



Term 4 - Week 1 Newsletter

Respect

Responsibility

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Welcome Back

Welcome to Term Four. In a year where we have experienced unprecedented change, I am proud of all students at Greta for the way in which they have embraced new procedures and continue to learn both academically and socially. We look forward to some exciting activities throughout the term and will continue to share those experiences with parents/carers and the wider community through seesaw, social media and school app platforms.

Book Week

As you may be aware, book week is normally scheduled for earlier in the year, however had been postponed until Term Four, Week Two. Mr Burns has been very busy organising wonderful literature for students to purchase. A note on how to do this went home yesterday. He has also been planning a range of engaging lessons that focus on being inspired by a variety of authors to encourage students to read widely and enter a world of adventures as they discover new places in quality literary books. All members of Greta PS are looking forward to participating in the excitement of book week next week.



Tell Them From Me Survey

This term our school, like many other schools in the state, we will participate in a Department of Education initiative known as the *Tell Them From Me* student and parent/carer feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect student academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The survey is a great opportunity for our Year 4-6 students and parents of students in all grades to provide us with valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways teachers interact with them. The link for parents and carers to participate in this survey is <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/67mm4>, and has also been provided on our Facebook page and School App. I encourage everyone to complete the as your feedback provides us with opportunity to reflect and grow where required.

Kindergarten Orientation

An email went out to all Kindergarten families last term to notify of the dates that Kindergarten Orientation will take place. Due to advice provided by NSW Health, we have had to limit the number of days to only two. For children to participate in the orientation program, an online enrolment form must be completed prior to 5th November. A letter will be sent to all families with children starting Kindergarten in 2021 early next week. This letter will contain information on how to access and complete the online enrolment process.

Mrs Leanne Jarlett - Principal (Rel)

Important Dates for your Term 4 Diary

Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Book Week
Monday 19 th October	P&C General Meeting at Greta Workers Club from 4.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd November	Stage Two Excursion to the Wetlands
Thursday 5 th November	Kindergarten Orientation Session One
Friday 6 th November	K-2 Excursion to Oakvale Farm
Thursday 12 th November	Public Speaking Finals
Monday 16 th November	P&C General Meeting at Greta Workers Club from 4.00pm
Thursday 19 th November	Kindergarten Orientation Session Two (Final Session)
Wednesday 2 nd December	School Leader Speeches
Monday 7 th December	House Leader Speeches

Snack Shack News

The canteen will be open for lunch and recess during Term 4. Free drink bottle refills will be available to all students during these times.

Tracey White

Canteen Co-Ordinator

Good for Kids good for life

KEEP THE LUNCHBOX COOL

As the weather warms up it is important to keep the lunchbox cool so that food stays safe to eat.

Using an insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12° cooler.

You could also try a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Milk popper
- Yoghurt

These double as a refreshing drink or cool snack as they defrost.



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MOVE AND PLAY EVERY DAY



For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:



At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!



Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day. In your spare time, move more and sit less.



9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines; www.health.gov.au

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at: <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>



K-2 Term 4 Excursion – Information will be sent home shortly.



3-4 Term 4 Excursion – Information will be sent home shortly.

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Just a reminder that if you or a friend has a child starting school in 2021, it is time now to let us now to ensure they are included in our numbers and orientation program for next year.

Greta Public School - Future Enrolments

Child's Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address _____ **Phone No.** _____

Parent Name/s _____

Preschool Name _____ **Family Email** _____

