Term 3 Week 6

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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)
25th Aug Yr 2
8th Sept Yr 4

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

Notes to be returned
Yr 5&6 Gats Notes (Tomorrow)
Fri 21st Aug
Fathers Day Breakfast Note
Mon 31st Aug
Kindergarten Excursion Wed 2nd Sept
Updated Family Details Form

Dates to Remember
Tocal Excursion Stg 1 24th Aug
Yr 6 Trivia Night Fri 28th Aug
Fathers Day Stall Thurs 3rd Sept
P&C Disco Thurs 3rd Sept
Fathers Day Breakfast
Fri 4th Sept
Kindergarten Excursion Wed 9th Sept
Grandparents/Raw Art Show
11th Sept

P&C Information: Next Meeting
Wednesday 16th September
Canteen Open
Monday - Friday
Uniform Shop
Tuesdays Only
9.00 - 11.00am

Principal’s News
“A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.” Christopher Reeve

Today students in Years 3 and 5 bought home their 2015 NAPLAN reports. Please take time to read and discuss these with your child. If you would like to discuss your child’s report with their teacher please call the office to make an appointment.

Sentral SMS Absence & New Messages System

Shortly, we will be introducing a new service to parents through our School Student Management System known as Sentral. Parents will receive an SMS Absence Message alerting them to their child’s absence from school. There are a number of reasons around why we have taken the decision to activate this feature including punctuality and truancy, student wellbeing and safety and identifying at risk students well before any matter is escalated. We anticipate this system will help us enhance the care we presently provide, by ensuring parents are notified and able to easily explain their child’s unexplained absences and any late arrival at school.

To get the best out of this system I have provided some points below to consider when receiving and responding to messages from the school. Children will be marked as an unjustified absence if these procedures are not followed, as Sentral provides a limited number of options for us to employ when dealing with replies.

- Please ensure your mobile phone number is kept up to date.
- If you wish to query an absence message, you must call the school on 4938 7331
- Responding with a question or query will result in your child being marked unjustified.
- An SMS can only be sent to one contact from each family. It is the expectation of Greta Public School that separated parents communicate with each other regarding the wellbeing and attendance of their children. If your child is staying with their other parent and you respond to a message and do not provide an explanation, your child will be marked as an unjustified absence.
- You cannot notify of absences in advance via SMS. Paper notes or phone calls to the office are acceptable means to communicate extended absences.
- A separate SMS response must be sent for each message received.
- Only the child the SMS is regarding should be explained in your reply. Please do not respond for multiple children in one message.
- Multiple days and multiple children cannot be explained in one SMS message.

A message can only be responded to during the day you receive it. The number used to send the message will become unavailable at the end of each day.

Your support in ensuring we are kept up to date with your most recent active mobile phone number will enable us to keep you informed. Please contact the office, either by phone or in person, to update the school of changed contact details. If you have any questions or queries about this communication process please call the office to make an appointment to see me to discuss further.

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
LATE TO SCHOOL
It is a Department of Education requirement that parents or carers are to sign their child/ren into school if they arrive after the bell. Please do not drop children off at the school gate without signing them in at the office. Parents and carers are also reminded that there is NO supervision for students at school before 8.20am. Students should not be at school before this time for their own safety.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a comprehensive, integrated whole-school approach to student well-being and behaviour. PBL is a process that supports school leadership teams to create positive learning environments that enable student learning and wellbeing. Successful implementation of PBL is underpinned by the support and commitment of the whole school community. PBL is based on a three-tiered continuum of prevention and intervention:

Tier 1: Universal prevention: school-wide and classroom systems for all students, staff and settings.
Tier 2: Targeted interventions: small group systems for students at-risk behaviourally and academically.
Tier 3: Intensive interventions: systems for students with high-risk behaviour and/or learning needs.

This term under the leadership of Ms French, the Greta PS PBL Team are reviewing our PBL policy and practices and creating an action plan to ‘reboot’ PBL at our school. Mrs Ferguson is creating the role of GPS Student Services which includes working closely with students, parents and outside agencies in meeting our students’ needs which also reflect the core purpose of PBL.

EARN AND LEARN
Don't forget us when you are doing your shopping at Woolworths as we are once again participating in the Earn and Learn Program. You will receive one sticker for every ten dollars you spend, send your stickers into us and in the middle of September all of the stickers will be counted and the amount of stickers we have will determine the amount of new resources we will be able to choose for our students.

Last week's total was - 2,400
Our current total is - 4,200
Our target amount is - 15,000

So let's all start collecting and see if we can go close to reaching our target. (Remember to ask your friends, neighbours, grandparents etc to collect for you).

DOUBLE STICKER WEEKEND
THIS FRI - SUN

RUN NEWCASTLE
THE STAFF OF GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE UPCOMING RUN NEWCASTLE EVENT BEING HELD ON THE 13TH SEPTEMBER.
WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO SO BELOW IS THE LINK TO OUR ONLINE REGISTRATION.
HTTP://NEWCASTLE.RUNAUSTRALIA.COM.AU/

School News
Rutherford Technology High Visit
Last Thursday, 13th August, students from Year 5 and Year 6 participated in a Numeracy Mentoring Program with a group of Year 10 students from Rutherford Technology High School. Ten students and Year 8 Advisor and Transition Coordinator Ms Emma Basedow mentored small groups of students during Maths Games developing a range of Numeracy skills. Year 5 and 6 students rotated through a number of activities guided and supported by a RTHS student. There were great conversations going on between students around strategies and problem solving. Our students really enjoyed this opportunity to share their knowledge and interact with the Year 10 students. We would like to thank our visitors from RTHS and look forward to other opportunities to network in the future.
GPS Rainbow Disco Night – Thursday the 3rd of September
Years K-2 – 4 to 5pm
Years 3-6 – 5.15 to 6.45
$5.00 entry will provide payment for the DJ and include a drink and packet of chips per child.
Sweets and glow sticks will also be available for sale. Activities will include games such as limbo and musical statues and feel free to dress up to be in the running for a best-dressed prize!

Fathers Day Stall – Thursday the 3rd of September
Gifts will range in price from $3 to $15 and children will be able to shop with siblings to avoid doubling up of gifts.

Fathers Day Breakfast – Friday 4th September
7.30 to 8.30am.

Masters Fundraising BBQ – Monday 5th October – Public Holiday
Volunteers are needed!

Fundraising News
All fundraising money that is collected is currently being used to enhance the playground equipment and the school surrounds including the improvements to the canteen and office refurbishments.

The P&C is currently outlaying for insurance for the P&C committee and also for student insurance, which will provide a small contribution towards any accident or injury that students may incur while at GPS. This is a new insurance to the GPS and we are proud that we will be able to provide this for the students.

Snack Shack News
The breakfasts have been eaten up (lol!) The canteen has been feeding 20 to 25 kids per day prior to 8.50am!

Thanks so much to the parents who have already provided milk for the free breakfast cereal: please parents keep bringing milk in for us as, the breakfast has been very popular! Breakfast will now cease at 8.50am to allow time to eat prior to class.

We are in need of volunteers for Mondays and Fridays if anyone can donate their time, even if you can only do 20 minutes it would help!
The “Eat Fresh to Win” competition is going really well and it is definitely encouraging kids to choose healthy options!

We are sorry to say that we have received the resignation of our Assistant Canteen Co-Ordinator Rebecca Dougherty, thanks so much for your contribution Bec.

Due to this there is space to welcome someone new so if you are interested in the position please let the P&C know or speak to Sasha in the canteen.

Our next P&C Meeting is Wednesday the 16th of September.

If you cant make it but would like to have an input or get more information please email me and I’ll put you on our mailing list for a copy of the agenda and the minutes after each meeting.

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 ONLY
9.00AM - 11.00AM
Order Forms are available outside of these hours.

CAKENTE ROSTER
21st Aug Kayla, Renee
24th Aug Bec, Louise
25th Aug Renee, Sasha
26th Aug Pat, Susanne
27th Aug Pat, Pam
28th Aug Sasha, Renee

Save the Date
P & C Rainbow Disco
Thursday 3rd September
K-2 4-5pm
3-6 5.15-7pm

$5.00 entry includes chips & drink
Sweets and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on this day also - Thurs 3rd September
School News

BINLESS WEDNESDAYS

“This photo was taken on Tuesday morning during the recess break. The students were asked to put all of their rubbish onto a tarpaulin. We were then going to divide it into piles; recycling, rubbish and scraps for the compost. However, as you can see the majority of recess wrappers were fit only for the dump. One child called it a “river of rubbish”. We could not believe that we had produced this amount of garbage within a 10-minute time slot. It is hoped that the continuation of “Binless Wednesdays” will encourage us to all be better at Recycling, Reusing and Reducing.”

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
Busy students need a healthy school recess/lunch to boost their energy levels, which help them to concentrate. Let’s work together to make it easier for children to make healthy choices, which in turn helps their environment. In general, food, which is healthy for our children, either is wrapped in recyclable materials or doesn’t need to be wrapped at all. Please be aware of the types of food and their packaging whilst preparing your child’s lunch.

BULLDOGS/GOANNAS CUP
On Thursday 30th July Greta’s Open and 10’s Rugby League teams participated in the Bulldogs/Goannas Cup. The open team played four games and improved each game. While we didn’t win we acquitted ourselves well against much larger schools such as Kurri Public School. The 10’s played for the first time and participated against Nulkaba Public School twice as we were the only 2 teams in the competition. Both games were even and while quite tough were played fairly. I would like to thank Peter Cambridge for training the boys at school and on the day. I would also like to thank Jayden Miller for his coaching. Finally, a big thank you to Fiona Jacobs for washing all the football gear. Parents and helpers like these (and the parent spectators) make these days possible and enjoyable.

Year 6 Fundraiser – FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT
Don’t forget our Year 6 FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT which is being held on Friday 28th August from 6pm -8pm in the hall. Year 6 students will be selling tickets in the MPC area of the school from 8.30 am until 9 am and 2.30 pm to 3 pm. Family tickets (2 adults + children) are $30.00 and Single tickets are $10.00 There will be a Raffles, 100 Club and Lucky Door prizes. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served for supper. Organise your tables, grab your tickets and come and be part of the fun at our FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT.

As yet we haven't had a huge response!!
We urge you to come along and help Year 6 with their fundraising event.

Come and join us for a Ton of Fun!!!

YR 6 TRIVIA NIGHT
FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH 6PM - 8PM