



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 4

Week 8

December 6th

Principal's message

As the year draws rapidly to a close, school is at its busiest. Teachers are working on student reports, children are working hard on performances for Presentation Night and the office staff is busy preparing the 2019 budget.

Alice Ropata has led four of our children and those of surrounding schools in a series of visual arts workshops via the **Dungog Community of Schools Virtual Enrichment Program**. Their art work was showcased at a mini exhibition for parents at their final session last week. They produced some delightful paintings which were testimony to the skill of the students as well as the presenter. Well done Gresford artists, (Bella Sellens, Lacey Hoffman, William Venter and Will Thiecke) and well done Alice!

Congratulations are in order for our captains elect for 2019, **Rose Kelehear and Harrison Sellens**. The competition was strong with well developed speeches presented by all candidates. We will have a reliable band of prefects to take over the reins from their 2018 counterparts.

Thanks to all families who have contributed to a **gratitude gift to Dr. Wright** for the outstanding effort she puts in every year to bring science to life each Monday in our school. She is dedicated to bringing the mysteries of science to our children and nurturing their natural curiosity in the hope of producing some scientists of the future.

Our **Year 6 students** visited their high schools for orientation activities this week and last night we farewelled them in style at the Year 6 farewell. We hope they continue to seek out new learning in the high school setting and remember the little country school that prepared them for this big new step into the world. **Good luck Year 6, we will miss you all.**

Kind regards,
Pauline

"Believe you can and you're half way there."

Theodore Roosevelt

Our School Captains for 2019



Rose Kelehear and
Harrison Sellens

Prefects for 2019



School Planning Snippets

Today the staff has worked with a departmental consultant to conduct a full school evaluation of our year's work and has laid the plans for education at Gresford next year. We are following closely our 3 year strategic plan with exciting learning experiences around writing, mindfulness and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics, (STEAM). Future focused learning is the underlying theme.



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AWARDS



PBL AWARDS

Charlotte Marsh, Caidence Apthorpe, Monica Lawrence, Daniel Craig, Madelin Cremer, Skye Turner, Jaxon O'Connor, Tess Hartigan

SCHOOL MERITS

Nyah O'Connor, Cooper Chesworth, Layla Turnbull, Otaki Ropata, Cullen Williams, Hamish Mead, Katie Curtin-Edwards

SPORTS AWARDS

Pearl Farley, Charlie Hill, Jaxon O'Connor, Bailey Conn, Zaiden Apthorpe, Pearl Ropata, Ewen Mitchell, Ethan Bradley

LIBRARY AWARDS

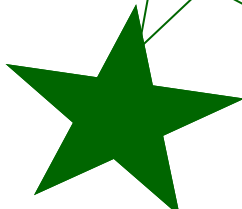
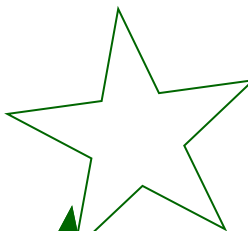
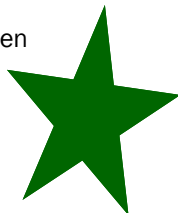
Zaiden Apthorpe, Lara Silver

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Toby Addison, Kimberley Thiecke, Ewen Mitchell, Harrison Sellens, Otaki Ropata, Lucy Pittman, Mia Wilton,

GOOD LISTENER AWARD

Lilly Bradley, Layla Turnbull, Sam Field, Pippa Merchant



DECEMBER.

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| Fri 7th | Scripture play 9am |
| Tue 11th | Presentation Night 6:30pm |
| Fri 14th | PBL Assembly 10:30am |
| Mon 17th | Shark and Ray Centre |
| Tue 18th | Parent Helper
Morning Tea
GAA Awards Day |
| Wed 19th | Last day for students |

JANUARY

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| Mon 28th | Public Holiday |
| Tue 29th | Staff Development Day |
| Wed 30th | Year 1 to Year 6 return |
| Thu 31st | Kindergarten start |

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 7th December

Ang Kelehear & Elise Chesworth

Wed 12th December

Sharon Hill & Helen Farley

Fri 14th December

Sylvia Lawrence
Kristy Duncan



Tucker Box & P&C News

Just a reminder to all volunteers to please return any tea towels before the end of term.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our volunteers for their help throughout the year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Professional learning for staff has been in the areas of L3, leadership, technology and writing.

All bus board changes must be received by 2.45 pm to ensure children receive messages in time

PBL NEWS

The last PBL assembly will be on Friday Week 9, 14th December at 10.30am. Awards are to be handed into teachers by Monday Week 9.

Students who have three awards will enjoy a "Freedom Friday" afternoon with games, activities and movies.

Congratulations to all recipients!



Thank you to our School Banking Co-ordinator.

We would like to thank **Jody** who has volunteered as our School Banking Co-ordinator this year. We would also like to welcome **Sandy** as our new School Banking Co-ordinator!

Our School Banking volunteers are vital in helping teach students the importance of saving regularly.

School banking will commence 7th February 2019

HATS HATS HATS

It has come to our attention that children are coming to school without their hats. All children need to have a sun safe hat at school each day, especially as groups do outdoor fitness each morning. If your child does not have a hat please consider buying one from the Uniform Shop for \$10 to ensure they can participate fully in outdoor activities.

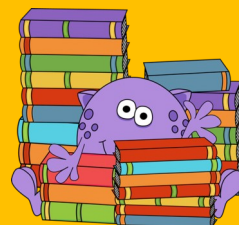
From all the teachers and staff at Gresford Public School we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.



We welcome Brodie and Hendrix to our school. Brodie has joined Year 2 and Hendrix, Year 4. They have made friends already.

Could all home readers and library books please be returned to school this week for stocktaking.

Thank you.



Reminders

- ♦ We have suggestions for your Christmas gift list. Why not buy a bottle or two of Boydell's special 150th Sesquicentenary wine or a pair of 150th commemorative mugs – all available at the office.
- ♦ Some children are bringing unsuitable food for their lunches. High sugar and highly processed foods alone do not provide adequate nutrition for children to meet their energy requirements for a busy school day.

The Gresford Grazer

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The Great Victory Win

By CHARLI BARNETT

Clancy the Belted Galloway and Barry the Hereford found themselves in lots of manoeuvres today. What Clancy had done was outrageous! He did something that would blow your mind during the cow wrestling contest. He finally won it!! Clancy won the contest because he was strong as a tornado. Charli Barnett: What was your favourite manoeuvre? Clancy: It is the killer cow kick and it is deadly. C.B: What is your nickname? CL: Clancules. C.B: I saw some of your moves, could you show me some more? CL: I could show you some more but it will knock you off your knees.



Courageous Cow Clancy Wins

By BILLY RICHARDSON

Two days ago Clancy the Cow surprisingly won the wrestling completion at the Great Cow Pat Arena. He won by sneaking into the Herefords paddock and then he grazed all night. But suddenly he bumped into Helga the Cow and they immediately started to graze every night together.

One day Clancy bumped into one of the Belted Galloways. The Belted Galloway turned around in great shock and said, "Clancy you would be big enough to win the wrestling competition". So Clancy started training right away. Soon the news started to get as big as the world. The local retired wrestlers taught him their favourite moves. Every day until the wrestling competition came.

On the day of the wrestling competition Clancy was looking forward to the challenge. When the wrestling started Clancy walked out into the arena but Dave the Hereford walked out too and was kicking up the dust at Clancy. This caused Clancy to not be very excited because Dave looked at bit scary. Clancy could not give up now. He just charged at Dave and knocked him into space.



Crazy Cranky Cow Crowned Champion

By COOPER CHESWORTH

Crazy Cranky Cow Crowned Champion Yesterday, Clancy won the cow wrestling contest by sneaking into the Herefords paddock. He was invisible at night times so he ate all of the Herefords good pasture to get big and strong. At the Cow Poo Arena Clancy, the Belted Galloway had a wrestling contest with Copper the Hereford. Clancy won by doing a crud cruncher on Copper and Copper had no chance of ever winning. Cooper Chesworth: Are you going to wrestle again next year Clancy? Clancy: Well, No. CC: Did you get any injuries from yesterday? C: I broke my neck and I am never going to wrestle again EVER!!



At Gresford Public School, we offer our parents both before and after school care facilities every school day run by Hunter Mobile Preschool.

Our morning hours are between 7:00am and 8:30am and our afternoon hours run between 3:00pm till 6:00pm.

Our OSHC is located within the school grounds with a wide range of fun activities for the children to do.

Permanent bookings are \$20 for a morning session and \$30 for an afternoon, casual places are available for a slightly higher cost.

Government subsidy payments are available for OSHC fees.

With your help, we would love to see this wonderful facility grow in 2019.

If you have any questions or would like an enrolment form please drop in or call the school on 49389304 or Hunter Mobile Preschool on 0408 684 942



You are capable of
AMAZING
 things.

Aladdin and the Arabian Nights.

Martins Creek Public School
Annual School Musical & Christmas Gathering

Tuesday 18th December 2018, 6:30pm for the show followed by a light supper.

Bring your family and friends, and come join us for an evening of fun and entertainment
 Santa will need some help, so bring your child's present wrapped and clearly named.
 Christmas raffle and carol singing too.



Gresford Community Christmas Festivities at The Hotel Beatty

6PM ON FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

- CRAFT & DECORATION MAKING
- BUFFET BBQ DINNER
- KIDS GAMES & LIVE MUSIC
- SANTA & SURPRISE GIFT FOR CHILDREN

\$20 ADULTS, \$10 CHILDREN, PRESCHOOLERS FREE.
 PLEASE BOOK ASAP 49389451