



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 4

Week 9

12th December 2019

Principal's message

Our end of year celebrations are in full swing and we are finishing the year on a happy and proud note. Our **presentation night**, whilst hot and windy, was well attended and we were able to congratulate all students on their great efforts in so many ways throughout the year. The student entertainment that was planned for the evening will be staged tomorrow, 13th December at 10.15am during the PBL Assembly and we are hoping for another great roll up of parents, relatives and friends. This will be followed by a **thank you morning tea at 11.00am from the staff to all our valued volunteers** to whom we owe so much. Please come along so we can say thank you for all your contributions in so many ways throughout the year.

Congratulations to Bella Sellens and Jaxon O'Connor on their election as school captains for 2020. They, together with Year 5 students who have all been elected as prefects, will be our student leaders for next year.

The appointment of **Ms. Michelle Crowfoot** as relieving principal for Term 1 next year has been finalised. Michelle is the current relieving principal at Mt. Kanwary and will be a welcome addition to our staff whilst I am on leave. Also finalised is the appointment of **Ms. Katie Dunn** as our Kindergarten teacher for Term 1 and later in the year sharing with Miss Mac who plans to return part time from maternity leave. We will welcome both these new staff members to the school when they visit next Monday.

Congratulations to Lara Silver who was the successful winner of the John Lill Scholarship. Lara impressed the panel with her application which outlined her musical aspirations and love of music.

Gresford School was informed this week that we had won **the NSW Government Award for Diversity in STEM Education**. We are very proud of our little school and its achievements. We have also been selected to be a pilot school for **High Potential and Gifted Education**, along with other schools in our Dungog District Community of Schools; and a **trial school for piloting technology devices** for teachers to support curriculum delivery. It's going to be a busy year ahead!



Have a joyous festive season and happy holiday with your children. See you all next year!
Kind regards,

Pauline

"If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them and half as much money."



School Planning Snippets

Our school plan for 2020 has been mapped out with adjustments made to our existing Strategic Directions. Reading will have a greater focus with L3 being reviewed and adjusted. PBL will be under review with Restorative Practice being trialled. Digital citizenship and critical and creative thinking will be a new priority. There will be teacher professional learning and parent information sessions to support these adjustments.



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PBL AWARDS

Elijah Chandler, Maggie Maroulis, Winnie Maroulis, Lucas Hill, Norton Bynon, Pearl Farley, Pearl Ropata

SCHOOL MERITS

Daniel Hodges, Jake Osmond, Layla Turnbull, Josie Hodges, Jackson Wells, Nina Maroulis, Ryan Thiecke

SPORTS AWARDS

Bailey Caukwell, Jackson Davis, Amilia Gillies, Mathilda Joliffe, Annabelle Chesworth, John Hodges, Ewen Mitchell

LIBRARY AWARDS

Piper Conn, Madelin Cremer

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Charlotte Marsh, Benji Spencer, Kammi Conn, Elizabeth Venter, Lexie Hill, Chilli Bynon, Ewen Mitchell

DECEMBER

Friday 13th - PBL Assembly 11:15am
Volunteer helper morning tea 11:00am

Wednesday 18th - Students last day

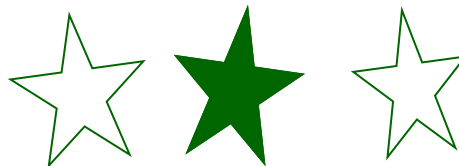
JANUARY

Tuesday 28th - Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29th - Years 1 to 6 return.
Kindergarten interview and Best Start begins
Interview times will be sent home soon.

February

Monday 3rd - 2020 Kinder start



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 13th December
Ang Kelehear &
Karleen Kelehear
(last day of canteen for 2019)

*Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas and a
fantastic New Year.*

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your amazing efforts over the past.

To the Year 6 parents farewell. It has been great having you help in the canteen over the last 7 years.. Wishing you all the best for the future.



Tucker Box & P&C News

Uniform news

Please contact Lyndell if you have any enquirers about uniforms regarding sizing or purchasing.

Calling all Volunteers:

Could all tea towels please be returned to school as soon as possible.

Please note: Friday 13th December is the last day of canteen.



Have you paid your school fees?

There are still quite a few families who have not paid their 2019 school fees. As the costs incurred from the non-payment of these fees have had to be taken from other educational programs, we ask that the accounts sent home last week be settled immediately.

Thank you to the families who has done so already.



Professional learning for staff has been in the area of school planning and our pupil free day on 19th December will be spent reviewing our science continuum and aligning it with a technology and design thinking scope and sequence.

Spellathon Fundraiser

Thank you to all children and parents for your help in raising money to save the Koalas. If you haven't already sent in your sponsorship money please send it in as soon as possible.

Farewell Year 6

We have loved having you and wish you all the best for your future.



Before and After School Care

This outstanding service for parents is in danger of folding.

It is currently running at a loss and its viability is in question. The service has been given until the end of Term 1, 2020 to increase patronage or combine with another centre. Please consider using the service, even if only on a casual basis as it assists busy and working parents. Remember subsidies apply for working parents. Enrolment forms available at the school.



**Hunter
Mobile
Preschool**

Outside School Hours Care

SIXERS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



Woolworths Cricket Blast INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM teaches boys and girls new skills in a Big Bash inspired fun and safe environment!! Blasters can choose a cricket or craft adventure during a 'Free Play Session'.



The 6ers Holiday Camp is ideal for boy and girls playing JUNIOR FORMAT STAGE 1 with their local club. Players will be exposed to contemporary coaching activities lead by experienced coaches.

Date Time	Suburb (Postcode)	Introductory Program (5-9 yrs.)	Junior Format Stage 1 (9-11 yrs.)
13 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	Lorn (2320)	\$80	\$100
14 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	New Lambton (2305)	\$80	\$100
15 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	Cameron Park (2285)	\$80	\$100
16/17 Jan 2020 9am-12pm	Ourimbah (2258)	\$99	\$100
20/21 Jan 2020 9am-12pm	Erina (2250)	\$99	\$100

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Introductory Program - www.playcricket.com.au

Search for camp by: age filter and suburb (as listed above)

Look for Program title "Sydney Sixers Holiday Program"

Junior Format Stage 1 - www.trybooking.com

Click Buy on the landing page and then search "Sydney 6ers" and the suburb (as listed above)



Wishing all the best to Mrs Davies on the expectant arrival of her new baby. We can't wait to meet him or her.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Free Lunch with all the trimmings.
Sing Carols and meet Santa



All
welcome



11am –2.30pm 25th December at Dungog Public School

Goodbye
and
good luck
Miss Grace.

We will all miss you!



The presenters of



Bring to you

Bethlehem Rhapsody



A musical look at Christmas!

(See it on YouTube - Bethlehemian Rhasody)

- ◆ We need **children to perform with the hand puppets.**
- ◆ Practices at Gresford Public School (during lunch)
- ◆ Performance at St Anne's Gresford on Thursday 19th December, 6pm (the day after school breaks up).

Organised by the Ministry Team at
Gresford Paterson Anglican Church