



Gresford Public School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

First term marches on rapidly with a continued range of learning experiences happening in the school. Our school captains, accompanied by Mrs. Tickle travelled to Sydney to the **Young Leaders Conference** where they experienced a range of inspirational speakers. Our captains will address the school at assembly to share their impressions of this conference.

Representatives of **Heritage Motors, Maitland** attended our school assembly recently to present their sponsorship cheque for assisting with mathematics learning in the school. **Together with the P&C, Heritage Motors are funding the highly engaging Mathletics Program in our school** and for this support we are very grateful.

Children had the benefit of a visit from dietician, Jessica Pinfold from the **Good For Kids Good For Life Program**. Jessica spoke about the importance of healthy school lunches and suitable foods for inclusion in lunch boxes. We would ask parents to support this important initiative and omit high sugar and salt snacks as well as excessive packaging in school lunches. We are encouraging children to bring 'nude food', that is food without wrapping or packaging. **Reducing packaging is an**

important environmental initiative which children are learning about in our Environmental Education Program.

Gresford School was well represented at the **Gresford Show** with art and craft entries as well as entries from home. Our cattle judging team was in attendance and congratulations go to all who competed. Thanks to Mrs. Dillon for her expert organisation and co-ordination of show entries.

Year 4/5/6 attended the **Lara Aged Care Facility** today to collect oral history from the residents and to entertain them with a Banjo Paterson poem. Children will work collaboratively on biographies of residents they interviewed and will present them with a copy when complete. This is the first visit for the year for our Community Outreach Program.

Next Thursday, 25th March we will be presenting badges to our **Sports Captains and SRC members**. Parents are most welcome to attend at 11.30.

Tonight is our P&C meeting at 6 pm. Prior to the meeting at 5 pm, I will be presenting a **parent information session on how**

writing is taught in classrooms and how parents can assist with writing at home. This was in response to parent requests through our surveys last year. It is hoped that we will have a good roll up of parents interested in supporting their children's writing and that they may stay on to the P&C meeting to follow.

It is of concern that some children are not attending school consistently. I would ask parents to consider carefully before taking their children out of school for holidays. Much important work is lost with even a day's absence. **If you are taking your child out of school for any reason, the school must be notified in writing in advance and an exemption applied for.**

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has been in the areas of Kindergarten assessment, national curriculums, NAPLAN analysis, and music.

Regards,
Pauline

'Two ears, one mouth.'

Gresford Notice Board

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR DIARY

March

- Thursday 18th - Writing Presentation from 5.00pm
- Thursday 18th - P & C meeting (TONIGHT)
- Friday 19th - Cricket v Paterson at Paterson
- Wednesday 24th - Years 2 to 6 excursion to Singleton Army Base
- Friday 26th - Cattle Club Junior Judging Newcastle Show

April

- Thursday 1st - Last day Term 1
- Saturday 3rd - Billy Cart Derby
- Tuesday 20th - All students return

Hunter Sports High School

Any Year 6 students interested in applying to attend the Hunter Sports High School next year please either ring the school on 43929304 or drop in and get an application

FOR SALE

1 King Single Bed Ensemble on wheels excellent condition.
Comes with Electric Blanket, Woollen Mattress Protector, and 3 pairs of King Single Bed Sheets. For information please contact Mrs. Jasper at the school Office 49389304.

WANTED

A gardening parent, grandparent, friend to assist with our school vegetable garden. Enthusiastic children in need of gardening guidance. Please phone office if you can assist



Twilight cricket

The Gresford Cricket Club is staging a limited overs competition at the Gresford Sporting Complex on the following evenings:

Tuesday 23rd

and

Thursday 18th & 25th March

Junior games (under 12's) to start at 5pm with senior games following at approx 6.30pm.

Teams to be picked on the night with everyone welcome.

It's free to play so even if you haven't played before come along and have some fun.



School News

Cattle Club News

A small group of Cattle Club members competed in the Junior Judging and parading at Gresford Show. Congratulations to Lucy Wright for being awarded 2nd place in the Primary Section of the Junior Judging. Well done to Clare Richardson for being placed 2nd in the paraders while Eric was awarded 4th place. Great work everyone!

Newcastle Show is the next event on the calendar with Junior events being held on Friday 26th March.

For Sale

1 Cannon Photo Copier IR3300.

Very Good Condition

Black & White

Come with staples & new toner

\$2,500.00 ono

Please ring 4938 9304 for more information

COW PAT LOTTO

It's on again at the Billy Cart Derby on Easter Saturday.

Tickets available now. See flyer in this newsletter. All proceeds to the Gresford P & C Association supporting your child's education.



BADGE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

On Thursday 25th March at 11.30am the SRC members and Sports Captains / Vice Captains will be presented with their badges.

This ceremony will be held in the computer room. Parents are most welcome to attend.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 WEEKS 8 & 9

Friday 19.03.10 - Janet Hooper & Andrea Brown

Monday 22.03.10 - Sandi Skaines & Catherine Davies

Wednesday 24.03.10 - Jenny Hipwell & Kim Everett

Friday 26.03.10 - Sharon Lawrence & Dana Hawkins



NO CANTEEN LAST WEEK OF TERM

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT & REPORTING AUTHORITY

On Monday 1 March 2010, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) published draft K-10 Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science, and History for a period of national consultation. The consultation period closes on 23rd May 2010.

This is a significant event in Australian education.

The draft curriculum and all the resources required to provide feedback are published at: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. At this address, you will find the draft curriculum which you can comment on, a survey which you can complete and other resources such as videos, information sheets and frequently asked questions.

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.

2010 Stewart House Donation Drive

An envelope will be sent home with your child today asking for a gold coin donation for Stewart House.

Stewart House runs a program that helps 1,800 public school children across NSW. Students experience a healthy and much needed break.

All envelopes need to be returned to school by 14th May 2010.

Thursday 18th March

Writing Workshop
from 5.00pm this evening
then come to the
P & C meeting for a
6.00pm start.

Swimming Swimming Lessons





Values Awards

Ella Duncan
Henry Varley
Latia Hipwell
Shaelyn Crouch



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Kayden Atkins
Jada Laurie

2/3/4

Jalen Morrison
Bob Butler

4/5/6

Cameron Hipwell
Kalea Morrison



Writer of the Week



Jake
Hipwell

LITERACY AWARD

Emma Hooper
Kelsie Hawkins
Carl Thompson
Brooklyn Bidner
Paul Locke
Rowena Dillon



Library Award

Alex
Cant

