Principal’s News

“How do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”  
Desmond Tutu -

Have you ever seen a rainbow? A beautiful big rainbow? On my drive home yesterday I came across the most spectacular rainbow – vivid and bright, all the colours of the rainbow, what a most wonderful sight.

It’s been a wonderful week at school, great to see everyone trying hard in their learning and participating in extra-curricular activities. I really enjoyed going to Star Struck, at one point it was very hard to sit still in my seat as I LOVED the songs, music and dance so much I wanted to join them too. Once again thankyou to all who supported our students in this event.

This week we welcomed Snr Constable Gray, Police Youth Liaison Officer, Snr Constable O’Riley from the Singleton PCYC and Snr Constable Bastick from the Muswellbrook PCYC into our school. Next term we look forward to working these officers as they help us deliver programs to support our Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Curriculum in the primary classes.

Next week we come to the end of another term – our focus in the classrooms has been on learning and helping children understand where they have been, where they are now and where they are going. We have introduced technology not as a tool for teaching but as a tool for learning – mathletics and reading eggs or reading eggspress provide all students with access to their learning both at school and at home and especially over the holidays. We have had an action packed term of school and inter-school sports (including gymnastics and basketball), dance and drumming. Finally we are beginning to see the end of the ‘weather event’ damage and I am pleased to say Year 4 and Mrs Hemsworth will finally be back in their own classroom for Term 3. We certainly haven’t wasted any time—its been an exciting Term 2.

In Term 3 we will be exploring the world of creative arts in the program ‘RAW ART’, working on developing Respcetful and Responsible Citizens through an ‘Anti-Bullying and Harassment’ Program for students in Years 5 and 6 and Year 4 will be working with the Men’s Shed. We will be presenting parents and families with the opportunity to participate in a number of ‘Workshops On Learning’ and its time to bring our playground back to life with a few working bees. Term 3 will be busy but just as exciting as Term 2.

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
Term 3 - Week 1 Events
Our first week back will be an interesting one as we recognise NAIDOC Week across the school. On Friday the 17th July we will be hosting a very special assembly and the P&C Canteen will be organising a special lunch menu. At this assembly we will also be recognising our 2015 GPS Athletics Champions. We hope you will be able to join us from 12.00pm.

REMINDER: 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!

Do The Right Thing!
This might be an old saying that many of us grew up on but this week one of our students put it into action – THANK YOU and WELL DONE to Kyle D who was spotted out in our community picking up rubbish along the footpath. We are very proud of you for ‘doing the right thing’!

Lost Property
There are lots and lots! We have lunch boxes, drink bottles and lots and lots of jumpers and jackets. Someone must own them. Sadly many of items don’t have names on them – always write your child’s name on their personal items (eg. on the jumper itself not the tag) this makes it easier to get them back. Please come on in and check the lost property box located in the office.

Community News

Outstanding Accounts
Mrs Hill and Mrs Schmarr will be finalising the Term 2 budget next week and ask that all outstanding accounts be paid by Friday. Thank you.

Horse Sports
Recently Riley C competed in Cessnock Horse Sports and I hear she had a great time putting all that extra practice into action.

Term 3 School Dates Week 1:
Monday, 13th July – Teachers ONLY
Tuesday, 14th July – All students K-6 return to school
Friday, 17th July – NAIDOC Week Assembly and lunch

Yr 6 Fundraiser Trivia Night - Save the Date
Next term our Year 6 students have a special family event planned – so please keep the 28th August FREE for a Family Trivia Night.

Senior Students Visit Rutherford Technology High
Thank you to Mr Quinn for taking a team of senior students to the Rutherford Technology High School Football Gala Day – I hear they had a very ‘active’ day, enjoying the competition and learning new skills along the way.

Best Wishes
This will be our last newsletter for the term and so I’d like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday – hopefully we will have some beautiful Winter days where we can go outside and run and play.

PRINCIPAL’S STAR
OF THE WEEK

GREAT WORK!!!
WELL DONE!!!
CLASS AWARDS

1
Hayden W
Billy M
Brock M
Skylah B

2
Drew F
Ariella S
Jace E
Kaylem R
Angus L

3
Shaylea B
Fazel K
Hayley C
Caleb S
Lachlan T

4
Kye E
Kyle D
Kye B
Ashley M
Makayla L

5
Farisha K
Brooke F
Skadi B
Jase C

6
James O
Josh S
Byron P
Lexie T
Jesse M

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Kai M
Logan D
Cain I

DOJO AWARDS

Billy M
Caleb S
Josh S

TERM 2 - LARGE MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

And the Winners are...

Fazel K
Farisha
Jordan L
Natalie L

Riley C
Beau D
Dayne B

Congratulations Way to go!
Snack Shack News
Next Thursday (25th June) the Snack Shack will be closed all day, for end of term stocktake and cleaning. It will reopen Friday (26th June) for the last day of term!

Breakfast will be available from next Monday (21st June), served from 8.30 am there will be a range of easy and fast morning items available.

Check the Snack Shack menus for some new snack items available!

The canteen roster for July is now available.

Uniform News
The uniform shop is open 9 till 11.00am Tuesdays only. Outside these hours orders may be taken on order forms with payment and will be delivered to your child’s class.

Please do not send money with children, drop it off at the office if the canteen is closed to ensure no misplaced payments etc.

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.

P&C are looking at introducing a school beanie, scarf and gloves could you please return the slip at the back of this newsletter to show your interest or disinterest in purchasing these products. Please return slip by next Friday 26th June.

Fundraising News
Thompsons Pie Drive Orders will be available to collect tomorrow – Friday, please bring your own bags or boxes to collect them in as we will not have any available.

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 – Wednesday
15th July 2015, 1pm to 2.45pm.

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.
Have you met Lewis Jacobs?

Lewis is a runner and a very successful one too. Today Lewis shared his experiences and knowledge about keeping fit and running with me.

How long have you been competing in running sports?

I think I have been running for nearly four years.

What is your favourite event?

I like to compete in the long distance races.

My favourite team sport is football, I support the 'Mighty Sea Eagles'!

What event are you training for now?

I am participating in the NSW State Championships for Cross Country in July. I am really excited about competing because we are going to Sydney and my family is coming to watch me run.

What training do you have to do for this race?

Most afternoons I run long distances to build up my body strength and ability to run further faster. My dad is helping me get fit for the race, he times me and encourages me to run faster.

How else do you stay fit and healthy for a race?

I eat lots of fruit and vegetables and meat and I drink lots of water.

Mrs Schmarr