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**SCHOOL HOURS**
Supervision from: 8.30am
Classes Start: 8.55am
School finishes: 2.55pm

**TERM ASSEMBLY DATES**
Tuesdays at 2.10pm in the Hall (Fortnightly)
28th July Kindergarten Item
11th August
25th Aug
8th Sept

**MESSAGES**
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016 being taken now.
(See ladies in the Office)

**NOTES TO BE RETURNED**
Zone Carnival Note 24 July (tomorrow)
Yr 5&6 Camp note & deposit 31st July

**DATES TO REMEMBER**
28 July Stage 2 Excursion
30 July Rugby League Gala
31 July Zone Athletics

**P&C INFORMATION:**
*SPECIAL MEETING*
Tomorrow Fri 24th @ 9am
Important discussion re: Uniform Prices.

**CANTEEN OPEN**
Monday - Friday

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Tuesdays Only
9.00 - 11.00AM

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**Principal’s News**

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.” J.Addison

So what is a CHUDITCH? Do you know? I didn’t, that was until two delightful Year 2 students visited my office last week... I am so excited to say I learnt something new (again!) .... Well what is chuditch?...... why it’s a Western Native Quoll of course. Together we dug deeper and found pictures of the chuditch and some more information... “a chuditch is found in Western Australia and has a spotted pattern on its coat to help protect it from predators.” Well there you go.... Thank you Pyper and Drew for sharing this with me... I LOVE the fact that you were both just bursting at the seams with your new knowledge.

A very big thank you to the families who came along to our NAIDOC assembly last Friday and a big congratulations to our 2015 Athletics Champions. It was a great assembly where we recognised and celebrated the Aboriginal culture through dance, art, song, story and drama – together we “Learnt, Respected & Celebrated”. Thank you to the teachers and support staff who made the assembly happen and the P&C canteen for providing a ‘special’ lunch.

Next week we will be celebrating Education Week, our theme this year is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers, support staff and community members at our school. On Wednesday afternoon a Greta PS dance group will be performing at the LMG Education Week Ceremony at Rutherford Technology High School and a number of school members will receive an award. I am looking forward to celebrating my first Education Week as Principal of Greta PS.

Congratulations to Lewis who participated in the State Cross Country Carnival in Sydney last Friday. It was a terribly cold and wet day, but Lewis was pleased with his performance and his time. Overall it was a great experience for him and we are proud of his efforts.

*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
REMINDERS:
Special P&C Meeting – tomorrow at 9.00am in the library. Item for discussion: new prices for school uniform items.
ALL students need to bring a paint shirt (old shirt or paint smock) to leave at school for the term, this will assist in protecting their uniform while in RAW ART lessons.

Year 6 T-Shirts
The 2015 Year 6 t-shirts have arrived and will be coming home tomorrow and are ONLY to be worn on FRIDAY in Terms 3 and 4. We look forward to seeing our Year 6 students in their newly designed t-shirts, I am sure they will give our senior students a greater presence in our playground. Thank you to Mrs French and Mrs Sharpe for their work in organising this for the Year 6 students.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Wishing our students a wonderful day of competition next Friday, 31st July at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Thank you to the parents who are going along to support their child and Mrs Hemsworth, this is a real team effort. Look after each other and please help Mrs Hemsworth by being in the right place at the right time, listening to the instructions and being ready to give each event your very best efforts.

Chicken Pox
We currently have a bout of chicken pox in our school. If your child is unwell please keep them at home and let the school know if it develops into chick pox. The following information is from an NSW Government Health Fact Sheet:-

What are the symptoms?
*Chickenpox (varicella) begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
*The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
*The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
*Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

What to do?
*Visit your GP for a diagnose and treatment plan.
*People with chickenpox should avoid others (and not attend childcare or school) until at least five days after the onset of the rash and all the blisters have dried.
*People with chickenpox should cover the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, dispose of soiled tissues, wash their hands well and not share eating utensils, food or drinking cups.

Earn & Learn
Earn and Learn is underway again and stickers are available for you to collect when you shop at Woolworths. We ask you, your friends and family to collect these stickers for our school and help us to obtain some wonderful learning resources for our teachers and students.

Lost Property
Lost property is now located in the foyer of the canteen. Please have a look as many jumpers have accumulated.

PRINCIPAL’S STARS
Thank you to Pyper and Drew for challenging me and extending my learning.

Community News

TRIPLE P SELECT PROGRAM
Triple P Parenting Seminars
Week 1 Tuesday, 1st September 2015
Week 2 Tuesday, 8th September 2015
The two seminars will cover the following topics:
The Power of Positive Parenting
Raising Confident, Competent Children &
Raising Resilient Children
This program is free
Time: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
at
5 HALL STREET,
CESSNOCK
THERE WILL BE NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.
To book a place or for more information please phone
CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
on
4990 4507

Seminars are presented by an accredited Triple P practitioner
Financial assistance for this service is provided by
Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW
Snack Shack News

Naidoc lunch was a huge success, thanks to our volunteers and of course all of you. Students had the opportunity to try kangaroo, wattle seeds, crocodile, damper, Davidson plum and emu, good on you to those adventurous people that gave it a go.

A big thankyou to Bushells Traditional Butchery who provided us with the meat for this important day.

FREE cereal is now available for breakfast!

More volunteers are still needed. If you are able to spare a few hours a week, fortnight or even a month please drop in and see Sasha, she would be only too glad to hear from you.

Uniform News

There is a special meeting on tomorrow regarding increases to our uniform prices to cover supplier cost increases. It will be held at 9am in the library and everyone is welcome.

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 19th August 2015, 1pm to 2.45pm. Discussions are currently in place to arrange an evening meeting as well.

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.
Some of the wonderful work the children participated in for our Naidoc Week Celebrations.