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# GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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COURAGE AND LOYALTY

Term 4 Week 10

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## FAREWELL YEAR 6



**BEST DAYS OF MY LIFE !!!**



**AIM HIGH - BE BRAVE !!!**



**BE PASSIONATE ABOUT LEARNING**



**HAVE A FANTASTIC HOLIDAY !!**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Yesterday I addressed the staff and later the P & C to share some bitter-sweet news and announce that I have accepted a Relieving Principal role at Thornton Public School for 2017. The Relieving Principal position has been taken up by Mrs Sarah-Jane Hazell who comes to Greta from Paterson Public School. I know you will make her welcome and she is looking forward to continuing to grow Greta Public School.

I arrived at Greta PS this year to relieve for a term and which kept being extended to end up being the full year. It has been a wonderful learning experience here at Greta.

There are some great things happening at Greta PS. It is a progressive school and the staff are supportive and accepting of the challenges in moving the school forward. The students are friendly, well-mannered and respectful and that is something parents should be proud of creating. I would encourage all families to support the school, be involved in your child's education because positive relationships between school and home, as I have stated before, have a strong effect on improving your child's learning capacity now and into the future.

The end of the school year is upon us and we have certainly finished with some wonderful events.

It was great to see the turnout for Angels on Monday evening. Despite the heat and the looming thunderstorm, we were able to enjoy an evening of carol singing and a special visit from Santa. Thank you to all those who had a hand in making Angels a success.

The change to a morning Presentation Assembly, from speaking with a number of people, has been a successful modification. The number of family and community members in attendance exceeded expectations and we ran out of chairs in the end. The SMS alert to advise parents that their child would be receiving an award allowed parents to make the necessary arrangements to be there to share the moment. With all students present and in school uniform we were able to present all awards on the one occasion. If you have any feedback, please let us know.

Another hot day yesterday led into a balmy night which was cooled by the energy and enthusiasm that our Year 6 students showed at their Farewell Dinner last night. The girls looked beautiful and the boys looked handsome. It was terrific to see everyone make an effort to be well-presented on this special occasion. Again, thank you to the organising, decorating and catering teams for making the Year 6 Farewell a fitting conclusion to the students primary schooling and good luck to our students as they make their way to high school.

Students Return to School 2017 – Students who will be in Year 1 to Year 6 for 2017 return on Monday, 30 January.

New Kindergarten students commence on Tuesday 31 January.

Teaching and admin staff return on Friday 27 January to undertake School Development Day activities.

On behalf of all the staff of Greta Public School I would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday and all the best for 2017.

Regards,  
Graeme Oke

**Movie Day 2016 Information** - All students are required to wear School Uniform to the movies although they may bring a Christmas Shirt to wear for their parties. **Students must be at school by 9.00am as buses will be leaving on time.**

**Presentation Gift Vouchers** - Gift Vouchers given as prizes on Presentation Day expire at the beginning of Term 2 2017. For those students in Year 6 you can look online at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/> to choose your books but they must be ordered through Greta Public School by returning your Gift Certificate with the names of your books and contact details. You will then be contacted when your books arrive at school.

**P&C Message** - The P&C would like to thank one and all that volunteered their time in 2016 helping us to make a difference to our school and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We look forward to working with you again in 2017.

**Book Packs 2017** - Just a reminder that backpacks will be available for sale when we return to school in 2017. All books are \$40.00 as we have introduced a textbook this year and the school has helped by subsidising this cost.

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN EARLY 2017

### TERM 1

SWIMMING FOR SPORT YRS 4,5 & 6  
DRUMMING WHOLE SCHOOL

SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
7 FEBRUARY 2017

I hear you've been very good this year!  
All the elves have told me they've been  
checking in on you and they are quite  
impressed. Mrs. Claus and I are so  
very proud of you!



Here at the North Pole we've all been hard at work  
getting ready for the big day! The toy shop is full of  
toys ready to be piled into the sleigh and the reindeer  
are racing to begin their magical flight. I've just  
finished checking my list and I see you've asked for  
some wonderful new things! I'll be sure to tell Rudolph  
we'll be making a stop at your house again this year.

I better run! Mrs. Claus is calling for me to try on  
my suit. She's certain it won't fit after all those  
delicious cookies you left for me last year!

*Santa Claus*

