Welcome back - for 2016 for our returning students and a special welcome to Greta Public School to our new students and Kinders! I hope that all of our students and families have had a great start to the new year and are ready and refreshed.

I would like to thank the many students, staff and parents who have likewise, welcomed me to Greta. The students have been very friendly and I want to acknowledge the obvious pride that the children display as students of Greta PS through their wearing of the school uniform. It looks great and thanks go to you, the parents, in supporting the school's uniform policy.

My appointment is as Relieving Principal for Term 1 and I will be ensuring that the school continues to progress and achieve. I have been Principal at Vacy Public School since 2012 and have been looking forward to the experience that Greta offers.

Parent Information Afternoons - teachers are looking forward to meeting with you at the Parent Information Afternoons next week. Students have been given notes advising the day and time for the session and we have tried as much as possible to avoid clashes where parents are expected to be in two places at the one time. The half hour sessions will be held in the respective classrooms as follows:

- Tuesday 9 February: Year 1/2 at 3:15pm
- Wednesday 10 February: Year 2 at 3.15pm
- Thursday 11 February: Year 3 at 3:15pm
- Tuesday 16th February: Kinder at 3:15pm

The Parent Information Afternoons are designed to outline class routines, expectations, excursions and events and an overview of units and topics to be treated.

Looking forward to a great first term!

Regards,
Graeme Oke
Assemblies
Due to a busy Term 1 timetable our School Assemblies will not commence until Week 4 Tuesday 16th February at 2.10pm in our school hall. For our new parents, this is a nice time to come along and see your children and others recognised for their efforts and see some displays of classroom learning and entertainment. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

School Photos
Our school photo day is scheduled for Wed 2nd March. All children will receive a photo envelope prior to this day. Please return the envelope with money enclosed on the day of the photos (this envelope goes straight to the photographer not the school office). Please do not send envelope in prior to photo day. Family photo envelopes will be available at the school office.

Kindergarten 2016
Welcome once again to our beautiful Kindys who are all settling in beautifully to their new school.

Class Structures - We have 190 students which means that we will again have 8 classes this year. Classes are in the final stages of being established and there may be some movement between class groups as they are finalised.

Our class structure has been carefully considered and we believe that it is the best fit for Greta Public School. Our classes for 2016 are:

- Kinder with Mrs Bateman
  (Mrs Hyde on Fridays)
- K/1 with Mrs Cameron
  (Mrs Hyde on Wednesdays)
- 1/2 with Mrs Hemsworth
- Yr 2 with Ms Page and Ms Ryan
  (Ms Page will be doing Reading Recovery in the morning sessions)
- Year 3 with Mr Quinn
- Year 4 with Mrs Rummery
- Year 5 with Mrs Gilmour
- Year 6 with Mrs Parrey.

Ms Ryan will take on the role of Release from Face-To-Face (RFF) teacher and Mrs Pearce will take Library classes on Thursday and Friday.

DRUMMING
Once again our students will be participating in the drumming program for Semester 1, 2016. As we previous years we have already witnessed some real enthusiasm from the students and hope they continue to enjoy their drumming sessions.

SWIMMING
Our annual swimming carnival will be held this Tuesday 9th Feb for participating students (8yrs and above). Please ensure you have returned your fully completed note and money by tomorrow to allow for organisation of events on this day. This is a normal school day and all other students are expected to come to school for normal lessons. Please refer to the permission note for what your child will need to bring on the day.

CONTACT/MEDICAL DETAILS
Just a reminder that if your contact details or your child’s medical information has changed over the holiday period we urge you to inform us as soon as possible.
The Greta Public School P&C Association would like to provide a warm welcome to all our new families, returning families and school staff. 2016 will prove to be a very exciting year with lots of goals for the P&C, and we would like to encourage people to come and see what they could contribute to our school!

Firstly, as the Annual General Meeting for the P&C is held in March, if you are interested in running for a position you must be a paid member prior to this meeting. That means if you are curious about the P&C we ask that you come along to our first meeting on the 17th of February which starts at 1pm and is held in the library where you can find out more about what we do, and how you can make a difference in the school!

For the benefit of our newbies and returning families alike, I’d like to introduce the school canteen known as the “Snack Shack”. Our canteen strives to provide a wide range of nutritionally balanced meals in line with the Healthy Kids initiative as well as offer items which still keep the kids interested.

Free breakfast cereal is available for children to eat prior to 8.50 am and hot food is available from 8.30am for purchase.

The Snack Shack is closed on Mondays and is run by volunteers so if you have any time to spare please go and see the lovely Sasha at the canteen and she can discuss it further with you. The roster for this term is attached.

The 2016 menu is now in place so please refer to this when placing orders to avoid disappointment. A copy is attached, please stick it on the fridge or somewhere safe to refer to.

The Uniform shop is also based in the canteen and is open between 9am and 11am on Thursdays, but if you are unable to make these times you can drop off your paid order and it will be delivered to the office for collection when ready.

Lastly at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March the P&C will be making some major decisions regarding the school uniforms. These decisions must be made at the AGM so please make your opinion heard.

We propose to change the Whitburn and Anvil house colours for the sports shirts, introduce a weatherproof sports jacket and the possible re-introduction of the tunic for girls. The P&C is seeking feedback regarding samples held at the canteen so please come and have a look and have your say on the future of the school uniforms for Greta Public.

Again welcome back, and please come and join the P&C!

P&C membership forms will be attached to next weeks newsletter.

If you have any concerns or suggestions please contact us via greta-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, attention P&C.

Regards

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPENING HOURS**

**TUESDAYS ONLY**

9.00AM - 11.00AM

Order Forms are available outside of these hours.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

5th Feb - Lucy, Rae
9th Feb - Lauren, Renee
10th Feb - Pat, Stacey
11th Feb - Pat, Pam
12th Feb - Lucy, Rae

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**GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Greta Play2Learn**

**TIME:** 9:30am - 11:30am

**WHERE:** Greta Public School Hall

**WHO:** Families with children 0-6 years

**Term 1 - 2016 dates:**

Weekly commencing - Thur 11th February

Shared Morning tea.

Meet other families.

Art & craft activities, educational toys, books & games.
**Singleton Roosters**

Australian Football Club

**Rose Point Park, Singleton**

**2016 Registration Dates**

- Saturday 6th February 10.30am @ Singleton Square
- Saturday 13th February 10.30am @ Singleton Square

**NAB Auskick** - 5 Years to 8 Years

- $70 (includes 2016 Auskick Pack)

**Juniors** - U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s

- $100 for 1st child
- $85 for 2nd child
- $80 for 3rd or more children

New Players receive a Club Polo Shirt

**Youth Girls** - 12 Years to 16 Years

- $60 per player.

For further information please contact
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