**Principal’s News**

“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”
*John F. Kennedy*

Congratulations to our senior students who have been attending the talented and gifted programs and/or recent Yr5 & Yr6 Gala Day. I have heard glowing reports about our students enthusiastic participation and behaviour – *I am feeling very proud of you all!*

Each week staff participate in staff meetings centered around professional learning. This term we have covered such topics as using technology in the classroom, reviewing our learning support policy and procedures, understanding the School Excellence Framework, giving effective feedback to students and staff and understanding The Wellbeing Framework. This week teachers participated in a workshop at Rutherford Public School as part of a Rutherford Learning Community initiative on ‘Managing Students with Challenging Behaviours’ while Mrs Ferguson, Ms French and I attend a workshop at Maitland Education Office on Suspension and Expulsion of School Students Procedures - Update. These professional learning opportunities continue to ensure we are providing an engaging and safe learning environment for your children. Next term our focus will be on the teaching of writing, introducing the new Geography curriculum, using SENTRAL more effectively across the school and further developing our Student Wellbeing Policy and Positive Behaviour Learning PBL initiatives.

This week I would like to draw your attention to another important paragraph in the **GPS Dignity and Respect Charter** that helps us all to foster a positive learning environment.

Everyone in the workplace, irrespective of their position, deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. No one should suffer bullying while going about their activities. This can put at risk the health, safety and wellbeing of all people in our school. Our school has therefore adopted a policy of ‘zero tolerance’ to bullying at school. Generally, bullying is any behaviour or series of behaviours that is unreasonable or undesirable at our school which intimidates, humiliates and/or undermines a person or a group of people. It is often repeated and can be offensive to other people who witness it. This bullying will not be tolerated.

Some kinds of bullying could be;
- Being subjected to constant ridicule and being put down in front of other people
- Being the victim of loud and abusive, threatening or ‘put down’ language usually when other people are present
- Leaving offensive messages on email or by telephone, including offensive messages through the use of SMS and material posted on the internet through social media such as facebook.
- Gossiping and spreading rumours.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to speak with their child’s class teacher in the first instance to discuss any concerns they may have. The school or Parents and Citizens’ Association provides support for parents, carers and staff who maybe experiencing bullying or harrassment.

**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
School News

Families on Facebook/ Social Media

We are aware that many of our families communicate with each other via social media. If you have any questions or concerns about things happening at the school we ask that you speak to the school directly, this could be to your child's teacher, Mrs Ferguson, Ms French or myself depending on your enquiry. At this time our school does not have an official school Facebook page however we do utilise our school APP, Department of Education (DoE) email and welcome telephone calls during school hours.

PRINCIPAL’S STARS OF THE WEEK

Woolworths Earn & Learn program

EARN AND LEARN

Last week’s total was - 10,200
Our current total is - 14,400
Our target amount is - 15,000

If you still have stickers to hand in could you please send them in tomorrow, Friday, so we can finalise our tally.

We thank you for all for your support of Greta Public School.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/RAW ART SHOW
Friday 11th September 10.30am - 2pm

10.30 Grandparents join us for Tea/Coffee and something sweet

11.30 Performances

12.30 Art Show Exhibition in the hall and class visits. (GOLD COIN ENTRY)
Students are welcome to attend the Art Show with their grandparents/families.

1.00 BBQ Lunch for those who have ordered, or bring a picnic lunch to share with your children.

2.00pm Our Day concludes.

IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE BEING SIGNED OUT THEY MUST BRING A NOTE IN THE MORNING GIVING PERMISSION FOR THEM TO GO HOME WITH A PERSON NOMINATED BY YOU.
CLASS AWARDS

**K**
- Eli F
- Jarell K
- Millos W
- Aden L

**Yr 1**
- Brady P
- Bailey W
- Erica S
- Hayden W

**Yr 1/2**
- Callyn E
- Amira F
- Kadilee F
- Jack H
- Sarah P

**Yr 2**
- Maddie R
- Beau S
- Kaylem R
- Joseph I
- Emily M

**Yr 3**
- Jack P
- Jye S
- Kimberley L
- Sarah T

**Yr 4**
- Bonnie C
- Tyler M
- Dekan B
- Ashley M

**Yr 5**
- Dayne B
- Lauren M
- Sumara H
- Leeza G

**Yr 6**
- James O
- Mackenzie A
- William R
- Josh R
- Kyle I

Citizenship Awards

**K**
- Dejha S

**Yr 1**
- Jasmine C

**Yr 1/2**
- Izabella B

**Yr 2**
- Ariella S

**Yr 3**
- Renae R

**Yr 4**
- Brandi T

**Yr 5**
- Malakai M

**Yr 6**
- Lexie T

Dojo Awards

**K**
- Mikaylah P
- Leanne R

**Yr 1**
- Rebecca M
- Joshua J
- Jace E
- Nathan K
- Darcey T
- Baily B
- Brodie T

**Yr 1/2**
- Kodie C
- Drew F
- Lachlan T
- Dekan B
- Allyn B
- Jaidan C
Gold Coast Raffle

Need A QLD Holiday?  The P &C is running a huge raffle this year to help raise funds to beautify the school and buy much needed resources.

*The Major Prize is drumroll !!!* … 4 nights for 2 adults and 2 children at SeaWorld Resort and Water park!

It also includes unlimited entry into Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet and Wild Gold Coast, plus $100 credit at Sea World Resort for food and beverages.

Also up for grabs is a $200 Caltex Cash Card and for the person who sells the most ticket books will receive a $300 Woolworths Group Gift Card, just in time for Christmas!

So how do I buy tickets you say!

Well tickets are $2.00 each but you will need to initially outlay $40 for a book and then sell the tickets on individually.

This is so we can insure that all tickets are paid for and returned, as the P&C will have to cover any unsold tickets out of money allocated for the school.

Ticket books are available for purchase at the canteen from Jackie, Bernadette or Sasha.

This amazing prize will be drawn at the end of year assembly on the 9th of December 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Masters BBQ – Monday 5th October – Volunteers are needed.

Thompson Pie Drive - Term 4

SNACK SHACK NEWS

The snack shack would like to welcome our newest members Rae and Lucy to our team, we greatly appreciate the help.

The canteen will have to close on Mondays in term 4 unless someone is happy to spare their time, please help!

DID YOU KNOW?

That P&C stands for Parents and Citizens Association!

That the P&C enables parents to have a voice on what happens at the school?

Regards

Krista Findlay-Egerton

Secretary

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS
TUESDAYS ONLY
9.00AM - 11.00AM

Order Forms are available outside of these hours.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Many thanks for your support of our Fathers Day Raffle and Celebrations !!!!

The lucky winners were:-

Lucy G - Navman

C Macey - Sleeping Bag

Hayley C - Cooler Bag

Jace E - Car Wash Kit

Mrs Parrey - Darrell Lea Bag

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.
Community News

**FIGHTERWORLD FUN WITH KINDERGARTEN**

Kindergarten had a fabulous excursion yesterday. We visited Fighterworld and got to sit in the cockpit of a fighter plane and from the observation deck we watched a small plane land at Newcastle Airport. We were very excited to cross from Stockton to Newcastle on the Ferry as it was a beautiful day to be on the harbour.

After a walk to the Newcastle Museum we looked at different types of transport (cars, trams, boats and trains) and made our very own passport. We also got a quick look of the Science Supernova area and enjoyed lifting a car with a piece of rope and many other hands on activities. We travelled home very exhausted but A GREAT DAY WAS HAD BY ALL !!!

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**OLD BATTERIES**

PLEASE HELP US TO SAVE THE PLANET AND BRING IN YOUR OLD BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING.

**GRETA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE OPEN DAY 2015**

**THIS SATURDAY 12TH SEPT**

10AM - 2PM

**FUND, EDUCATION & IMAGINATION AT THE GRETA RURAL FIRE STATION....**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY TO THIS YEAR'S OPEN DAY !!!**

**NO CAR BATTERIES !!!**
Have a beary Happy Grandparents Day!