



# Gresford Public School

## Newsletter

[www.gresford.ps.education.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gresford.ps.education.nsw.gov.au)

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### Principal's Message

**First term has drawn to a close** with a range of learning experiences that our children have participated eagerly in. We look forward to Term 2 with the big move to our new library. Construction is almost complete and the building looks great.

Our new website also looks great and is now live online. Log on to [www.gresford-schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gresford-schools.nsw.edu.au) to get the latest information on the school from our own sources and the Department. You will find recent photos of school events, P&C minutes, the current newsletter and lots of information that parents often require. Many thanks go to Sue Dillon who has taken the building of the website on board and has done a thorough job.

Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students are advised that **the NAPLAN tests** for these students are scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. Preparation for these tests has already commenced and will be increased early next term.

Years 2 to 6 had an informative excursion to the **Singleton Army Museum** last week in connection with their ANZAC studies. The **school ANZAC service** will be

held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10 am and parents are most welcome to attend. We have scheduled the school's **cross country event** to follow this service at 11.30 so parents may like to attend both events. We are encouraging children to attend the **Gresford ANZAC service** on the 25<sup>th</sup> April where we will march as a school and participate in a wreath laying ceremony.

Year 4/5/6 visited the **Lara Retirement Home** last week to entertain the residents and collect oral history. They are working on biographies which they will present to their Lara friends at the next visit. These students also participated in a **video conference** with Robbie Deans, the Wallabies coach and heard this elite coach discuss the values necessary for participating in team sport. He answered many questions the children posed to him. Our younger students are booked in for a video conference in Week 1 next term when they will meet Margaret Wild, the well known children's author. Technology is facilitating some wonderful learning for our children.

Our **Easter Service** was held today with special input from our scripture teachers. We thank

them for their continued input at the school.

**Graeme Valler, our School Education Director** visited the school last week and was again very pleased with the work of the school. He has asked to bring our Regional Director on his next visit.

**Mrs Tickle** will be taking Long Service Leave in the first three weeks of Term 2. She will be replaced by Mrs Sue Graham.

**Professional learning** for staff this fortnight has been in the areas of maths, environmental education, leadership and music.

**Best wishes for a happy Easter** and we look forward to your continued support again next term.

Regards,  
Pauline

*"Get outside every day.  
Miracles are waiting  
everywhere."*

# Gresford Notice Board

## DATES TO MARK IN YOUR DIARY

### APRIL

Monday 19th - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 20th - All children to return to school

Thursday 22nd - P & C meeting

Friday 23rd - ANZAC Day Service at 10.00am ( Flowers gratefully accepted)

Cross Country - 11.30am

### *Opportunity Class Placement 2011*

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One such strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students in years 5 & 6.

Offer for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 28th July 2010**.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement of your child in year 5 in 2011 you may do so by completing

#### **EITHER:**

a) an application form online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email), access to the Internet and a printer. Online application must be completed by Friday 21st May 2010.

#### **OR**

b) a printed application form and returning it to the school by Friday 21st May 2010.

(available from the school)

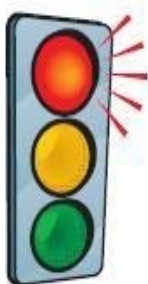
Parents are to submit only ONE application form for each student.

## Give your child the green light to a healthy lifestyle



### SWITCH ON (green light)

Children need at least 60 minutes (and up to several hours) of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.\*



### SWITCH OFF (red light)

Children should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (for example, computer games, TV, internet), particularly during daylight hours.\*

\*Figures provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Australia's Physical Activity Recommendations for 5-12 Year Olds, Canberra, 2004.

## Active After-school Communities program

## [ausport.gov.au/aasc](http://ausport.gov.au/aasc)

## School News

# Cow Pat Lotto

Don't forget to buy tickets for the Cow Pat Lotto on Saturday morning 3rd April at the  
**Billy Cart Derby.**

Tickets still available. **First Prize \$300.00**

## Thank You

A big thank you to the Hojer family for their donation of many fantastic items for the K/1 Goody Box.  
Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Mrs Tickle and the students in K/1

## Canteen Notice

Due to no helpers for Canteen the canteen will not be open on the following dates:

**30<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> June, & the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

If any volunteer can assist on the above dates we would be most grateful. Please contact Jenny Hipwell on 49315282 if can help.

## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 WEEKS 2 & 3



### NO CANTEEN 1ST WEEK OF TERM

**Monday 26.04.10 Public Holdiay**

**Wednesday 28.04.10** - Jennifer Hipwell & Kim Everett

**Friday 30.04.10** - Sharon Lawrence & Dana Hawkins

**Monday 03.05.10** - Ros Iverach & Ruth Iverach

**Wednesday 05.05.10** - Donna Varley & Kayla Madden



## **New Website for Parents and Carers**

**[www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au)**

**Parent Line 1300 1300 52**

**Free Professional help 24/7**

CatholicCare's Parent Line NSW is proud to launch a new resource for parents and carers across NSW. Information about parenting will be at parent's fingertips when they log onto our new user friendly website. Parents and carers will be able to email a counsellor as well as download fact sheets on a wide variety of parenting matters. Many times parents and carers feel like they are alone in facing challenging issues with their children. Now they can log onto our new website and read some parenting stories, as well as typical caller scenarios. They will realise quickly that they are not alone and that many of these struggles are a normal part of parenting.

### **A NSW wide resource for family workers**

Our new website is a great resource for workers as well. Workers can download our fact sheets and print them for families to take home. They can also order our publicity material via the website. We have a range of items that we send out free of charge. These include colourful fridge magnets, magnet stands for reception areas, posters and brochure pads in a range of community languages. The website also has lots of links to other good parenting websites and resources.

At Parent Line we take pride in providing a professional service to families across NSW and where possible like to support other family workers in their work with families. Our team are highly experienced, professional counsellors with many years of family work experience. Counsellors and caseworkers can use Parent Line as a support service for their clients, during out of hours times, when they are short staffed or busy. We often work with high needs clients who need a comprehensive support system to keep them going.

Our counsellors are well versed in a range of parenting strategies like 1,2,3 Magic and Triple P. We can talk through strategies that have been implemented by a caseworker or counsellor and assist the client in working through it. We are available 24 hours a day. Clients can call us when the situation is occurring for support and assistance.

CatholicCare's Parent Line NSW is available for the cost of a local call from a land line. Just call 1300 1300 52.



# Singleton Army Base Visit

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## Values Awards

Nicholas Hurdis

Jake Hipwell

Kirsten Rumbel

Carl Thompson

Lucy Wright



## MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Ryan Skolyszewski

Claire Lawerance

2/3/4

Jesse Farr

Alex Butler

4/5/6

Mia Quirk

Ella Duncan



## Writer of the Week



**Claire  
Lawrence**

## LITERACY AWARD

Jack Hodges

Alysha Cowley

Alex Butler

Jesse Farr

Gus Lawrence

Alex Cant



## *Library Award*

**Cameron Hipwell**

**&**

**Alex Butler**

