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COURAGE AND LOYALTY

Term 2 Week 3

7th May 2015

**Principle’s News**

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." - Dalai Lama

Work continues to happen at our school on the flood damage. The existing school fence has been enclosed and made safer while awaiting repairs. The rooms are all but dried out and new carpet will be laid shortly in the Year 4 classroom. Buildings have been assessed and cleared of water damage. We have logged a report on the replacement of the softfall under the fixed equipment and we hope the bottom playground will be open for use soon. Thank you and congratulations to our students who have been very cooperative with each other while sharing a smaller playground.

This week I enjoyed visiting a number of our classrooms and spending time with the students while they were learning. *Have you heard about the French knitting taking place in Year 1.....or the word walls and reading in Year 1/2...... or the use of ipads and Chatterbox in Years 3 and 5 ?* Our classrooms are busy places where learning is centre-stage every day.

This week I tabled the 2014 Annual School Report (ASR) at the P&C meeting. Thank you to the writing team led by Ms Ferguson for their input and commitment to compiling this document. The ASR can be downloaded from our website or call the office to request a paper copy. At the same meeting I presented the 2015-17 School Plan which will also be available on our website very soon. The three strategic directions for 2015-17 are: Quality Teaching, Quality Engagement and Learning and Quality Community Partnerships.

As part of the annual school evaluation program we are currently reviewing a number of school policies including the Student Welfare and Discipline Code, Assembly and Awards and Assessment and Reporting Practices. Once completed these will be tabled at upcoming P&C meetings in Terms 2 and 3.

With this newsletter you will find the canteen’s new Winter Menu. I would like to encourage you to support the canteen and consider the new choices available to the students. For a while now students and staff have been lucky enough to be sampling some of the foods and I am thrilled to say how well received they have been. The home cooking ‘fresh is best’ approach has drawn a good response from our students and staff with many children and teachers commenting about the ‘yummy’ foods.

Don’t forget our ‘FUN-TASTIC Day’ being held tomorrow at school. The day kicks off with the Kindergarten Chook Fling at 10.45am, there are still numbers available for the ‘Chook fling’ please see Miss Page or the ladies in the front office tomorrow morning. This will be followed by a family morning tea time, the canteen will have cakes, slices and hot drinks for purchase. After recess we will host a Book Character Parade and the Greta PS Book Fair from 12.30 to 2.00pm. *So who is your favourite book character ? If you are like me there are so many it is hard to choose just one for the day....*

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
SCHOOL UNIFORM
As the weather cools down I encourage our students to wear our WINTER school uniform. Our P&C Uniform shop can help you with a number of the winter school uniform items. The uniform shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.00am to 11.30am.

Copied from our School Handbook: Greta Public 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.

2015 BOOK PACKS
If you haven’t purchased a book pack but would still like to – it’s not too late. Book packs provide your children with all they need to be organised for class and ready to learn. We have a number of book packs available for all Years. Please see the ladies in the office to purchase a book pack. Costs are:- K-4 $25.00 and 5&6 $35.00.

CESSNOCK BASKETBALL:
Cessnock Basketball are conducting Aussie Hoops Skills sessions on Tuesdays @4.15pm - 5.00pm at Cessnock Basketball Stadium. If you would like more information on this program contact the Stadium on:- Ph4991-1656 or Sophie on 0413 063 253 or Email - cessnock.cobras@bigpond.com.

STILL LOOKING FOR....
We thought we would use it but we never did and it is now a very expensive clothes horse. MMMMMM.... *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.

Many thanks.......
We would like to thank Andrew and Deb for your generosity in helping us to get our Book Fair message out to our community.

Thank you,
Thank you, Thank you !!!!!!!

TIMETABLE FOR TOMORROWS PROCEEDINGS:

Kindergarten Fundraiser - Chook Fling will commence @10.45am - numbers are still available.

Recess - 11.00 - 11.30am
Morning Tea for the parents will be available to purchase from the Canteen Tea/Coffee, Slice/Cake/Muffin for $3.00.

Dress Up Parade - 11.30am

Book Fair - 12.15 - 2.00pm

Good Luck Lewis
We all wish Lewis a successful day of competition at the Regional Cross Country tomorrow. We are very proud of his efforts and we will be cheering him on ‘loud and proud’....

You’re invited to our Book Fair

Book Fair Date: TOMORROW FRIDAY 8TH MAY
Shopping Hours: 12:15 – 2:30 IN THE HALL
Special Events: COSTUME PARADE STARTS 11:30
Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!
# CLASS AWARDS

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P & C NEWS

CANTEEN NEWS:
The P&C has approved a new winter menu, come in and see what exciting new things the canteen has got for your children this year. There will also be daily specials to entice the children to try new things! The new menu is attached to this newsletter.

Jelly sticks will no longer be available from the canteen and slushies will only be available to buy after 11.10am.

Sasha, our lovely canteen manager, will be attending the canteen network meeting at Rutherford on Friday so stay tuned for more exciting news!

HELP WANTED:
The canteen is desperate for extra helpers, especially on Mondays. If you can spare as little as 1 hour up to a whole day it would be highly appreciated. Speak to Sasha and co. at the Canteen to sign up.

The updated canteen roster is attached to this newsletter.

There will also be a ballot for the students to choose the new name of the canteen in the coming weeks!

UNIFORM NEWS:
Please find the order form attached if you wish to place a uniform order for winter. The uniform shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.00am to 11.30am.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS:
Due to time constraints a special meeting will now be held on Wednesday 13th May at 1.30pm to discuss and vote on the fundraising committee and get started on planning some fun activities for our children and to help our school. If you have any suggestions come along and support us.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 1.30pm to 2.30pm in the Library so please come along.

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

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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.
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Telarah Public School is seeking an unqualified tutor to support targeted Aboriginal students within our school with Literacy and Numeracy development. The successful applicant will need the skills and ability to guide selected Aboriginal Students in their studies and develop strong working relationships with all the staff at Telarah Public School.

Candidates should submit a TWO PAGE expression of interest highlighting their skills, experience and suitability for the position. The first page should include the applicants contact information, education and employment history and the phone numbers of two suitable referees. The second page should address their skills, suitability for the position and why they believe they can have an impact working with students at Telarah Public School.

All candidates must be prepared to submit to an employment screening check and need to have a working with children check clearance number as part of their Expression of Interest.

The role will be a newly established temporary part-time position working as part of the schools Aboriginal Education Team. It will be for two days a week. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment as tutors for the Norta Norta program.

Unqualified individuals identified by the school through the merit selection process as being suitable to work as a tutor with Aboriginal students.

This position is readvertised. Previous applicants are encouraged to resubmit their application. Enquiries may be directed to Tony Gadd, Principal at Telarah Public School via email to antony.gadd@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone 0428985116.

ICAS COMPETITIONS

Greta Public School will offer 2 ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) exams to interested students in 2015. These exams provide useful feedback on your child’s achievements compared to other students of the same grade throughout Australia and overseas. Last year we received a number of credits which was very pleasing for those students.

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I want my child ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. of class …………………………………………………… to sit the above ( ✔ ) exams and have included payment of $8.80 for each exam.

For more information please see Ms Rummery.

Please fill out the above form and return to school with payment by Thursday 25th June.

**NOTE: WE DO NEED AT LEAST 3 STUDENTS TO ENROL IN EACH SUBJECT. IF THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN, MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.**

**Community News**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - NORTA NORTA TUTOR – TELARAH PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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