### Principal’s News

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."  --William Arthur Ward

Welcome to Winter !

Well that was a wonderful day of sunshine, sportsmanship and teamwork. I thoroughly enjoyed my first GPS Athletics Carnival. The rotations worked extremely well, the chosen activities supported our sporting program and the involvement by students, staff and parent helpers were to a high level. Most impressive of all was the great sportsmanship and participation shown by the students – well done guys you have made me a very proud Principal. I really cannot thank Mrs Hemsworth and staff enough for making this day possible for us all. I also need to say a BIG thank the P&C Canteen for ensuring we were well taken care of during the day – I am told the steak sandwiches were scrumptious!

Looking forward to hearing all about the Knights Knockout – Under 10s which was played today. We hope Mr Quinn and the students had a fun and active day.

This term we have offered a number of extra-curricular activities including drumming, gymnastics, basketball, interschool sports and Star Struck. These activities support the learning expectations for your children within the school curriculum. We are now in the process of organising Term 3 activities and hope that you will continue to support your child’s involvement in these fabulous educational opportunities. *Watch this space for what’s coming our way!!*

Next week we have a visiting performance at school ‘The Dinosaur Show’. Make sure your child’s permission note and money is in by **Wed 10th June**. No note means your child cannot attend.

*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

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY THIS MONDAY 8TH JUNE**
C is where I should be!

The teachers are in the middle of writing Semester 1 Student Academic Reports which will be forwarded home to parents on Wednesday 24th June. Teachers are assessing and reporting on the work that has been taught throughout Semester 1. Students from Years 1 to 6 are assessed on a five point A to E scale in all Key Learning Areas. The grading system is: A: outstanding, B: high, C: sound D: basic and E: limited. A description of each grading will be on the front of the reports. The majority of students will achieve a C or ‘sound’ grading. A C or ‘sound’ grading indicates: The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills. I like to share this verse with students to help them understand the grading and it may help you when reading your child’s report: a “C is where I should be!”.

In Kindergarten the A to E scale is not used for all Key Learning Areas but rather a comment on achievement and participation. If, after reading your child’s report, you would like to discuss the gradings and comments please make an appointment through the office to meet with your child’s teacher. Sometimes seeing work samples helps explain the final assessment gradings.

Reminder: 2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten in 2016. Please see Mrs Hill or Mrs King in the office to register your child’s details with us. You will then be given an enrolment form to complete. This must be returned to the school with your child’s birth certificate, immunisation certificate (or blue book), and proof of address. We are currently working on our transition to school program and your application to enrol will ensure your child’s participation in this valuable program.

School Uniform – RED RULES!
Now that we are into Winter it is very important that we wear or bring our school jumpers to school every day. Any other colour than red is not acceptable. As I walk around the playground and through classrooms I am monitoring school uniform and encouraging children to do ‘the right thing’ and not only wear our school uniform but wear it with pride. The P&C Uniform Shop carries a wide variety of school uniform items and in many sizes – please see the P&C ladies in the shop if your child needs a school jumper or any other items.

Remember RED RULES!

Late Arrival or Early Leavers
If your child arrives late or will be leaving early from school, a parent or carer must first come to the office and sign them in or out. If arriving late to school the ladies in the office will give your child a late slip which must be given to the class teacher on arrival at the classroom. If leaving early the parent will be given a slip to collect their child from the classroom.

Horse Sports
HAVE YOU MET RILEY CURTIS?
Riley loves horses, she especially loves riding horses in School Horse Sport Competitions. Today Riley shared her experiences and knowledge about horses with me.

What is your horse’s name? His name is Sparkie. What colour is your horse? Sparkie is a chestnut roan and is a Welsh A.

How old is Sparkie? Sparkie is 14 years old, he is not that old, my mum’s horse, Chance is 24 years old!

How long have you been riding horses? I started riding when I was 2 years old on a pony named Snowy and my mum taught me to ride. Is this your first horse sports event? Yes, it was. At first I was a little nervous because they said there were going to be lots of riders but there were only 50.

What events did you compete in? I went in the hack class and lead class. I didn’t win any ribbons this time, Sparkie was being a little bit naughty, he was just showing off!

What training do you have to do with Sparkie? He is a little fat so I have to work him a bit more, that means I need to ride him more and practice my transitions from walk to trot to canter and then when Sparkie is being good I can gallop.

Would you recommend horse sport events to other children? Yes, I think children should have a go at horse sports because they get to spend time with their horse, it’s good exercise for them and their horse and it is good for your mind, it helps you be calm and kind.
**CLASS AWARDS**

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- Brady P
- Lawson S
- Erica S
- Chy-Anne D

1/2
- Amira F
- Coby S
- Billy-Bob M
- Joshua J
- Jack H

2
- Pyper J
- Angus L
- Sumalee S
- Ben H
- Lincoln H

3
- Allen L
- James A
- Byron C
- Jasmine B
- Heidi S

4
- Tyler M
- Chloe W
- Lewis J
- Skye A

5
- Brooke F
- Jacob D
- Dayne B
- Jackson H

6
- Tom F
- Shakira J
- Emma V
- Davor W

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

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**PRINCIPAL’S STAR’S OF THE WEEK**

GREAT WORK - WELL DONE!!!
Canteen News

A big thankyou to all the parents who helped out yesterday at the athletics carnival canteen, and to the businesses that helped us with their kind donations – Lebrari Eggs, IGA Branxton and Bushells Traditional Butchery. The day was a huge success and we are looking forward to next year’s carnival!

The tally is in and the new name for the canteen is … drumroll please… **SNACK SHACK!**

Painting will commence soon too!

We have another call out for volunteers for the canteen. If you can spare any time from a half-hour to a day please chat to Sasha at the canteen for more information, don’t worry we won’t ask you to do anything you are not comfortable with (such as cook gourmet meals!) and the more the better! As they say many hands make light work!

Uniform News

The uniform shop is open 9 till 11.30am Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Outside these hours orders may be taken on order forms with payment and will be delivered to your child’s class. Items out of stock will have a 2-week delivery period. Exchanges will only be accepted on items that still have tags on. Refunds are not an option. Families are encouraged to try on items prior to purchase. Samples will be available on request.

Fundraising News

Don’t forget your Thompsons Pie Drive Orders that went out with last week’s newsletter or the order form is downloadable from the School Website - P&C section.

**Tomorrow Friday the 5th of June is the last day for BEC Aromatics orders** if you wish to place an order the order form is downloadable from the School Website - P&C section.

Have a great week and 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

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

9.00AM - 11.30AM

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Greta Public School - Future Enrolments

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**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.**
This show will be held at school on Friday 12th June, notes will be sent home early next week. It is a highly interactive show with lashings of humour, loads of audience participation and huge scale models, Dinosaur Science is designed to 'wow' even the most cynical students and unearth their inner paleontologist.

The cost will be $5.50 per student.