



Term 4 - Week 3 Newsletter

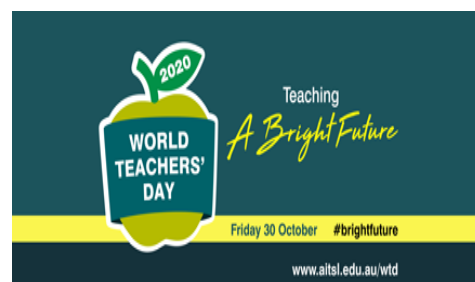
Respect

Responsibility

Personal Best

World Teachers' Day

Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession tomorrow during World Teachers' Day. Teachers, with the support from parents and carers have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of students, their families and the wider community. On Friday 30 October, say a big thank you to teachers and celebrate the bright future of teaching. Greta PS is blessed to have a team of highly committed professionals that ensure your children receive the very best education each and every day. They are a team of people I thoroughly enjoy spending my working week with.



Kindergarten Orientation

Our first of two Kindergarten Orientation sessions is taking place next Wednesday 4th November. We are very excited to meet our new group of students and look forward to giving them the opportunity to learn and play together in the classroom environment. Sessions will begin at 9:30am and end at 10:45am. When you arrive at the school, there will be a School Leader and a staff member to greet you and your child at the gate to point you in the right direction for the drop off zone. Parents will be given a take home pack containing information and resources. A recorded information session will be emailed out to all families next week that will hopefully answer any further questions you may have. At the conclusion of the session, students will be walked out to the gates by the teaching staff and handed to their parents and carers.

Part of ensuring we provide students with the best possible orientation experience whilst being compliant with COVID-19 guidelines is to provide a variety of learning experiences for students online. Please keep an eye out for stories and directed drawing lessons created in YouTube featuring Mrs Francis that will be emailed out to you weekly, for your children to watch and participate in as part of our online orientation process.

Staff Development Days 2021

Each year, the Department of Education allocates five Staff Development Days with the purpose of providing high quality professional learning to our whole school staff. Traditionally, we have had two days at the end of Term 4 allocated to Staff Development Days. As of 2021, the timing of these will change slightly, however the number of days students attend school will not change. From next year, there will be two Staff Development Days at the beginning of Term 1, one at the beginning of Terms 2 and 3 and one at the end of Term 4. School will resume for teachers on Wednesday, 27th January and Friday, 29th January for students.

Excursions

Next week is an exciting week for our K-2 and Stage 2 students. We have Stage 2 visiting the Hunter Wetlands Centre on Tuesday, and K-2 heading to Oakvale Farm on Friday. Whilst visiting these fabulous places, students will have the opportunity to investigate a variety of living things that will support their informative writing back in the classrooms. I look forward to reading about all of their wonderful adventures once they return.

Mrs Leanne Jarlett - Principal (Rel)

Introducing

...Our Roving reporters

Each fortnight, Stage 3 students will present reports in our Newsletter about topical events that have occurred in and around our school. This fortnight our reporters were Isabelle & Mikaylah; Haylee & Lilly and Hayden & Coby.



Car Track

When we returned to school in Term 4, we had a new car track in our playground! It is located adjacent to the hall and is already proving popular with students.

It has a garden and sand stone surrounding the rectangular car track. With three tunnels, two bumps, three bridges (with rocks beneath), cement roads and artificial grass on the bumps, tunnels and where there are no roads, it is a fun space for kids of all ages.

One car track to a whole school, needs to be shared fairly, so a roster has been created to ensure that everyone gets a turn.

Our PBL expectations of being Respectful, Responsible and showing our Personal Best apply to our car track so we can all enjoy the space and keep it looking fresh and tidy.

At break times, School Leaders get the equipment for use on the track. The cars and signs belong next to the Principal's office.

As you can see, everyone is enjoying having this space within our playground.

Roving reporters & photographers: Haylee B & Lilly Q



PBL Reward & Fund raiser for Ronald McDonald House Charities

We ended Term 3 with our PBL reward day and a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Charities. This was a fun-filled day for all stages. In total, we raised \$286.80 for Ronald McDonald House charities- Stand with Mitchell. Thanks to all of our families for their support and the kids who participated.

In addition to our fundraiser, classes also enjoyed a PBL reward day, which acknowledged students being respectful, responsible and showing their personal best throughout the term. KB thought it was a terrific day; K/1R made cookies and watched a movie; 1/2B had a class disco which they said was brilliant- Mrs Price showed them her amazing dance moves; 1/2H had a movie and ate delicious, buttery popcorn; 3/4H a party, just dance and ice blocks; 3/4R played some games and had ice blocks; 5/6Q watched a movie had chips, ice cream and did colouring in and 5/6C watched a movie and had chocolate coated ice creams.

Roving reporters & photographers: Isabelle & Mikaylah

Important Dates for your Term 4 Diary



Tuesday, 3 rd Nov to Friday	
6 th November	Public Speaking- speeches to be delivered in classes
Tuesday, 3 rd November	Stage 2 Excursion to the Wetlands
Wednesday, 4 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
Wednesday, 18 th November	Kindergarten Orientation Session Two (Final Session)
Thursday, 24 th November	Stage 3 Excursion to the Wetlands
Monday, 7 th December	School Leader Speeches
Tuesday, 8 th December	House Leader Speeches

Snack Shack News

Fabulous Friday – 6th November

- Meatlovers Pizza (ham, chicken, mince, cheese) - \$2.50 each.
- Ham and Cheese Quesadillas (toasted wraps) - \$2 ea.
- Lunch orders only

Lunch Orders

- Please remind your child to bring their lunch orders to the canteen before school starts, otherwise they may not get what they order.

Drink bottles will be refilled with cold water, free of charge, to children who bring their drink bottles to the Snack Shack.

Menus are available at the canteen.

Reminder that the Snack Shack is open for recess during Term 4.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all welcome to volunteer even if they can only do one hour.

Canteen Coordinator

Tracey White



The Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides have vacancies for Girls aged from 5 –14 years of age. We meet in all areas so if you would like to come along and try it for 2 weeks free of charge you can phone our Membership Advisor Sandra Herbert on 0418 160 402 or e-mail

HERBSHAVEN@bigpond.com for more information.

**WHAT GOT ME HOOKED
WAS BEING AMONGST
GIRLS WHO LOVED THE
SAME THINGS I DID**

GRACE JARVIS, GIRL GUIDE

Join us



to GROW



Week 2 Term 4 Assembly Awards 2020

	Class Awards	PBL Awards
KB	Corey C	Lucy W
	Jack L	Max B
K/1R	Jade S	Claire H
	Islah J	Eli S
1/2B	Liam R	Jayden H
	Taylor B	Kayden L
1/2H	Morgan S	Flint E
	Alexa G	Mia D
3 / 4H	Annabella S	Ahli-James H
	Finn C	Daina F
	Jaxon H	
3/ 4R	Alana H	Jesse T
	Erin M	Eli S
	Noah S	
5/6C	Mikaylah P	Layla M
	Haylee B	Isabelle H
5/6Q		
	Jack D	Erica s
	Tyleigh S	Leanne R
		Harvey W



Lions 'Lap the Map' for Diabetes comes to Branxton

From: The Lions Club of Branxton Inc

All members of the Branxton Community are invited to attend the Branxton Lap the Map Walk for Diabetes¹

Branxton Lap the Map Walk for Diabetes

- Registration from: 0800am Saturday 14th November – Branxton Oval – John Rose Avenue.
- Start time: 0830 to 0845, Branxton Oval to Miller Park car park and return – 2.5Km – level ground
- Registration & Entry **FREE**
- Lions bacon and egg rolls and soft drinks available at the end of the walk
- Fresh fruit and vegetables raffle
- All proceeds to go to Lions Australia Diabetes Foundation

Facts about Diabetes

- Diabetes is recognised as the world's fastest growing chronic condition.
- One in 11 adults has diabetes (415 million)
- 12 per cent of global health expenditure is spent on diabetes (USD\$673 billion)
- Every six seconds a person dies from diabetes (5.0 million deaths)
- You can check how many diabetics live in your community with this interactive map - <https://map.ndss.com.au/#/>

• **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DIABETES BY PARTICIPATING IN THE BRANXTON LAP THE MAP WALK**

¹ The Lions Club of Branxton Inc. have submitted a COVID-Safe plan to Cessnock City Council and we are awaiting approval.

Book Week Overview

The students at Greta Public School were able to take part in lessons and themed activities around our Book Week theme for this year: *Curious Creatures Wild Minds*. These activities required all students to their creativity in our library lessons. All our lessons focused on new shortlisted books from the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA).

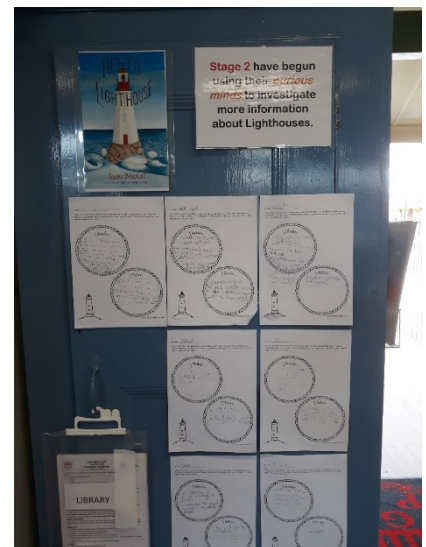
KB and K/1R were able to act out and film a short retelling from *We're Stuck!* All these re-enactments demonstrated how well the students listened to this story.



1/2B and 1/2H made their own special treasure boxes like the ones found in our story called *Tilly*. They used their wild minds to make sure their box looked special and was all about them.



3/4H and 3/4R used their curious minds to find more information about lighthouses after listening to the story *Hello Lighthouse*. Lots of new facts were discovered and questions that were made.



5/6C and 5/6Q made their own digital creatures based on the picture book *Searching for Cicadas* as they added descriptions and added different body parts to make their creation unique.



It was great to have so many students returning their completed wish lists and enjoy many more creative books at home. Lots of fun and learning was had throughout the entire week.

Mr Burns



K-2, Term 4 Excursion – Thursday, 5 November, 2020

Information was sent home during Week 2. If you need a replacement note, please contact the school office.



3-4, Term 4 Excursion – Tuesday, 3 November, 2020

Information was sent home during Week 2. If you need a replacement note, please contact the school office.

Stage 3, Term 4 Excursion – Thursday, 24 November, 2020

Information will be sent home this week.



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** _____