

Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Staff and students have been busy with assessments during the last few weeks so that up to date information can be gathered for student reports which will be sent home on Monday 13th December.

Hunter Life Education Van

Students from all Stages enjoyed sessions with the Hunter Life Education Van on Monday. Early Stage 1/ Stage 1 focused on how our body works while Stage 2 learnt about correct use of medicines. The focus of the Stage 3 presentation was the affects of alcohol. This is always a very informative and worthwhile program which we are fortunate enough to have every alternate year.

Video Conference Debating

Mr Taylor can be very proud of his Year 2/3 debating team who on two recent occasions had very strong wins against older students. The topic of the first debate was 'That dogs are better than cats' and the second topic was 'That city living is better than country living'. Congratulations to up and coming debaters Latia Hipwell, Claire Richardson, Jamie Hickey, Michaela Lawrence and Kiara Quirk. For students so young to be debating at this level is a very creditable achievement!

Meanwhile, older debaters, Jesse Farr, Mia Quirk, Courtney Lawrence and Paul Locke had another win with the topic 'That shopping is fun' against Tighes Hill Public School. This week on Wednesday the team of Ellen Hodges, Ella Duncan, Rowena Dillon and Emma Hooper debated on the topic 'That chooks are better than cats' against Brisbane Waters High School. This was a close debate and even though we were defeated our team was highly commended for their excellent efforts.

Young Teen Talk

On Tuesday this week a large group of Stage 3 students participated in the Young Teen Talk information session. These informative talks are very highly regarded and complement our Personal

Development / Health Syllabus as well as the Child Protection studies.

P&C

The last P&C Meeting for the year was held on Thursday 19th November. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank the hardworking P&C committee and Canteen committee for their dedicated efforts this year. The P&C is very sad to farewell Mrs Virginia Begg, who will not be seeking re-election after a year as President and a number of years on the Committee. I would like to acknowledge Virginia's fine efforts as President and wish her well for 2011. The school is very appreciative of a substantial donation from the P&C/ School Canteen. A cheque for \$5000 has been presented to the school to go towards Literacy and Creative Arts programs in 2011 and beyond. These funds have been generated by the Create Art Festival and Cruisin' on the Hardcourt fundraiser.

Bishop's Visit

On Monday 29th November, Gresford School will be honoured to host a visit from Bishop Garry Weatherill from Willochra, in South Australian. He is visiting the Gresford area to be the guest of honour and assist with celebrating the 165th anniversary of the consecration of St Paul's Church, Paterson.

During Bishop Weatherill's visit to our school, he will talk about the importance of giving and caring about those less fortunate than us. He will address the whole school at a short assembly and then have a class discussion with Year 5/ 6 Anglican and Catholic SRE.

Samaritan's Appeal

Thanks so much to the many families who assisted with this very worthy Christmas appeal. The class baskets are looking very impressive with many wonderful food items to help someone's Christmas become a little happier. They will be picked up this Friday 26th November.

Active After School Sport excursion

From our inclusion in the Active After School Sport Program we are advised that we may participate in an excursion to the PCYC in Maitland on 7th December to familiarise students with the gymnastics equipment and participate in gymnastics and fitness sessions under the guidance of qualified instructors.

The total cost of the bus and the PCYC session will be funded by AASS as well as a healthy lunch, water and fruit platters. Students will only require recess and possibly an extra snack/ fruit. This is a wonderful opportunity to view the facilities we have in our local area and to extend the skills already developed by our gymnastics coaches, Tara Lawrence and Cassie Riemouldi. A special thanks to the AASS Program for enabling all students to experience this day at no cost. A permission note will be sent home shortly- we would appreciate prompt return of this as well as the lunch order bag.

Library News

The end of the year is fast approaching and Mrs Graham would like all library books returned next week (Week 8). There will be no further borrowing this year.

Enjoy the last weeks of school- a reminder that the students' last day is Wednesday 15th December.

Kind Regards

Beth

"If you haven't found out
how gifted you are,
you're in for a
nice surprise"

Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th November - Bishops visit

Thursday 2nd December - Year 6 Dungog High Orientation

Tuesday 7th December - whole school visit to Maitland PCYC

Wednesday 8th December - Year 6 Farewell party

Thursday 9th December - Parent Helper Morning Tea

Tuesday 14th December - Presentation Night 6.30pm start

Wednesday 15th December - Students Last Day

PRESENTATION NIGHT TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 6.30pm start

Peer Mediator Certificates

On Friday 26th November students who gained qualifications to be a Peer Mediator will receive their certificate at the assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend. The assembly will begin at 12.15pm.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Could all Year 5 parents please bring \$5.00 to contribute for the night.

Many thanks, Virginia Begg

EFTPOS

***is now available
for payment of fees and excursions at the
front office.***



CANTEEN NEWS

Due to the lack of Volunteers the school canteen will only open Wednesday and Friday 2011. If there are any new volunteer who may wish to assist the canteen please contact Jenny Hipwell on 49315282"



Values Awards

Carl Thompson
Shakiah Towers-Brown
Rhianna Legge-Brown
Alysha Cowley
Acelyn Towers-Brown
Gus O'Brien-Cavanough



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Jack Hodges
Jada Laurie

2/3/4

Clare Richardson
Gemma Hawkins

4/5/6

Thomas Hojer
Alex Cant



LITERACY AWARD

Brooklyn Bidner
Jamie Hickey
Lucy Wright
Emily Holz
Kayden Atkins
Riley Atkins
Ella Duncan



Library Award

**Henry Hunt
&
Ella Duncan**



Remembrance Day 2010



Video Making!

Last week for three days Thomas and I went to Newcastle University to learn about making films. When we arrived at the Newcastle University, they placed us into groups of four and we each had two mentors per group.

Each group were given an item that we had to incorporate in our movie, a quote and a place where they both had to film. In my group I had to incorporate a coat hanger, the quote "I feel the need, the need for speed" and we had to film on a grassy patch. Thomas's group had to incorporate a plastic cup, a quote said by Dory in Finding Nemo and he had to film in a bushy area behind the car park.

It was a great experience, we both made a lot of new friends and we both learnt many new things about making a good film!

We both loved it!

By

Alex Cant and Thomas Hojer

Calling Year 5 parents!

The Year 6 farewell is coming up on Wednesday 8 December. It's traditionally an event organised by Year 5 kids and their parents to give Year 6 a suitable send-off.

It's important that you lend a hand (it'll be your son or daughter next year).

Please call Marisa on 0428 846 535 to work out your food contribution for what is always a great night.

Help us raise a cool thousand bucks! with just 2-3 hours help.

The Bunning's Barbecue is being run by our P&C on Friday 10 December. This is our last chance to raise some dosh for the year and put us in a great financial position for next year. John O'Brien is doing the roster, so if you can spare two or three hours, maybe working it in with a bit of Maitland shopping, that would be terrific. Call 4938 9292 if you can work in a short shift (any time between 8 and 4.30).