**Term 2 Week 8**

**Principal’s News**

This week our Star Struck dancers will take to the stage on Friday and Saturday and I am excited to be going to see them perform on Friday night. As they say in showbiz ‘break a leg’ and enjoy every moment. Thank you to parents who have helped with transport for rehearsals and to staff who have assisted with costumes, teaching of the dances and general organisation. Our participation has been a huge team effort.

As 21st century learners our students have access to a large variety technology. At our school technology supports student learning through its integration in day to day learning. On a daily basis your child applies knowledge and skills to solve problems and create new learning. Two such examples of the use of technology to support learning is Mathletics and Reading Eggs. This term we are trialling Reading Eggs or Reading Express in the classrooms. Your child has a username and password which can be used at home to access the same learning opportunities as they do at school. If your child has forgotten their username or password please see their class teacher.

Mathletics gives students the opportunity to practice the quick recall of basic maths, skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (much like our old ‘speed maths’). I encourage all students to use Mathletics at home via the internet – it is fun and challenging. [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)

Reading Eggs (Kindergarten – Year 2) and Reading Express (Yrs 3-6) provides students with the opportunity to practice their reading and comprehension skills in a fun and very visual platform. I encourage all students to use Reading Eggs or Eggspress at home via the internet – it is fun and challenging and connects learning between school and home. [www.readingeggs.com.au](http://www.readingeggs.com.au)

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Mrs Jayne Schmarr
Principal
WHAT IS BULLYING?
At our school we do not accept bullying. In order to clarify what constitutes bullying, please see the summary below.

Bullying is:
• REPEATED – repeated hurtful behaviour and
• AN INTENT TO HARM – either physically or emotionally and
• A POWER IMBALANCE – related to physical size, strength, age, status or vulnerability.

Bullying is NOT:
• Mutual disagreements or fights between students where there is no power imbalance
• Mutual teasing, joking and social banter
• People looking at you
• Not liking someone or a single act of rejection
• One off act of meanness or spite
• Unintentional or accidental behaviour
• Single or random incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence

If you believe your child is being bullied, please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can work together to fix the problem.

School News

HORSE SPORTS
Once again we would like to wish Riley all the best for tomorrow when she is competing at Cessnock Horse Sports.

KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT
On Thursday 4th June Greta U10 Boys competed in the Knights Knockout at Waratah Oval. In our opening game we had a good win against Windale Public School 24 - 4. Our second game we played a strong Dungog team and lost 12 - 0. We were back on the winning way defeating Biraban 16 - 8 in our third game. Our fourth game was against Morpeth and we fought out a 4 all draw. Our final game was against Stockton and we were defeated 12 - 0. Our try scorers for the day were Lewis Jacobs 4, Harry McNamara 2 and singles to Isoa Kisi, Lachlan Richardson, Allyn Beckett, Kayleb Marshall and Brett Stephenson. Well done to all the boys for competing strongly and showing terrific sportsmanship. I would like to thank Andrew Jacobs and Jayden Miller for coaching the team and Linda Martin for taking home all the shorts, socks and jumpers for washing. A big thankyou to those parents that provided transport.

Ian Quinn
Organising Teacher

Good for Kids good for life

Why volunteer in the school canteen?

Schools and community organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help out. With many parents working or busy looking after children there is a real shortage of volunteers in school canteens.

Volunteering in your child’s school canteen has a whole range of benefits to you, your child and the school community:

• You may be able to have some input into what food is sold in the canteen
• It gives you an opportunity to meet other parents at the school and gives you another social outlet
• You can support your child in their food choices at the canteen
• Your child is able to see you at the canteen
• You are supporting the school be able to provide a food service for the students

Our school is in need of more volunteers for the canteen so if you are interested please contact our Canteen Supervisor.

Phone 4924 6499
Canteen News

Important Note for parents: There are new prices in the canteen, if your child does not have the correct money according to the new menu, their meal choice will be substituted with something else, to avoid this please refer to the new menu. We have attached another hard copy with this newsletter – please put this on your fridge and refer to it when placing your children’s order.

The SNACK SHACK has now opened, if you haven’t seen it, come and view the bright paintwork so beautifully done with the wonderful help of Breanna, Emma and Nicole McPherson, thanks so much ladies! And of course thanks to the P&C for their support.

We are seeking more canteen volunteers, and the roster for July is being compiled so please let Sasha know when you are available. Also a big shout out to all our canteen volunteers, especially Renee Hodges and Rebecca Dougherty for your sensational efforts!

Some new value meal deals will be popping up for purchase at the canteen soon and so will the breakfast options so watch this space!

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! Order are due back tomorrow Friday 12th June. Unfortunately we cannot accept any late orders.

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.

Next Meeting – Next Wednesday June 2015, 1pm to 2.45pm.

Regards
Krista Findlay-Egerton

| 17th \_ June | Sandra, Belinda |
| 15th June | Bec, Louise |
| 16th June | Lauren L, Renee |
| 17th June | Pat, Stacey |
| 18th June | Pat, Lynette |
| 19th June | Kayla, Renee |

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.