU for continuing to assist us in keeping our children safe as they enter and exit the school.

School Office Changes in Term 2
Our current enrolment sits at 194 students and this means a reduction in our administration allocation so as of Term 2 Mrs King will only be working Wednesday to Friday in her roles as School Administrative Officer (SAO). Mrs Hill will continue as our School Administrative Manager (SAM) Monday to Friday. As a result of the change in staffing there will be some variations to our current school administrative practices and
Mrs Hill and I ask for your assistance, patience and understanding as we work through these adjustments. We thank Mrs King for her commitment to our school that goes well beyond that of the front office and we hope to see you return to us in a fulltime capacity in the not too distant future.

**School Security**
Holidays are fast approaching - please keep a watch over our school and report any thing out of the ordinary to the local police. A reminder.....*The school grounds are inclosed land. If you are on the school grounds without school visitor approval you are trespassing. Trespassers will be prosecuted.*

**Important Dates**
- Thursday 2**nd** April - Last day of Term 1
- Monday 20**th** April - Staff return to school
- Tuesday 21**st** April – All students (K-6) return to school for Term 2
- Friday 24**th** April – School ANZAC DAY Ceremony at school
- Saturday 25**th** April – ANZAC DAY

**School Leaders Sydney Trip**
On Monday 23rd the School Leaders attended the Young Leaders Conference at Qantas Arena in Darling Harbour. During the day our students had opportunities to listen to very inspiring guest speakers including Bindi Irwin (Australia Zoo) and NSW Premier Michael Baird. The speakers shared their experiences on leadership and inspired the students to reach for their goals and never give up. As usual our students represented our school with *respect, responsibility* and always mindful of being their *personal best.*

**Mrs Schmarr’s Visitors this Fortnight**

**W E L L D O N E**

**G R E A T W O R K**

**PRINCIPAL’S STARS OF THE FORTNIGHT**