



Term 4 - Week 5 Newsletter

Respect Responsibility Personal Best

Remembrance Day

Yesterday students and staff remembered and honoured Australia's servicemen and servicewomen through our participation in a wonderful online service which was put together by Mrs Sharon Crooks and our student leadership team – Bailey, Billy, Hayden, Natalie and Zahlan. Students had the opportunity to make paper poppies to place at the base of our flagpole before the service. We were also extremely fortunate to be gifted a stunning wreath courtesy of Brie Easthope at Picottee Floral Designs. I took the opportunity to join K/1R for the online service and am very proud to highlight their exemplary behaviour throughout the sombreness of the service. Each one of them stood as still as statues and remained respectfully silent. Well done, K/1R.



NAIDOC Week – Always Was, Always Will Be.

The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for more than 65,000 years. The very first footprints on this continent were made by First Nations peoples. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have provided us with the world's oldest oral stories and they transformed the harshest habitable continent through ingenious land management systems, like fire stick farming. Our school celebrated NAIDOC Week at the end of Term 2 as we had organised incursions for our students – Jollybops Science Show and the Aboriginal Astronomy Planetarium. This week our students have participated in a variety of activities in their classrooms such as bark painting, informative writing and decorating doors.



Out of School Hours Care Survey

As part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Before and After School Care (BASC) commitment, parents at all NSW schools were recently invited to complete a Have Your Say survey. The survey asked parents to tell us how they are using Out of School Hours Care, how much it costs them, whether they plan to keep using it, and what difficulties they experience in accessing it. The survey results have helped us to better understand the needs of families and what's important to them. We are now asking all parents to complete a quick follow-up survey by **Friday 27 November 2020**.

You can access the survey at <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>. This information will help us to target the rollout of more before Out of School Hours Care services in the right areas. If your child does not require Out of School Hours care, we ask that you please still complete the first section of this survey as it gives us important information about the level of demand at your school. If you have any questions, please contact the BASC Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au

Save the Date!

The Year 6 Farewell will take place on Monday, 14 December. More information will be coming home soon.

Mrs Sharon Morris - Principal

Public Speaking

This term, students have engaged with learning about how to be effective public speakers. They delivered a prepared speech in their classrooms and class teachers have chosen two finalists from their classes to present their speeches to our independent adjudicators from Muswellbrook Toastmasters, Mr Graham Turvey and Mrs Helen Simpson. Students who are announced as the best performer in their Stage will receive a Public Speaking award at our end of year Presentation Day.



Many thanks to our School Leaders who competently ran the day, and to Mr Cameron for his organisation of this event.

Finally, congratulations to all students who prepared and presented a speech, it's not an easy task, and we are so proud of your efforts.

Stage finalists are:

Early Stage 1: KB- Lucy W & Matilda H KR- Lincoln A & Lila Y	Stage 2: 3/4R- Ben Y, Khloe S & Maddy H 3/4H- Annabella S & Emilee J
Stage 1: 1R- Bonnie L & Ryan S 1/2B- Aria R & Blaine W 1/2H- Piper H & Alexa G	Stage 3: 5/6Q- Cailin J & Taya N 5/6C- Meyah L & Zahlan T

Mrs Sharon Crooks
Assistant Principal

Important Dates for your Term 4 Diary

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)
Wednesday, 18 th November	OC Placement Test
Tuesday, 24 th November	Stage 3 Excursion to the Wetlands
Monday, 7 th December	School Leader Speeches
Tuesday, 8 th December	House Leader Speeches
Thursday, 10 th December	Presentation Day
Monday, 14 th December	Year 6 Farewell

COVID-19 Update

The NSW Department of Education recently updated their COVID-19 advice for families. This can be accessed from <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#School3>

Some of the updates include:

- P&C Meetings operating on school grounds after school hours, with some limitations.
- Presentation Day may go ahead but it will look very different to what we would normally do. We are currently investigating whether we can accommodate limited numbers of parents/carers.
- Year 6 Farewells may take place, in line with the specified guidelines. Mrs Crooks will send home more information soon.

If you have any questions around the change in some of the restrictions, please check the website in the first instance and then call us if you require further clarification.

Snack Shack News

Please note the following change of plans for this Friday, 13 November:

- Ordering is for ALL students, not just K-2 students.
- Meat lovers Pizza (ham, chicken, mince, cheese) - \$2.50 each
- Ham and Cheese Quesadillas (toasted wraps) - \$2.00 each
- Lunch orders only – the canteen will be shut for the recess break on this day.

Some other important information regarding the Snack Shack:

- Some items will become unavailable as we get closer to the Christmas holidays/end of term.
- Lunch order MUST come to the Snack Shack BEFORE the 9:00am bell rings.
- Drink bottles are able to be refilled with cold water, free of charge.
- We are open during the recess break on most days in Term 4. If we are not going to be able to open, we will notify you via the school newsletter, school Facebook page and school App.
- On Wednesday, 18 November the Snack Shack will only be open for the lunch break.

As always parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all welcome to volunteer at the canteen, even for an hour.

Tracey White
Canteen Coordinator

DON'T FORGET:

**Stage 3 Wetlands Excursion
Tuesday, 24 November 2020**



Week 4 Term 4 Stage Assembly Awards

	Class Awards	PBL Awards
KB	Seth D	Willow S
	Benjamin R	Chloe K
K/1R	Noah O	Logan M
	Skylar R	Lila Y
1/2B	Violet S	Zander M
	Charly C	Taj-Dennis S
1/2H	Austin S	Travis B
	Erica J	Dexter T
3 / 4H	Avah L	Finn C
	Nadar W	Ahli-James H
	Caleb S	
3/ 4R	Maddy H	Mayson H
	Beau J	Julian S
	Ivy L	
5/6C	Tristan S	Zoie L
	Aden L	Jasmine C
		Jaydn S
5/6Q	Billy M	Bailey W
	Jade S	Blake B
	Jarell K	

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Just a reminder that if you or a friend has a child starting school in 2021, it is now time to let us know 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 _____