

Gresford Public School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

This being our **final newsletter for the term**, I would like to congratulate students and staff for their hard work throughout the term and to thank parents and community members for their continued support for the work of the school. The winter vacation commences at the end of next week, the 3rd July and school resumes for students on 20th July. I will be taking a short period of long service leave at the beginning of next term and Mrs. Dillon will be relieving in the principal's role. Mr. Madigan will again be working with my class.

The last weeks are busy with a range of activities including our **athletics carnival**, weather permitting which will be held over two days. Field events will be held at school at 11.30 on 30th June and the main carnival at the Gresford Sporting Complex the next day. Parents are most welcome to attend and our canteen will be in operation at the grounds. We will again be seeking parent help to run the carnival on the Thursday.

A reminder that **school reports** will be issued on the last day of school. We would suggest you read these with your child and invite you to attend 3 Way Conferences scheduled for next term to discuss your child's progress. Notes will come home early next term advising of time schedules.

Also a reminder for your diary is our **Education Week celebration** scheduled for Tuesday, 3rd August. Our scripture teachers will feature as part of this celebration as well as the launch of our Nude Food Extravaganza. Invitations will be sent home early in the term also.

We have had some worthwhile learning

happening as usual across the school with an **excellent scientific input** by Mr. Wright, husband of Dr. Wright, who in his field of geology was able to give all students a great insight into Australian mega fauna and the science of palaeontology. We are very privileged to have the services of these two scientists who so generously support our students' learning with their time and expertise. This was followed up the next day with a video conference for Years 2-6 who visited the Australian Minerals and Fossils Museum for more learning about dinosaurs. Next week, as part of our science program we are finalising our study of plant biology by looking at Australian bush tucker food. Children will be cooking and sampling some bush tucker food and with the help of Dr. Wright and Ms. Cavanough, with her in depth knowledge of bush food, will enjoy finalising this unit of work in a fun way.

Year 5/6 had a great learning experience on their **coal mine excursion** last week as part of their study of Australian exports and imports. Our thanks go to Felicia Redhouse for organising this event. Years 2-4 visited **St. Anne's Church** as part of their study of People and Their Beliefs. Our thanks go to Father Stephen for making this excursion possible. Our school Ensemble performed for the residents of **Lara Nursing Home** today and again provided great entertainment and company for the residents.

Congratulations go to **Gemma Hawkins** who was a special star at the Star Struck performances recently where she was part of the Hunter Signing Choir. Well done Gemma!

Year 5/6 student volunteers have been undergoing special **peer mediation training** with the Student Welfare Consultant, Mrs. Cousins. This program is designed to assist students to resolve conflict responsibly and fairly. The training will continue next term.

The **Year 6 Fundraising raffle** will be drawn this Friday in assembly and tickets will continue to be sold until then. Thanks to all who have supported this fundraiser. Also thanks to Betty Richardson for her donation of the prize.

Professional learning for teachers has been in the areas of programming, student welfare and learning assistance. Teachers will attend a school development day on 19th July at Dungog High with all the other partner schools to examine writing practices and student engagement across the primary and high schools. It will also be the launch day for the Dungog and District Community of Schools Initiative which is aimed at fostering greater collaboration between primary and high school teachers. This will be a great initiative to support our students' learning as they transition from the primary to the high school setting.

Enjoy your holiday with your children.

Regards,

Pauline

*"Knowledge can
be communicated,
but not wisdom."*

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR DIARY

June

Wednesday 30th June - Field Events

July

Thursday 1st July - Sports Carnival -

from 9.00am at

Gresford Sporting Complex

Friday 2nd July - Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 20th July - All students return to school.

SATURDAY September 11th ~ "Tropical Cruisin"

24th August - 27th August 5/6 Camp to Wolstoncroft

REMINDER - NO CANTEEN LAST WEEK OF TERM 2

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NO CANTEEN FIRST WEEK OF TERM 3

Sports Carnival Lunch Orders

Don't forget to put your order in for the sports carnival. Your child should have taken a bag home yesterday for you to fill out and send back to school no later than Tuesday 29th June.

Thank you
to
Paterson Butchery
for donating the
sausages for our
sports carnival.

NOW AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

Long Cargo pants are now
available for sale through the
office

Sizes 6 to 16 \$20.00 each

Logo school shirts are also
available

Sizes 6 to 16 \$15.00 each



Values Awards

Kayden Atkins
Emily Holz
Layla Varley
Beau Redhouse
Michaela Lawrence
Shaelyn Crouch



MERIT AWARDS

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| K/1 | Carl Thompson Colby Davies |
| 2/3/4 | Jake Hipwell Jamie Hickey |
| 4/5/6 | Rowena Dillon Ben Urquhart |



LITERACY AWARD

Henry Varley
Jesse Farr
Latia Hipwell
Claire Lawrence
Gus Lawrence
Oscar Varley



Library Award

Clare Richardson
Ella Duncan
Alex Cant
Will Hickey
Colby Davies
Amy Skolyszewski

