

Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

We are now in our second last week of school and reflecting on a wonderful year and all its achievements.

New School Leaders

We recently held our Captains and Prefects elections where every student and staff member exercised their democratic right and voted for the 2011 leaders. Congratulations to the 2011 Girl Captain, Ellen Hodges and the 2011 Boy Captain, Thomas Hojer. It was a very close contest, with the other Year 6 contenders being elected Prefects for 2011.



2011 School Captains: Thoas Hojer & Ellen Hodges

A special thanks to our 2010 leaders, Rowena Dillon and Beau Redhouse, for the wonderful job they have done for our school in 2010. Their last official duty will be to handle the official proceedings on Presentation Night, to be held on Tuesday 14th December, starting at 6.30pm.

PCYC Excursion

As a culmination of an excellent year with the Active After School Sport Program, all students enjoyed an active and informative day visiting the PCYC, James Street, Maitland. They watched

gymnastics demonstrations and then participated in varied gymnastic activities under the watchful guidance of gymnastics instructors. A healthy Subway lunch was another feature of the day which the students enjoyed when they arrived back at school. Although the Subway lunch was supposed to be eaten at Smythe Park, there was an error made by the Subway delivery staff and lunches were brought to Gresford by mistake. However, a great day was had by all. As a gesture to make amends for the error on the day, Subway is giving every student and staff member a free voucher to entitle them to a FREE SIX INCH wrap/ roll.

It will be an honour to host the Regional Co-ordinator of Active After School Sport Programs, Ed Figueroa, who will be our guest on Presentation Night. I am sure he will be impressed with several displays of dancing, led by teacher Lu McQuilliam. As you are aware, dancing has been an integral part of our AASS Program this year.

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 14th December - Presentation Night 6.30pm start

Wednesday 15th December - Students Last Day

PRESENTATION NIGHT TUESDAY

14TH DECEMBER 6.30pm start

On the Hard Court

Monday 31st January 2011 Years 1 to 6 return

Tuesday 1st February 2011 Kindergarten begin

Mini P & C Meeting

Wednesday 15th December

Gus Grub/Cross Roads Café

3.30pm

A final wrap up of years events, followed by a coffee and a chat.

Hope to see you there!

Dana

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

Shaelyn Crouch

Hannah Redhouse

Ziz O'Brien-Cavanough

Charlie Begg

Kayden Atkins



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Alysha Cowley

Colby Davies

2/3/4

Bekky Farr

Riley Atkins

4/5/6

Eric Richardson

Ben Urquhart



LITERACY

AWARD

Henry Hunt

Jack Hodges

Gemma Hawkins

Harmon Russell

Rhianna Legge-Brown

Paul Locke



Library Award

Michaela Lawrence

&

Bekky Farr



Dungog High School Orientation

Mrs Dillon reports that the Dungog High School Orientation ran very smoothly last Thursday. Students were given a tour of the school, participated in varied mini lessons on the day and were involved in some important social networking in readiness for their transition to High School next year. We wish all our Year 6 students the best of luck for their future as they leave Gresford Public School.

Year 6 Farewell

On Wednesday evening Year 5 hosted a Farewell for our outgoing Year 6. A special thanks to the Parent Committee led by Marisa Groves and Virginia Begg and all the students and parents who made this such a special and memorable night. A special thanks to Sandi Skaines who spent so much time and energy training the dancers who performed admirably.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

Today our school held a Parent Helper Morning Tea and thanked the many helpers who give freely of their time to help our school function. Our children's learning and well being has been enriched by these generous people who volunteer in the numerous programs we have operating at the school. Special thanks to

Mrs Jasper for organising the delicious food.

School Christmas Service

On Friday 10th December, our students will be participating in a whole school Christmas Service. We will be walking to and from St Anne's Anglican Church where Scripture groups will be involved in performances, led by their Scripture teachers. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us with the Service starting at 9.30am. Would you kindly return the permission note to school tomorrow if you have not done so already- thank you.

Last Day of School

Wednesday 15th December is the students' last day of school for 2010. The following 2 days staff will be involved in professional development and planning for 2011. In fact, Mrs Mitchell and the Glen William Public School staff as well as Martin's Creek Public School staff will be joining us for the Thursday's activities.

The first day of school for students in 2011 is Monday 31st January (Year 1- Year 6) and Tuesday 1st February (First day for Kindergarten).

Planning for 2011

As you are aware, Mrs Mitchell will not be returning to Gresford next year as she has been invited to continue in her position as Principal at Glen

William Public School. She will, however, be returning for Presentation Night- it will be lovely to have her back to see us all again. I would like to thank the school community for making my time as Relieving Principal in Term 4 such a rewarding one. Although this has been an extremely busy term, I feel that we have achieved a great deal as a team. Mrs Dillon will take on the Principal's role in 2011 and I know she will do a wonderful job. The anticipated student numbers for 2011 at this stage look like allowing us to form 3 classes- K/1/2, Year 3/ 4 and Year 5/6.

Happy Christmas to everyone

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank everyone for their valued contributions throughout the year and wish you and your families a safe, joyous and memorable Christmas. We trust that you can enjoy a restful January break with your families.

Best wishes

Beth

"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have."

Frederick Keonig