The clean up continues at our school and the beautiful Autumn sunny days have certainly helped. Our Year 4 students are now in the de-mountable in the middle of the school, their classroom will have new carpet laid as soon as the floor has dried out and it has been cleared of any structural damage. Our school playground has reopened for activities and thanks to Mr Crouch and his son the debris has been removed. Our remaining tasks include repairing the school fence, replacing the softfall under the fixed equipment and assessing the back oval.

Thank you to the students and families who supported the community ANZAC service or attended our school ANZAC service on Monday. We held our service at the front of the school and enjoyed the beautiful sunny and ‘dry’ day. Our Year 6 leaders under the guidance of Mrs Hemsworth did a marvellous job of delivering a moving and fitting tribute to our fallen and returned soldiers. Thank you to the School Captains, Jack and Grace of Rutherford High School, who supported our students and participated in the service.

So why do we remember this occasion? The ANZAC story shows us how important it was and still is to ‘do our very best’ for our country Australia and to stand up for what we believe is right. The story tells us that we must always be loyal to our country, and to our friends and family, no matter what the cost and to do everything as well as we possibly can. The example of the men of ANZAC and later generations of Australian service men and women should inspire us today. Those men and women believed in mateship, of helping out a mate or a friend, they were determined, courageous and loyal people. They were true Australians.

ANZAC day is not about talking of war and fighting as something fantastic. It is a reminder that war is horrible and while we should be proud of what the ANZAC’s and other Australian soldiers have done, we should always remember that there are never any winners in wars. Every ANZAC Day, we should remember all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force who have sacrificed so much so we can be here today.

Our school motto is ‘Courage and Loyalty’ – the ANZACs had this in bucket loads and we can do well to follow in their footsteps – remember our own goal is to be ‘responsible, respectful citizens’ and just like the Diggers or ANZACs we must always ‘do our best’ and together we will create a wonderful country to live in.

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
Looking For....
We thought we would use it but we never did and it is now a very expensive clothes horse. MMMMM.... What on earth am I talking about ? An exercise bike of course ! We are after a couple of exercise bikes in safe working condition. If you have one or know of someone who no longer uses or wants their exercise bike and is keen to donate it to a good home please think of us.

Books, reading and fun.
Everyone loves to dress up – so what will you be ? Don’t forget our Book Fair and Dress-up Day is on next Friday 8th May.

Kindergarten have added even more fun to the day with a ‘Chook Fling’ – there are still numbers available please see Miss Page or the ladies in the front office for a note.
There will be 1000 squares, each numbered 1-1000. Each square will cost $1.00 and the prizes are:-
- 1st - $100.00
- 2nd - $50.00
- 3rd - $25.00
- 4th - $25.00

Netball
It has been fantastic to see so many girls keen for netball training at lunch times. I am hoping once again to enter teams into the various gala days that are held around the area. In order to do this though I need to enlist the help of parents and caregivers. For every team I enter in a gala day I need an umpire, score keeper (this is not difficult at all) and a coach. If you are able to help out in any of these roles could you please let me know and as soon as I have dates I will contact you.

The senior girls will be playing their first game of Netball on the 7th May. This game will be against Bolwarra in the PSSA Knockout and will take place at Maitland Netball Courts. Girls selected in the team will be given more information in a note within the next couple of days. I do need an umpire and a scorer for this to go ahead so if you are able to please let me know.

Mrs Parrey.

COMMUNITY ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

PRINCIPAL’S STARS OF THE WEEK

GREAT WORK !!!
WELL DONE!!!
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May at 1.30pm to 2.30pm in the Library so please come along.

On the Agenda will be discussion and approval of the new canteen menu, which has been changed to conform with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/studentsupport/studentwellbeing/schoolcanteen/parent_flyer.pdf](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/studentsupport/studentwellbeing/schoolcanteen/parent_flyer.pdf)

Also on the agenda will be the set up of the fundraising committee.

If you have any concerns or suggestions please contact us via greta-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, attention P&C or come along to our meetings usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Regards
Krista Findlay-Egerton
Secretary

Branxton Greta Little Athletics
Branxton Greta Little Athletics will be holding a meeting on Monday, 18th May at 5:30 pm in the Athletics storage room, at the back of the amenities building, Miller Park.

The purpose of this meeting is to assess if there is enough interest for Little Athletics to run over this coming summer. A minimum of 5 interested adults are needed to enable the club to function.

We will also be holding a brief AGM during this time.
Any questions, please contact Sue on 0407383583, or asratley@dodo.com.au, or Michelle on 0404 495655, or at michelle.woodhouse@newcastle.edu.au

Thank you,
Sue Ratley

Community News

Family Fun & Magic Night
Elderslie Hall

Professional Magician & Entertainer
Joel Howlett

Tickets: $5/ child & $10 /adult
Food and beverages will be on sale from 6pm
For more information, call 0403 246 163

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.

Extra slips are available from the office.
School News

ANZAC DAY

SCHOOL CEREMONY

For what you did.
For what you do...

LEST WE
FORGET

Thank You.