This week I enjoyed hearing students read, watched children master the skill of tying shoelaces in Year 1/2, met the ‘Sheriffs’ of Year 1 and discovered some very clever mathematicians in Year 6. A highlight of any week is when I get to hear and see students learning – there is absolutely nothing more rewarding.

A regular event at school is our school assembly, it is held fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons from 2.10-2.55pm in the school hall. School assemblies are an opportunity for students to participate in formal routines like the singing of our National Anthem, reciting our school pledge and oath and student leadership. During our assemblies students are recognised for their achievements in class and their behaviour and attitude in school. This week students shared their artwork and writing tasks and Year 1/2 entertained us with a play ‘The Gruffalo’ which was far too cute for words. We really hope you can join us on Tuesday June 2nd for the next assembly – it is an event not to be missed!

Sporting events fill our calendar at the moment with more to come. It has been delightful to hear the children talk so positively about their involvement in their chosen activity. Netball, led by Mrs Parrey and girls-soccer, led by Mrs Hemsworth have created a real buzz of excitement in the school. Both teachers reported on the great sportsmanship and ‘do my best’ attitude displayed by the girls. Thank you to Mrs Brown for helping our children with their soccer skills. Today Mr Quinn took a group of boys to the Knights Knockout event and we are looking forward to hearing about their day. Next week the boys will play in a soccer competition on Monday, 25th May and soon afterwards, a number of girls and boys will participate in an AFL day on Thursday 28th May led by Mr Quinn.

I’d like to thank the parents and carers who have been working with us as we navigate ourselves through the organisation and preparation of Star Struck 2015. Along the way we have uncovered some current ‘processes and practices’ which are not serving us well at this time. Over the coming Term, I will be working hard with my staff, students and the parent body to remedy these. Thank you also to the parents who have supported the new staffing structure of the front office, your patience and understanding has been greatly 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
Athletics Carnival
An important event on our sporting calendar is the GPS Athletics Carnival, pop the date in your diary and please look out for the information and permission note coming home soon. Date: WEDNESDAY, 3rd JUNE at MILLER PARK, BRANXTON.

REMEMBER: School Hours
School hours are from 8.55 am – 2.55 pm, with a recess break from 11.00 am— 11.30 am and lunch from 1.10 pm – 1.50 pm. The school playground is not supervised prior to 8.30 am, children should not arrive at school before that time. Children at school before 8.30am are expected to sit in a designated area until playground duty starts at 8.30am.

Being at School, Is Cool!
“If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they’ll have missed over a year of school”.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. Children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Arriving at school and class on time:
· Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
· Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
· Give students time to greet their friends before class
· Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment being required to attend a recognised religious holiday · exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Horse Sports Entrant
We would like to wish Riley all the best in her Horse Sports Events In Singleton tomorrow.
ICAS COMETITIONS

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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Firstly Sasha would like to say a big thank you to all our canteen volunteers, without you the canteen would not operate and our kids would have another thing to complain about!

The new menu is going really well and the new items on the menu have been sent to Healthy Kids for assessment and feedback. The use of both doors to the canteen for serving food has also been successful and we all have the bright new look of the canteen to look forward to.

We have another call out for volunteers, firstly on Friday helping with the breakfast preparation starting at 7.30 am (breakfast will be served from 8am). Then on the 3rd of June the athletics carnival will require volunteers to be making lunch, providing snacks and drinks for our kids and just generally helping out.

If you can spare any time from an hour to a day please chat to Sasha at the canteen for more information, the more the better!

Uniform News

Some exciting news for winter, we will be ordering some samples of beanies, scarfs and gloves to discuss as a possible addition to our winter uniform.

We will also be buying some samples of new girls pants that have better sizing, fit and elasticised waist, as there has been some negative feedback about the current girls Ponte pants.

If you wish to purchase items outside the opening hours hand your order and payment into the canteen and the order will be delivered to your child’s class. If an item is not in stock there is a 2-week order period.

Fundraising News

We have attached the Order Form for BEK Aromatics again, a local business that sells aromatic candles, diffusers and soap products. A portion of the sales will go to the GPS P&C and will in turn benefit the students!

If you wish to place an order please leave your order and payment at the office by 4th June and your fabulous products will be available for pick up from the 18th June.

**There are samples at the office of some of the scents available if you want a closer look!**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th June at 1.00pm to 2.45pm in the Library so please come along, new ideas and faces are truly welcome.

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

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

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LETTER OF THANKS!!
The following letter was received this week from Galaxy Talent Academy in appreciation of being able to use our hall when they were unable to use their normal facilities due to the floods.

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Greta Girls are Winners!
On Monday 28th May I had the great privilege of accompanying our girls soccer team to a gala day held at Maitland Park. It was wonderful watching them gain confidence and knowledge of soccer with each game they played. All the girls showed tremendous spirit, sportsmanship and tenacity throughout all the games and it was good to see them end the day with a win.

Thank you to Mrs Brown for her fabulous encouragement and coaching skills and thankyou to the parents for transporting the team, as well as their great sense of fun! I am looking forward to the boy’s games coming up next Monday.

Mrs Hemsworth
Organising Teacher

Community News

safeTALK for

Venue:
Singleton Heights Public School, Dorseman Drive,
Singleton
Date: Friday 12 June 2015
Time: 9.00am-12.30pm
Cost: Gold coin donation
Registration:
To register, please phone 49791355 or email jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

Participants at a safeTALK presentation are often keen to attend the 2-day LivingWorks ASIST workshop. Visit www.lifelinehunter.org.au for info.