

GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Term 4 Week 8
27th Nov 2014

CLASS AWARDS

KF

Sehv W
Jack D
Erica S
Matilda V

1/2

Emily Mc
William V
Joseph I
Braiden Mc

4

Olivia P
Farisha K
Michael M
Baily B

KP

Sarah P
Arna M
Billy-Bob Mc
Natalie L

2

Ricky P
Sarah T
Maddy R
Renae R

5

Will R
James O
Imogen C
Dekoda M

1

Amira F
Pyper J
Lincoln H
Benyamen H

3

Lachlan R
Dasharna C
Harry Mc
Bella K
Ashely Mc
Tyson B

6

Abbi B
Tiarna C
Amelia S
Nathan B
Kye M

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

K F Billy M
1/2 Lillie B
4 Malakai M

KP Skylah B
2 Jack P
5 Jesse M

1 Angus V
3 Aisha H
6 Hayley F

LARGE MERIT CERTIFICATE



Ethen S



Renae R



Aleasha M



Cohen S



Hayley L

Dates to Remember

8th Dec Hip Hop Concert @ 1.30 Parents Welcome
9th Dec End of Year Presentation @ 4.30pm
10th Dec Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
15th Dec Angels In The Amphitheatre (a evening of carols with your kids)
16th Dec Movie Day and Class Christmas Parties
17th Dec Last day of the school year
28th Jan Students first day of the 2015 school year

P & C News

We are urgently seeking donations of non-perishable goods, toys or any items that you think would be suitable for our Christmas Raffle Hampers and other prizes. Our Christmas Raffle will be draw at Angels in the Amphitheatre on Monday 15th December.

CANTEEN:

Canteen will be closed on next Friday 5th Dec. Due to limited stock the following week we will only be open at recess and lunch to sell drinks, snacks and some hot food will be available at this time. **NO LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE 8TH DEC UNTIL THE 12TH DEC AND THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE YEAR ON 12TH.**

Due to the lack of volunteers for Term 1 2015 we have had to make the hard decision and decided that the canteen will only be open 3 days a week to start the school year. If you are able to help next year please contact Maryanne or let the canteen know as soon as possible. A new roster will be sent home shortly.

UNIFORM:

The uniform shop open days has now change it will be open Tuesday 8.30am to 12pm and Friday 8.30 am to 2pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

3rd Dec Fundraising Meeting 2pm
10th Dec General Meeting 2pm

President

Melissa Witchard

Community News

28th Nov	Bee, Bec D
1st Dec	Fiona, Amanda M
2nd Dec	Trina, Belinda
3rd Dec	Stacey, Pat
4th Dec	Maryanne, Pat
5th Dec	Kristen, Mel, Pat

NO LUNCH ORDERS

ONLY SNACK FOOD

8th Dec	Pat, Pam
9th Dec	Louise, Lynette
10th Dec	Stacey, Pat
11th Dec	Mel, Kristen
12th Dec	Bee, Bec D

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE AT GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL A WONDERFUL, HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, WITHOUT YOU THE P&C'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND LEARNING WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. MANY THANKS - MARYANNE CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR

Christmas holiday activities @ your library

Our regular Rhymetime and Storytime sessions will continue as normal throughout the holiday break, except when the library is closed over the Christmas break – last Story time will be on Tuesday 23rd December. Sessions will recommence with Rhymetime on Monday 5th January

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire, or visit our website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library where you can find a detailed program of children's activities during the holidays.

Sandy Ryan

Childrens Services Officer

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Hunter Wetlands Holiday Activities

Visit the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland in the January school holidays. There's always lots to see and do.

- Try dip-netting from the jetty
- Watch the Magpie Geese feeding
- Climb the Egret Tower
- Get up close to some of our reptiles at an interactive tank talk.
- Become a WETLANDS EXPLORER and go in the draw to win a weekly prize
- Hire a bike or canoe or bring your own and explore the wetlands
- Climb, slide and play at the Discovery Playground
- Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe

Kids can book in for one of the special holiday activities:

Bush Skills for 8-12 years (\$20) – have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knots and other bush skills.

Wriggly Wetlanders for 5-8 years (\$20) – enjoy a wetlands wander and then get creative with craft activities

For more information go to www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 4951 6466

Principal's News

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When you're curious you find lots of interesting things to do. Walt Disney

New Principal 2015

It is with great pleasure that I can now announce that we have a new Principal for 2015. Mrs Jayne Schmarr will be taking up the reins here at Greta Public School. She is currently the Principal at Murrurundi Public School and she is looking forward to meeting the students, staff and community.

End of Year Activities

The end of the year is fast approaching and the school calendar is looking very full.

A reminder that **Reports** will be handed out to students on Friday 12th December. If your child will be leaving on holiday earlier than this date and you would like to receive their Semester 2 Report please let the classroom teacher know.

Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 9th December at 4.30pm. We are aware that this is also the evening of McDonalds' Carols, but we have requested that any performances that involve Greta Public School children be scheduled for after 6.30pm. The **Year 6 Farewell** will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 6.00 for 6.30 seating. This year the students will be dining at Buttai Barn. Thank you very much to the P&C for their generous contribution towards the meal.

Our **Movie Party Day** will be held on Tuesday 16th December. Students are expected back from the movie by 12.30pm. Please see your classroom teachers in regards to what to send for party lunch.

You would have already observed our Gymnastics Program today and received a note about the **Hip Hop** Exhibition. We really appreciate your attendance and would like your feedback on these two programs, as this will determine whether we offer these programs again next year.

Senior Citizens' Luncheon

On Wednesday 3rd December, some of our students will be performing for the senior citizens at their Christmas Lunch held at the Greta Workers Club. Mrs Parrey and Mrs Hemsworth will be organising the performances for their classes and some of the featured singers from the Angels concert will also be performing

Congratulations Year 5

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who have chosen to make leader speeches this week. It is clear to me that many of the students have put a lot of time and effort into ensuring they were presenting a high quality speech to their fellow students and teachers. These students should be proud of their efforts.

Voting for 2015 leaders will take place on Tuesday 2nd December. House meetings will be held that afternoon as well to determine house leaders.

Leaders will be announced on Presentation Night.

Terri Ferguson
Relieving Principal

December Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Leaders Voting <i>RTHS Parent Information night</i>	3 RTHS Orientation Day	4	5 Scripture Service 11.30am
8 Hip Hop Exhibition 1.30pm	9 Presentation Night 4.30pm	10 Year 6 Farewell Buttai Barn 6.00pm	11	12 Reports out
15 Angels in the Amphitheatre 5.00pm	16 Movie Party Day	17 Students Last Day	18	19

Run Newcastle 2014

A number of our staff will be competing in the 6km walk section of this very worthwhile cause this



Sunday 30th November @ 8am in Newcastle.

If you would like to participate in this event with our staff please come down to the school tomorrow and we will help you register, or alternatively if you would like to donate and make one of our staff your virtual runner we are also able to do this. We would love to see more of our school community join us on Sunday. To participate the cost is \$38.00 or if you register to make someone else your virtual runner it will cost \$44.00. With this registration either participant or virtual you will receive a Run Newcastle T/Shirt. 100% of the funds raised will go to the re-developing of the Adolescent Ward @ The John Hunter Hospital.

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 cupp & a chat with other parents.

For information please call Hunter Prelude on: 49374549

School News



YEAR 4 - SCULPTURE PRIZE 1/2 DAY WORKSHOP

On Wednesday last week Yr 4 enjoyed 1/2 a day creating a wonderful Christmas garland from recycled materials as their prize from Sculpture in the Vineyards.

This lesson proved a great learning curve, teaching the children how to design, create and assemble to complete a quality product. The children were engaged and willing participants the whole session.



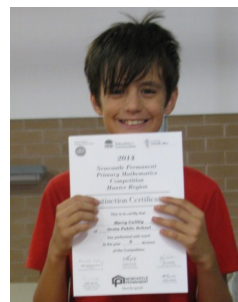
OUR FINAL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD ON TUESDAY AND WE ALL ENJOYED SEEING THE RECOGNITION HANDED OUT TO THE CHILDREN FOR THEIR WORK, PARTICIPATION AND EFFORT WELL DONE KIDS !!!! OH!!!! AND HOW GOOD WAS THE STAGE TWO ITEM. THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE!!!!



Well done Katie-Rose on your "Gold Award" in the Premiers Reading Challenge.



Well done James & Harry on your "Distinctions" in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition.



Once again we say "Thank You" to The Men's Shed for another great year of tuition for our students.



STAGE 2 PERFORMING THEIR VERY ENTERTAINING ASSEMBLY ITEM