

GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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Term 4 Week 6

22nd November 2018

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION KICKS OFF!

Our first session of Kindergarten Orientation went off without a hitch last week and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet so many of our new families. By all accounts we have twenty new families coming into our school community which is in addition to other new families who have started their children throughout the year.

Mrs Cameron and Ms Hassett reported that they'd had a lovely morning with the group, working through different activities and getting to know individual personalities. Our Year 4 students thoroughly enjoyed meeting their Kinder buddies and it will be wonderful to watch them build and foster positive relationships with them.

I'd like to thank Mrs Jarlett and Mrs King for their presentations to our Kinder parents and add a special thank you to Mrs King for her delicious homemade scones which she baked for the morning tea. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year with our youngest students and their families in 2019.

Sharon Morris
Principal



WEBSITE:

www.greta-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH HAPPENINGS AT OUR SCHOOL VIA THE :- GRETA PUBLIC SCHOOL APP

SCHOOL HOURS
Supervision from: 8.30am
Classes Start: 9.00am
School finishes: 3.00pm

FEEDBACK/COMPLIMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS

Our 'Feedback, Compliments and Suggestions' box is now up and running in the foyer of the office.

ASSEMBLIES ARE HELD EVERY SECOND TUESDAY IN THE SCHOOL HALL @ 2.10PM
Wk 6 20th November K/1
Wk 8 4th Dec

DATES TO REMEMBER

WHITE RIBBON WALK DAY TOMORROW FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER TO GRETA OVAL AND BACK COMMENCING 9.15AM (Check school App for update @ 8.30am Friday morning)

ANGELS (CAROLS) MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 5.30PM - 7.30PM

PRESENTATION DAY THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER @ 9.20AM

YR 6 FUN DAY WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

LIBRARY NEWS

As we are fast approaching a stocktake of our Library we are asking for all borrowed books be returned as soon as possible. This includes any book you may have from previous years.

P&C NEWS

CANTEEN

Canteen open Term 4 for lunch & recess 8.30am - 2.00pm Wed - Thur - Fri

GENERAL MEETING

Monday 17th December @ 6pm in the Library Children Welcome !!!

SPORTS POWER VOUCHER

Many thanks to Alicia McCann for entering our school into a local competition held by SportsPower in Cessnock. We are the lucky recipients of a \$25.00 voucher to spend in-store and we will share what we purchase in the coming weeks.

VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to those volunteers who were able to come and share afternoon tea with us on Tuesday following the assembly. It doesn't matter whether you volunteer one day a week or one day a month, as each little bit helps out in such a big way. We look forward to increasing our number of parents and volunteers in our school in 2019.

WHITE RIBBON WALK

Please feel free to join us tomorrow morning as we show our support for White Ribbon Day by walking to and from Greta oval as a school community. We are aiming to leave at 9:15am, including the swimmers, who can be picked up from the oval and taken to the pool once we get there. K-2 students will participate in some fun activities and then walk back with their teachers. We will return at approximately 10:30am.

White Ribbon is a not-for-profit organisation that works through a primary prevention approach in schools, workplaces and communities across Australia. This organisation engages with men to be part of the social change needed to prevent men's violence against women. Schools play a vital role in breaking the cycle of violence by teaching young people how to recognise and challenge violence against women and build respectful relationships. **Due to weather conditions this event will be updated on the school app at 8.30am Friday morning.**

SAFETY IN AND AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Please take care when you are walking to and from your home or car, especially when you have other little ones who are not yet at school. Hold precious small people tightly by the hand so they do not have the opportunity to dart out onto the road.

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS BY PRIVATE CAR

Please be aware that when you are transporting students other than your own child by private car, to and from a venue, permission granted from the other parent/carer does not cover a deviation from the agreed travel arrangements.

As an example, the private transport permission might be between our school and Rutherford Technology High School. Therefore it would not be appropriate for the adult driving to stop and run an errand along the way or deviate from the main road to go and buy something.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that everyone adheres to the correct procedures.

Canvas Orders

Don't forget that canvas orders are due back no later than Thursday 6th December. This is a P&C initiative, with funds raised going towards purchasing new electronic boards for our classrooms. Each student will have their artwork on display in the school hall during the Angels concert. If you require another note, please see the ladies in the office.

LEGO LEAGUE CHALLENGE

Yesterday our Lego League team travelled to Gosford, along with Mrs Parrey and Mr Upcroft, to participate in the regional challenge final. Although the group didn't take out the top prize, our school was awarded the Mechanical Design Award which is a terrific achievement for this being the first time we entered this competition.

There were three matches throughout the day with a total of 19 schools participating from both primary and secondary schools. Greta Geckoes came 11th in the missions section and were commended for their team work and the way they continually supported one another throughout the day. Thank you to Maddi, Ariella and Hannah who were able to stay until the end to collect their trophy and certificate. Congratulations to everyone involved!



GRETA BOWLERS ARE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our dynamic bowling trio – James, Jace and Koby – for their participation and outstanding sportsmanship at the Hunter Education Regional Primary Schools Final at Raymond Terrace on Monday. Whilst the boys didn't bring home the first place winnings, they achieved a commendable fourth place after fighting hard against the other schools in attendance. We know Ms Page is incredibly proud of their efforts and the commitment to additional training by the boys and their families is commendable.

KINDER ORIENTATION UPDATE

Today was week 2 of orientation, this program will conclude on the 6th December.

- When:** Each Thursday at 9.15am for four weeks
 Weeks 1 & 2 will conclude at 11.00am
 Weeks 3 & 4 will conclude at 11.30am
- Who:** Children attending Kindergarten in 2019 and their parents
- Why:** To prepare children and parents for school
- Bring:** **Weeks 1 & 2 – Water bottle and fruit**
Weeks 3 & 4 – Water, Fruit and Lunch



Greta Public School
“Angels”
(Carols & Santa)

Featuring
 Local Talent
 School Choir
 Show Bags
 Class Performances
 Santa
 Food & Drink
 Coffee & Ice-Cream Van

Sausage Sandwich	\$3.00
Water	\$1.50
Soft Drink	\$2.00
Fairy Floss	\$2.50
Lolly Bags	\$1.00
Zooper Doopers	\$0.50
Lucky Dips	\$1.00

There will also be raffle tickets available to purchase for the Christmas Hampers

This is a Non-Smoking and Alcohol Free Event
For more information phone 4938 7331.
All children must be accompanied and in the care of an adult.



CLASS AWARDS



K

Byron R
Morgan S
Lochlan H

K/1

Bodhi M
Maddison H
Michelle C
Ruby P

Yr 1/2B

Olivia H
Isabella R
Khloe S
Tesda-May D

Yr 1/2R

Tyler P
Joshua C
Annabella S
Evie W

Yr 3/4B

Hannah B
Blaze J
Mason C
Tyleigh S
Aden L

Yr 3/4R

Zahlan T
Lawson S
Jack D
Layla M
Cailin J

Yr 5

Caige M
Beau S
Ariella S
Jace E
Kaysha T

Yr 6

Hayley C
Kimberley L
Blade R
Caleb S
Bindi B

Citizenship Awards

K Layla M

K/1 Kaidee G

Yr 1/2B Amelia R

Yr 1/2R Ben Y

Yr 3/4B Amelia R

Yr 3/4R Charlotte H

Yr 5 Emily M

Yr 6 Fazel K

Dojo Awards

K Jasper M

K Kosy W

K/1 Emilee J

K/1 Jayden S

Yr 1/2B Joshua F

Yr 1/2B Charli C

Yr 1/2R Charlie S

Yr 1/2R Ivy L

Yr 3/4B Taya N

Yr 3/4B Mikaylah P

Yr 3/4R Rebecca M

Yr 3/4R Harvey W

Yr 5 Izabella B

Yr 5 Maddy R

Yr 6 Jacob R

Yr 6 Sinead M



P&C NEWS

5 Cent Challenge:

This will be concluding soon so keep bringing your coins in. There will be a prize for the winning class for collecting the most coins again for the term and there will also be a prize for the class that collected the most coins over the whole challenge event.

Art Show:

Students will be working on their art work in week 6. Canvasses are to be pre-purchased by Thursday, 6th Dec. Art works will be on display in the hall during the Angels concert.

Christmas Raffles:

Once again we will be holding Christmas raffles to coincide with the Angels event. We are asking for donations non-perishable goods and Christmas items to go towards the hampers for raffle prizes.

TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS ARE ATTACHED TO TODAY'S NEWSLETTER

\$1 EACH OR 3 FOR \$2

PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKETS SOLD OR UNSOLD BY FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Angels:

The P&C will be cooking up a storm at the Angels, we will also have lots of other goodies for sale on the evening. More details to follow in coming weeks.

UNIFORM SHOP

We are currently looking at a reversible bucket hat. One side will be red with school logo and other side will be coloured as close to sports colour and house name. There is one on display in the cabinet outside the canteen. Please take some time to complete the survey and return it tomorrow.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Next meeting will be held on Monday 17th December at 6pm in the Library. We welcome new members to come along and join to share your ideas and skills with us. We would love to see some new and of course our familiar faces. **Children are welcome to attend as we will put a movie on for them in the next classroom.**

Michelle Woodhouse
P&C President.

SNACK SHACK

As you are aware, surveys were sent home and those returning surveys were to be entered into a draw for \$5 voucher. This draw was held on Tuesday at the assembly and the winner of this voucher was Rebecca M, 3/4R. Congratulations Rebecca.

From Friday this week, nachos will be available every day until the end of term, while stocks last.

The canteen will continue to open at recess for drinks and snacks.

Free water is available during open hours.

Coming up to the end of term, there will be an item on special at the canteen.

NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL - WHILE STOCKS LAST, JUICIES
IN CLEAR PLASTIC WILL BE 80c INSTEAD OF \$1.
THE FLAVOURS ARE WILDBERRY AND TROPICAL.

Tracey White
Canteen Co-Ordinator



ITS ALMOST CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN !!!!!

The P&C will soon be putting together their raffle hampers so we are asking for donations towards the hampers. **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR NON PERISHABLE ITEMS TO ALLOW US TO START PREPARING THE HAMPERS.**

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesdays
8.30-9.00am

Fridays
8.30-9.00am

GOOD FOR KIDS, GOOD FOR LIFE PROGRAM

Our school is participating in Hunter New England Health's *Good for Kids, Good for Life* program which has been working with schools in our region for more than a decade to implement healthy eating and physical activity programs.

As part of the program *Good for Kids, Good for Life* are returning this term to measure the activity levels of students. Students who participated in the initial data collection will again be wearing an accelerometer each day while at school for one school week. An accelerometer is worn on the wrist and looks like a watch but captures activity levels.

This data is collected to assist in providing support in schools with the scheduling of physical activity. This includes the provision of professional development for Greta Public School's teaching staff as well as the provision of resources and on-going support from the *Good for Kids, Good for Life* team.



RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 6 – 7 TRANSITION



High School Transition – Orientation Day

On Tuesday 4th December students will participate in peer support activities and attend some classes. Please wear your primary school uniform and bring your school bag with pencil case, hat, recess and water bottle. A BBQ lunch will be provided.

Parents/carers will need to transport their student/s to and from RTHS unless your primary school has made other arrangements. Your primary school will provide you with additional information in this case.

Parent Information Evening

Monday 3rd December, 2018
RTHS School Hall
Commences 6:00 pm
(GATS class meeting at 5:00 pm)

Office and uniform shop will be open. A sausage sizzle will be provided from 4pm – 6pm.

Orientation Day
Tuesday 4th December, 2018
RTHS School Hall
9:15 am – 2:20 pm

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MERRY Christmas

PROFESSIONAL SANTA PHOTOS - GOLD COIN DONATION FOR RMHC

4th December 2018
McDonald's Greta 4pm - 5.30pm
McDonald's Rutherford 6pm - 7.30pm

BRANXTON GOLF CLUB
invites you to their

Community Christmas Spectacular

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
 Finnan Johnson

FIREWORKS AT 9.15PM
 Scheduled events pending on weather conditions

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2018
at 5.30pm

Mini Jeeps • Snow Cones • Rides • Face Painting
 Clown Balloon Sculpting • Sky Diving Santa

FAMILY - \$40* <small>Admits 2 Adults and 3 Children. Extra child \$15. Under 3yrs FREE. Includes 6 Sausage Sandwiches and 6 cans of soft drink.</small>	COUPLE - \$30* <small>Admits 2 people. Includes 2 Sausage Sandwiches and 2 cans of soft drink.</small>	SINGLE - \$15* <small>Admits 1 person. Includes 1 Sausage Sandwich and 1 can of soft drink.</small>
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*Prices are for pre-purchased tickets. Tickets bought on the night will be: Family - \$55, Couple - \$40, Single - \$20. All tickets include a ticket in the two \$50 cash draws and free rides for the kids (access to rides only available with a wrist band supplied at the door when your ticket is shown).

TICKETS ON SALE 1 NOVEMBER 2018. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE.

STRICTLY NO BYO ALCOHOL/FOOD
 ENQUIRIES 4938 1421. Tickets sold prior to the night at BGC. BYO chair or picnic rug. Regular Friday night raffles will be moved to Thursday 6th at 7pm.

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