



Gresford Public School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Children and teachers alike have had a busy time with **swimming school** for the past two weeks. Whilst there has been some reorganisation across the school, such an important skill as learning to swim is worth the routine changes. Instructors from the Singleton swimming complex phoned the school to report on the outstanding behaviour of our children.

As well as swimming, there has been a range of other interesting learning experiences provided over the fortnight. **Donna Cavanough** presented excellent visual arts lessons for all students from Kinder to Year 6 in preparation for the Gresford Show. Many masterpieces were produced and we thank Donna for giving of her time and expertise to help our children. Our **Cattle Club** members participated at Maitland Show and will be entering Gresford Show also. Our Years 4 to 6 students participated in another video conference where they were able to learn about and discuss climate change with an expert in the field. This was an excellent presentation and was strongly aligned with our **environmental education**

program.

The **P&C Disco** held last Friday was a fun night for all who attended and provided an opportunity for parents, children and teachers to mingle informally. Thanks go to the hard working core of P&C members who supplied a BBQ tea and organised the venue. The P&C is a vital organisation in our school community, not only for fund raising but for providing information and advocacy for parents. I would encourage you to come to meetings to find out about the business of school and to support fund raising efforts which benefit all students.

Tomorrow is **Clean Up Schools Day** and we will again be participating. Please send your child to school with a pair of gardening gloves if possible. Our environmental education program is strong with children very focused on looking after the hens and the school vegetable garden. Litter has been significantly reduced and recycling is practised both in the playground and classrooms. We would ask that school lunches contain healthy,

“Nude Food” which means food with as little wrapping as possible. **Children are learning that the environment is everyone's responsibility.**

Some students have been wearing jewellery and caps to school, both of which are not part of our school uniform code. Chewing gum has also been brought to school by some students. **We would ask parents to assist us in these matters.**

Professional learning for teachers for this fortnight has been in the areas of leadership, environmental education, writing, educational resources and maths.

Regards,
Pauline

*“You can't
throw anything away.
There is no away.”*

Gresford Notice Board

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR DIARY

March

- Friday 5th - Clean up Australia
Swim School finishes
- Friday 12th - Cattle Club Junior Judging and school visit to Gresford Show
- Monday 15th - School Captains to Young Leaders Conference
- Thursday 18th - P & C meeting
- Thursday 25th - Ensemble to visit Lara Nursing Home
- Friday 26th - Cattle Club Junior Judging Newcastle Show

PET PARADE

at

GRESFORD SHOW

SATURDAY 13TH MARCH

ASSEMBLY 10.00AM

START 10.30AM

The following events are for 12 years and under

Entry Fee \$2.00 per class

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
1	Best St. Patricks day pet
2	To cute for words
3	Longest tail
4	Softest pet
5	Most unique
6	Best hairstyle
7	Best behaved

PRIZES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY DICKIES PET STOP

No restricted dog breeds or large animals
(no bigger than a sheep or a goat)

Enquiries: Nancy Dent 4931 7117

Volunteer Opportunities available

Dungog & District Neighbourcare Inc. is seeking community members willing to deliver Meals on Wheels on a voluntary basis.

Additional volunteer drivers are also needed for Community Transport. In both aspects some reimbursement is provided.

Interested persons should contact Neighbourcare on 49923348 or call at the office at 62 Hospital Road Dungog.



School News

SRC Elections - SRC Results

School SRC elections were held recently. We congratulate the following elected members.

Kindergarten: Alysha Cowley.

Year 1 - Jack Hodges

Year 2 - Kelsey Hawkins

Year 3 - Alex Butler

Year 4 - Rhianna Legge

Year 5 - Ben Urquart

Year 6 - Lucy Wright

These students will be presented with their SRC badges at the school assembly on Friday 19th March 12.15pm - 12.55pm . Parents most welcome to attend.

The SRC has decided to donate juice icypoles to all students participating in Clean Up Australia tomorrow.

Cattle Club Report

Four students participated in the Cattle judging at the recent Maitland Show. Although not successful, valuable experience was gained. Congratulations to Eric & Claire Richardson who gained 2nd and 3rd place respectively in the Parading competition.

Cattle Club members will be competing in judging and parading at the Gresford Show on Friday 12th March and Newcastle Show on Friday 26th March. Thank you to all parents who have provided transport and encouragement.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 WEEKS 5,6 & 7

Friday 05.03.10 - Kelly Thompson & Deborah Faulk

Monday 08.03.10 - Sharon Hipwell & Sylvia Lawrence

Wednesday 10.03.10 - Betty Richardson & Paula Brown

Friday 12.03.10 - Linda Hodges & Carolyn Doherty

Monday 15.03.10 - Jenny Hipwell & Renee Russell

Wednesday 17.03.10 - Virginia Begg & Donna Varley



HEALTHY EATING SESSION

On Thursday 11th March M/s Jessica Pinfold, a nutritionist, representing the Good for Kids, Good for Life program will run an interactive information session for students about healthy recess and lunch box ideas. Any interested parents are also welcome to attend this short session in the computer room from 9.10am to 9.35am.

In line with our environmental initiatives students are encouraged to bring food to school with a minimum of wrapping and packaging (nude food).

Environment Education Snippet

The closer food is to your home the better. It means less pollution, less packaging, less fuel and the money you spend on local produce helps Aussie growers and farmers. The food is also fresher and less processed.

~Source~ "Save the Planet - The Aussie Kid's Guide" by Helen Chapman

LONG CARGO PANTS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We are looking at buying in school cargo pants for this winter.

If you are interested in ordering these please contact
Ros Iverach on 4938 9229

They will be \$20.00 each size 6
through to size 16.

Please contact me no later than 25th
March as I will only be ordering
them as we require them.

Also For Sale

Lemon Polo Shirts \$15.00 each all
sizes available.

P & C Supply Screen Doors

Thanks to the
P & C for
paying for four
new screen
doors.

Hopefully this
will help keep
mosquitoes and
flies out of the
class rooms.



P & C Disco

Last Friday 26th February the Gresford P & C held a disco family night. What a great night! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who came along and supported this night. Also a big thank you to the Locke family for donating 1st prize, Sharon Hipwell for 2nd prize and Jenny Hipwell for 3rd prize for our raffle. Over \$350 was raised.

Here are some photos of the night.





Values Awards

Nicholas Hurdis
Hannah Redhouse
Olivia Everett



K/1

Logan Pike

2/3/4

Jamie Hickey

4/5/6

Ellen Hodges



Writer
of the
Week



Alex
Cant

LITERACY AWARD

Shaelyn Crouch
Latia Hipwell
Jessica Hurdis



Library Award

Gus
Lawrence

