

Gresford Public School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

With the term half way through, children are now involved in **Semester 1 assessments**. These results, together with other data collected by class teachers will form the basis of the Semester 1 reports which will be issued on the last day of term. These will be followed up with 3 Way Conferences scheduled for early next term. The University of NSW computer test was also held for students who nominated this week.

Yesterday children benefited from the expertise of acclaimed **Aboriginal artist, Les Elvin**. Working in smaller groups, children learnt about symbolism in Aboriginal art and produced beautiful pieces which will be exhibited at our Art Carnivale in September. Thanks again to Donna Cavanough who helped with the workshops.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Jasper who was the successful applicant for the recently advertised School Administrative Manager position here at Gresford. Bernadette has been relieving in the position since Fay's departure and we now welcome her permanently to our staff. Thanks go to Alan Begg who was the parent representative on the panel.

Congratulations also to our Zone Cross Country representatives who ran courageously at Tocal recently. We especially congratulate Jamie Hickey who was placed 4th and now goes on to Regional representation. Also deserving

of praise is our **Debating Team** who won their first debate against Glen William last week. The team consisted of Alex Cant, Rowena Dillon and Ella Duncan, with Ellen Hodges as team advisor. They are now scheduled to debate against Paterson and we wish them good preparation and good luck.

Years 4-6 participated in a **video conference** last week presented by the Australian Museum. This video conference extended our science studies of fossils, in particular, the Australian dinosaur, *muttaburrasaurus*. The younger students have a conference with another children's book author next week. This technology is a wonderful resource for broadening and enriching children's learning. **Forthcoming excursions** for Kindergarten to Year 2 to the Dungog dairy farm Bakery; and Johnson's Farmgate and for Years 5/6 to the coal mine have all been selected to consolidate learning in the HSIE & Science syllabus.

Our new library should be ready for occupation next week, all going well. Furniture is being installed and staff has been busy stock taking and organising for the transfer of books. We still await the installation of the video conferencing equipment. Our P&C meeting was held there last week and parents had the opportunity to have a look around. Thanks go to Mrs. Tickle who prepared an excellent presentation on the **Good For Kids Good For Life Program** which is running in our

school. This presentation preceded our P&C meeting and outlined the strategies used at school to promote healthy eating and physical activity in our children.

Professional learning for teachers this week has been in the areas of leadership, literacy and student welfare.

Today is **Public Education Day** and celebrates the quality of public schools throughout the state. Gresford is a quality school and we have much to be proud of. In the words of our Director Mr. Graeme Valler, "Gresford is the jewel in the Hunter/Central Coast crown." To read of our achievements for 2009, request your copy of the annual school report which can be emailed or sent home as a hard copy.

Regards,
Pauline

"70% of what predicates a child's ability to learn comes from home and family background.

30% is the proportion in which school can make a difference."

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR DIARY

May

- Thursday 27th May - Public Education Day
 Monday 31st May - K/1/2 Science excursion to Dungog

June

- Tuesday 1st June - Year 5/6 Coalmine excursion
 Thursday 3rd June - Year 5/6 Open Day at Dungog High School
 Year 2/3 to Lara Nursing Home
 Video Conference K/1
 Tuesday 8th June - Musica Viva at 11.50am in computer room
 Wednesday 9th June - ICAS Science test
 Debating Gresford V Paterson to be held at Gresford 11.30am
 Parent Welcome
 Friday 11th June - Netball - Gresford v Paterson
 Monday 14th June - Public Holiday
 Tuesday 22nd June - ICAS Spelling & Writing tests
 Video Conference Yrs 2-6 Primates
 Wednesday 23rd June - Yrs 2/3/4 Church Excursion
 Thursday 24th June - Ensemble excursion to Lara Nursing Home
 Wednesday 30th June - Field Events
 Thursday 1st July - Sports Carnival - from 9.00am at Gresford Sporting Complex

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 WEEKS 7&8

Friday 28.05.10 - Sharon Lawrence & Dana Hawkins



Monday 31.05.10 - Sharon Hipwell & Sylvia Lawrence

Wednesday 02.06.10 - Donna Varley & Kayla Madden

Friday 04.06.10 - Jennifer Hipwell



Monday 07.06.10 - Sandy Skaines Need Volunteer

Wednesday 09.06.10 - Betty Richardson & Paula Brown



Values Awards

Jada Laurie
Kelsey Hawkins
Mia Quirk



MERIT AWARDS

K/1 Shaelyn Crouch

2/3/4 Oscar Varley

4/5/6 Kirsten Rumbel



LITERACY AWARD

Kayden Atkins
Riley Atkins
Gus O'Brien Cavanough



Library Award

Olivia Everett
Ziz O'Brien-Cavanough





Life is a cruise line of love. Get ready for a night of tropical

CRUSIN '

All aboard the SS Gresford Ocean Liner* for the **party to end all parties** ... indulge every sense in a Caribbean Dream as you eat, drink, play quoits, dance, lounge by the shipboard pool** & watch colourful locals sing their weird national anthems on a balmy barmy night under the subtropical stars.

Hosted by the Coco Loco Blokos (formerly the Miraculous Mañana Brothers). Star turns from Captain Stubing, Isaac, Gopher and Barry Maniloco.

Smorgasbords fished from the seas around Gresford. Using dynamite. "Special" dishes for steerage. Every table's the Captain's Table. **Dancing** of both kinds to the pumping music and voice of Daniel Arvidson.

Shipboard games including Extreme Quoits and Human Hermit Crab Racing. Treasures, pirates, and an **auction** that will solve the next few years' Christmases in one swoop. Free cocktail on arrival. With ONE WHOLE PAPER UMBRELLA in each drink! Bar of fino winos and limey beers.

Dress – think days by the pool, nights of roulette and floor entertainment, disembarking in Aca-pulco, Carmen Miranda, Titanic, Brazilians, Rio, Bermuda shorts, Jamaica, Fiji, hula hula and whatever. **Prizes** for classiest and tackiest cossie. Or make no effort at all and still win a prize (Least Effort).

The SS Gresford Love Liner **embarks on Saturday 11 September 2010, at 6.30**, and parties till the ship goes down at midnight!

* aka the hard court at Gresford Public School, Durham Rd, Gresford.

** a plastic blue circle, no diving please

Proudly brought to you by the Gresford School P&C. Arrrrrr.



Keep this absent note handy for the next time your child/ren are absent from school.

ABSENT NOTE – Gresford Public School

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Dear Teacher,

Please excuse my child from class on the following date(s) _____

due to (reason for absence) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Have you changed your details? Please let us know.
Return this section to school ASAP!

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

_____ (home)

_____ (home)

_____ (work)

_____ (work)

_____ (mobile)

_____ (mobile)

Email address: _____ Newsletter: Please tick box if you wish for the newsletter to be emailed ☐

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

_____ (NAME)

_____ (NAME)

_____ (Home phone)

_____ (Home phone)

_____ (Mobile)

_____ (Mobile)

