

Gresford Public School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to a very busy Term 3. I hope everyone had a restful holiday and is ready for an exciting term. I am sure Mrs Mitchell is enjoying her well earned long service leave. She is presently in France before moving on to Istanbul, Gallipoli and New York. We welcome Mr Madigan back to Gresford for the duration of Mrs Mitchell's leave.

Last term finished with our **Athletics Carnival** being held over two days in reasonably pleasant weather for a change. Congratulations to all those children who competed in events and especially to those who tried their hardest in those difficult races like the 800m. Look inside the newsletter for the champions in each age group. A huge vote of thanks to our dynamic general assistant Cyril Redhouse and former parent Michael O'Sullivan for marking the ground for our carnival. It is a big job and we appreciate their efforts. A large team will compete at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 6th August at Woodberry. This year the Zone Carnival will be contested over a single day and has returned to Woodberry Oval. Good luck to all competitors.

Reports were sent home at the end of last term and parents are invited to make appointments now for 3 way conferences to be held over 2 weeks beginning 9th August. Your children

look forward to the opportunity to discuss their learning with you and their teacher so we encourage you to take the opportunity to do so. A schedule of times will be sent out with this newsletter.

The **debating team** are busy preparing, with assistance from Mrs Tickle, for two upcoming debates against Glen William and Paterson and we wish them luck. Public speaking and debating workshops will be held across the school next week with the assistance of highly regarded teacher Jan Rose. Mrs Rose will also assist those children selected to compete at the Public Speaking competitions later in the term if they have their speeches ready next week.

We have two students, Lucy Wright and Gus O'Brien-Cavanough, who will be attending a four day camp next week in **visual arts** for talented students and we have four students from each stage attending work shops over a number of days at the Maitland Art Gallery the following week. Year 4/5/6 are also entering their portraits in a competition run by the Art Gallery.

Don't forget the **Education Week Open Day** which will be held on Tuesday 3rd August featuring our "nude food" extravaganza and a focus on

special religious education. See the enclosed notice for all the details. There will also be a book fair in the old Library during the day. We look forward to seeing as many parents, friends and community members as possible.

Active After-School Communities activities begin in Week 3 with dance and gymnastics featuring, led by Lu McQuilliam and Cassie Rimouldi respectively. These activities have been very popular in the past and we are lucky to have such expert facilitators to lead them. Years 3-6 will undertake these activities this term with K-2 experiencing them next term.

Staff have undergone **professional learning** in behaviour management, writing, transition to high school and Kindergarten assessment (Best Start).

Regards,
Sue

A drop of ink may make a million think. (Lord Byron)

Quoted by James Roy, author and key note speaker at the Staff Development Day at Dungog High School.

BENEFITS OF BEING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

Healthy habits last a lifetime! Make physical activity a priority.

Regular physical activity is essential for everyone, especially kids. Active kids are more likely to become active adults. Physical activity has many benefits:

- Educational benefits include improved concentration, memory and learning, confidence and short-term academic performance.
- Health benefits include reduced risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes. Physical activity also promotes healthy growth and development, builds strong bones and muscles and helps to achieve and maintain a healthy weight.
- Emotional and social benefits include improved self-esteem and social skill development and reduced stress and risk taking behaviours.
- Kids of all ages, sizes and fitness levels will benefit from physical activity, so why not make it regular part of your child's day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2010

OVERALL HOUSE WINNER

Paterson

5 year girl: Alysha Cowley

5 year boy: N.A.

6 year girl: Brooklyn Bidner

6 year boy: Henry Varley & Kayden Atkins

7 year girl: Sharneakia Nikora

7 year boy: Carl Thompson

JUVENILE GIRL: Sharneakia Nikora

JUVENILE BOY: Henry Varley & Kayden Atkins

8 year girl: Kiara Quirk

8 year boy: Charlie Hojer

9 year girl: Hannah Redhouse

9 year boy: Jesse Farr

10 year girl: Mia Quirk

10 year boy: Charlie Begg

JUNIOR GIRL: Mia Quirk

JUNIOR BOY: Jesse Farr

11 year girl: Alex Cant

11 year boy: Beau Redhouse

12 year girl: Rowena Dillon

12 year boy: Jacob Hojer

13 year girl: N.A.

13 year boy: Coogan Brown

SENIOR GIRL: Rowena Dillon

SENIOR BOY: Coogan Brown



Values Awards

Charlie Begg
Alysha Cowley
Zhane Duncan
Mia Quirk



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Ryan Skolyszewski
Henry Varley

2/3/4

Bob Butler
Charlie Hojer

4/5/6

Paul Locke
Ben Urquhart



LITERACY AWARD

Cameron Hipwell
Brooklyn Bidner
Latia Hipwell
Jada Laurie
Thomas Hojer
Shakiah Towers - Brown



Library Award

**Cameron Hipwell
Alex Cant
Olivia Everett**





SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INVITATION

Have you ever wondered what your children are up to in Scripture time at school?

The Staff and the volunteer Scripture teachers of Gresford School would like to invite you to come and find out!

On Tuesday 3rd August at 11.40am, during Education Week, right after the 'Nude Food' presentation, will be a combined church service in the new library to which all parents and friends are invited to come and take part. Following the church service, there will be a short presentation and display by the Scripture teachers about Special Religious Education (SRE). There will be a demonstration Scripture lesson at 12.30pm for anyone who wants to watch, led by Father Stephen with his Year 5/6 class. There will be a chance to ask what you ever wanted to know about Scripture, straight from the "horse's mouth" (ie. Scripture teachers). We hope that you will come away from the day with a greater awareness of what your children are learning and are fully equipped in making knowledgeable decisions for your children's education in the future.

Education Week Open Day

Tuesday 3rd August 2010

10.50am - Nude Food Extravaganza - (50 cents per child)

11.10am - Jessica Pinfold

(Public Health Nutritionist Good for Kids Good for Life)

11.40am - Combined Scripture Service in the new Library

12.30pm - Demonstration Scripture Lesson with Father Stephen
and year 5/6 Anglican Scripture class

Also a

BOOK FAIR

From 10.50am to 1.00pm in the Old Library