

GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Term 4 Week 2
16th Oct 2014

CLASS AWARDS

KF

Jaylen L
Billy M
Jack H
Rebecca M

KP

Bailey W
Billy-Bob M
Arna M
Hayden W

1

Ben H
Larah C
Angus V
Ryah H

1/2

Lillie B
Jordan B
Riley C
Logan D

2

Jack P
Andrew W
Nathan K
Jasmine B

3

Lewis J
Tabitha W
Kyle D
Ahsley M
Brandi T
Tyler M

4

Malakai M
Dayne B
Sumara H
Toby M

5

Jaidan C
Harry C
Jorja P
Will R
James O

6

Blair L
James M
Jeremy H
Kaysie M
Ruby C

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

K F Kale Q
1/2 Emily M
4 Joshua F

KP Charlotte H
2 Ariella S
5 Emma V

1 Kadilee F
3 Tahlia M
6 Nathan B

YR 6 FUNDRAISER CALENDAR/IPHONE COVERS

INFORMATION AND ORDER FORMS
WERE SENT HOME RECENTLY. THESE
ITEMS COULD BE A GREAT PERSON-
ALISED GIFT FOR GRANDPARENTS,
LOVED ONES OR SOMEONE SPECIAL
TO YOUR CHILD WITH CHRISTMAS
FAST APPROACHING.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS
DUE BY
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

KINDER ORIENTATION
COMMENCES NEXT
TUES 21ST OCT

GRANDPARENTS DAY

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
YR 6 FUNDRAISER
CLASSROOM VISIT AND
SHARE A SAUSAGE SIZZLE
WITH THE CHILDREN
AFTERWARDS.

Dates to Remember

21st Oct Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Commences
24th Oct Grandparents Day @11.30am
30th Oct Due date for Calendar/iphone Cover Orders
5-7 Nov Year 5 & 6 Sydney Excursion

Assemblies Term 4 @ 2.10pm

28th Oct - Yr 5
11th Nov - Yr 2
25th Nov - Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
9th Dec - End of Year Presentation

P & C News

Could P&C members and anyone else wanting to join the P&C please attend the general meeting Wednesday 22nd October.

Canteen:

The slushie is a big hit with the kids, we are looking into getting more flavours in. Frozen juice cups will be back soon.

Copies of the roster will be available in the canteen. Could all canteen volunteers please check the roster to see when you are on, if these days don't suit you could you please let Maryanne know as soon as possible. Sorry there will be no more cola/blue water available in canteen as we are in process of looking into healthier drinks.

Please check the new menu before doing lunch orders and use the correct pricing. It is a big help for our volunteers in the canteen if lunch orders are filled out before children come to school and just need to hand it in when they get here, we are finding that some of the little ones do not like to talk to the ladies and it is a very busy place which is also a bit scary, even if you put name and class on the order that would help us little more.

Uniform:

Please note, if you are ordering uniforms and wish them to be back before the end of the year orders will need to be placed **before the 12th November** to give us enough time for orders to come back before holidays.

The uniform shop open days has now change it will be open Tuesday 8.30am to 12pm and Friday 8.30 am to 2pm. When ordering with a order form could you please leave the correct money with the order (as no change will be given), orders are then sent home with the child, You can drop order forms and money at the canteen or the school office.

Dates to remember:

22nd October general meeting 2pm

5th November fundraising meeting 2pm

President
Melissa Witchard

17th Oct	Bee, Bec	27th Oct	Jenny T, Pat
20th Oct	Pat, Pam	28th Oct	Alicia, Rebecca V
21st Oct	Trina, Belinda	29th Oct	Pat, Sam
22nd Oct	Pat, Sam	30th Oct	Mel, Kristen
23rd Oct	Amanda, Lynette	31st Oct	Bee, Bec D
24th Oct	Kristen, Mel		

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Principal's News

Thought for the Week

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'

Welcome back!!

Welcome back to students, staff and the school community. Term 4 is shaping up to be a very busy time. As you are aware, Mrs. Armstrong was going to be with us for only a short time this term, unfortunately due to family commitments, she has not been able to return at all. We will hopefully be able to organise a time with her, at a later date, for the school community to say an appropriate farewell.

While I have taken on the duties as Principal, we also welcome two new temporary members to the staff. Mr Ty Culbert will take on my role as LAST and be supporting our classes and Miss Ashlea Farrugia has the pleasure of spending time with KF while Ms French takes some much deserved leave. Mrs Hemsworth and Mrs Bateman will be Acting Assistant Principal's during this time.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation begins next week. Our new little visitors will be welcomed into the school on Tuesday at 11.30am. While they are getting their first taste of Big School, parents will also enjoy their own orientation program, headed by Mrs Deb Bateman and a wonderful collection of speakers. This program will take place in the Hall. We are still gathering numbers for the Kindergarten enrolment in 2015. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be enrolling at Greta in 2015, please ask them to contact the school so they do not miss out on the orientation experience.

Year 4 Parent Interviews

Most parent interviews took place last term. Due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Hemsworth was unable to meet with parents at that time. Year 4 parents who would like a Parent interview please contact Mrs Hemsworth to make an appointment.

School Surveys

As part of the interview process we asked parents to do a couple of short surveys to help in future planning. If you took the surveys with you please ensure you return them to the school as we are interested in getting a broad view of what the community thinks. If you have not attended an interview please complete an online survey on our website or call into our office for a paper copy. We look forward to hearing what you have to say and thank everyone for their participation.

Gymnastics

Our Gymnastics program began last Thursday, with the children who participated last year being very excited to see the program back again this year. The program is a great way for the students to

learn to perform basic movement patterns, develop spatial awareness, move with increasing control and coordination and learn about the restrictions of personal and imposed space in a fun and energetic way. If your child has not enrolled for the program it's not too late to start next Thursday.

Swim School EOI

We are lucky enough to have two staff members who have completed their OZSwim training this year, therefore we have put out an Expression of Interest for Swim School with this week's Newsletter. Please read the criteria carefully and return the EOI if you would like to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Terri Ferguson
Relieving Principal

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ICAS TESTS

Recently 4 of our students took part in the University of Sydney ICAS tests which are completed by students all over Australia and the Pacific Region. Our students did very well and received Participation and Credit certificates. All should be proud of their achievements. Two Year 3 students did particularly well. Angus was in the top 17% of students in Maths and Wil was in the top 15% of students in English. Congratulations boys, an excellent result. Our school will participate again next year and further information will go out in Term 1, 2015 for interested parents. Results from these tests may prove beneficial if your child is looking towards placement in a selective school in the future.

Organising Teacher
Ms Rummery



Ka-ú-ma Play 2 Learn

WHEN: 2014 Dates

Term 1: 10th & 24th March, 7th April

Term 2: 5th & 19th May, 2nd & 23rd June

Term 3: 14th & 28th July, 11th & 25th August,

8th September

Term 4: 20th October, 2nd & 17th November, 1st Dec

TIME: 9:30am - 11:30am

WHERE: Greta Public School

WHO: Families with children 0-6 years

Shared Morning tea. Meet other families. Art & craft activities, educational toys, books & games. Have a cuppa & a chat with other parents.

For information please call Hunter Prelude on: 49374549



Community News



McHappy Day
GRETA
18th October 2014



Trade & Investment
Resources & Energy

Music Entertainment by
Hunter Juke – All Day
**Theme cowboys and Indians, dress
to impress**

Cowboys & Indians Games

**FREE FACE PAINTING,
ENTERTAINMENT & GIVEAWAYS**

Visits from:

Mickey and Minnie mouse 9-11am
Olaf and Anna from frozen 12-2pm
Elmo from sesame street 12-2pm
Peppa and George pig 3-5pm
Dora the explorer 3-5pm
Santa clause himself 3-5pm
Cheesy the Clown & Flurry Fairy 9-5pm

Eureka Taekwondo Demo 9:30 - 10am

Galaxy Dance 1:30 - 2pm

Fusion Dance 3:00pm - 3:30pm

With help from:

Greta Fire Brigade, Branxton Greta Scouts,
Branxton Fire Brigade

**REMEMBER WE CAN'T HELP THEM
WITHOUT YOU!!**

All proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald
House charities

**Grab yourself a bargain at our
McHappy Day Markets trading
hours will be 10am till 1pm local
stores and business such as:**

Auntie B's crochets
BEK Aromatics
Rustic Home wares
Natalies kids clothing
Melting Scents
Younique
Tupperware
Dlish Dlights
Scents with Chantelle
X's & O's Children's wear
Norwex and much much more

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS Featuring THE LEGO MOVIE

Presented by Kirkton P&C
Major Sponsor: Coal and Allied

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2014
GATES OPEN 5.30PM - SCREENING AT 7.30PM
AT KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
797 STANDEN DRIVE LOWER BELFORD.

\$25 PER FAMILY OR \$8 PER PERSON.
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE GATE OR FROM KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRE SHOW ENTERTAINMENT BY HUNTER VALLEY PHYSIO, LEGO DISPLAY, JUMPING
CASTLES, STALLS, BBQ, DRINKS, LOLLIES, AND MUCH MORE.

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE LEGO CHARACTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO
WIN A PRIZE.
BRING ALONG A PICNIC BLANKET AND ENJOY A UNIQUE MOVIE EXPERIENCE UNDER
THE STARS.



DRESS UP TO WIN!!

For more information: School 85747152
P&C President Kristian Mercieca 9487344196

Sculpture
IN THE VINEYARDS
2014

Picnic Day
Sunday 26th October
11am - 2pm
Wollombi Wines
25 Charlton St, Wollombi

Live Music
Milli Casey &
Deanna Rose

No booking required
All Welcome

A day of fun in the
vineyards for the
whole family!
Guided tours, free sculpture
making activities for kids,
and a sausage sizzle.

sculptureinthevineyards.com.au

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015



\$150*
**TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS**

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
 - Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?
- HOW TO APPLY**
- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
 - **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

Radford Park
presents

Disney FROZEN

OUTDOOR CINEMA NIGHT
Saturday 18th October 2014 7.30pm
@ Branxton Oval, John Rose Avenue

FREE

Gates open at 5.30pm.
Parking available around the back of amenities block.
Food & drink stalls available.
STRICTLY NON-ALCOHOL EVENT
BYO folding chair, picnic rug

FREE

Come dressed as your favourite 'Frozen' character for your chance to win
'best seats in the house' with free popcorn and drinks

This is a **FREE** event made possible by our major sponsor

Radford Park
Branxton Greta Chamber of Commerce