

Gresford Public School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome to **Education Week** for 2010. The theme for this year is "**The Year of Learning for Sustainability**". At Gresford we are endeavouring to communicate important messages about saving energy, recycling, conserving water and promoting the value of biodiversity and the significance of local flora and fauna. This has been reflected in our **Scientists in Schools** program led by Dr Lesley Wright. Through Dr Wright and as part of Science Week, Years 3/4/5/6 have been invited to visit the CSIRO at Mayfield on Wednesday 18th August and we will also visit the Shortland Wetlands that day to further our knowledge of the energy and the environment

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in our school Education Week activities this year. Our **Open Day** on Tuesday began well with the Year 5/6 attending the CWA International Day in definite Scottish weather. Neil Urquhart from Year 6 was a great sport participating in a demonstration of tradition Scottish dress before Year 5/6 entertained the crowd by reciting the Robert Burns poem My Bonnie Mary and then singing a beautiful rendition of The Skye Boat Song. Thanks to Mr Madigan for organising these performances and the children for their great participation. Winner of the CWA poster competition was Alex Cant with Olivia Everett and Rowena Dillon being the other place getters. All children who entered a poster received a certificate and should be congratulated on their fine efforts.

Many parents, grandparents and friends braved the weather to attend our **Nude Food Extravaganza** and **Special Religious Education Open Day**. All the children enjoyed their fresh food, parents got some valuable information from Jessica Pinfold and the scripture teachers were pleased with the response to the ecumenical service and demonstration lesson. Many people also visited the Book Fair and our school library will benefit from the commission we receive from the sales. Thank you all for your continued support and partnership in your

child's learning.

A school program and two of our school community members have been recognised at the Education Week **Maitland School Education Area Awards** Reception to be held this evening at Hunter River High School. The **Scientists in Schools** program has been awarded a School Achievement Award for providing an innovative approach to science education, while **Dr Lesley Wright** will receive an Award for Outstanding Contributions to a school by a school community member. Our industrious and innovative general assistant **Cyril Redhouse** has been recognised for his outstanding contribution to our school and his dedication and pride in the workplace. We are very proud and pleased that our school has programs and people who are so worthy of awards.

Don't forget to book a **three way conference** with your child's teacher so that you can talk together with your child about their goals and learning for this semester.

Mrs Rose was very impressed with all the classes in the **public speaking and debating workshops** that she facilitated at our school last week. Mrs Rose has been coming to Gresford for 13 years now and she comments on the confidence and skill even our very youngest children have in speaking to an audience. Many children worked through their play time to finish speeches and debates to present to their class showing fantastic enthusiasm and dedication. This enthusiasm and dedication to tasks has been reflected in our school **debating team** members over their last two debates. Glen William were selected as the winning team in our debate against them, but the Gresford team rallied and, with only a few days to prepare, defeated Paterson last Thursday. This means that as the highest scoring team in Pool A we will

debate Glen William in the semi final on Thursday 12th August. Good luck debaters. Next week the **Public Speaking competitions** begin for the representatives chosen from each stage. We wish Kayden Atkins, Alysha Cowley, Claire Lawrence and Latia Hipwell good luck as our first representatives next week.

The **Year 5/6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft** is approaching fast. If you have not finalised your payment please see Bernadette as soon as possible.

We welcome Mrs Mitchell back on Friday and look forward to hearing about her exciting trip. Thanks to Mr Madigan for his input while teaching Year 4/5/6 and we hope he will return again soon.

Regards,
Sue

*Our emphasis on
the 3 R's has
been extended
to include
Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.*

STOP PRESS

**The Zone Athletics
Carnival has been
postponed until next
Friday 13th August
due to wet grounds.**

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th August -	3 Way Conferences begin - book your teacher today!
Wednesday 11 August -	Musica Viva - Zeeko 1.55pm - All welcome!
Thursday 12th August -	Zone Finals Public Speaking(ES1 & Stage 1) & Debating Semi Final
Friday 13th August -	Zone Athletics at Woodberry
Monday 16th August -	3 Way Conferences continue
Tuesday 17th August -	ICAS - Maths Competition
Thursday 19th August -	Water Saving Show - Zone Finals Public Speaking (Stage 2 & 3)
Tuesday 24th August -	5/6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft
Friday 27th August -	5/6 return from Point Wolstoncroft

FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST

P & C MEETING

9.00AM (note new time)

Lost Property

We have huge amounts of expensive clothing with no names.

Please call at the office if you have lost clothing.

Naming clothing helps prevent expensive losses.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH

AUGUST 2010-2011

OUR YEAR OUR VOICE

When: Thursday 12th August

Time: 3.30 - 6.30pm

Where: Doug Walters Pavilion

Celebrate International

Youth day 2010

This year's theme:

"Dialogue & Mutual Understanding

A chance for young people to have their say, local councillors will be present.

Food, Drinks, Music & Exhibits

Debating News

On Thursday 12th August we are holding the semi final of the Small Schools Debating Competition. This competition will feature teams from Gresford & Glen William and will begin at 11.30am in the School Library.

The Gresford debating squad have finished with the highest number of points in Pool A and are looking forward to meeting Glen William again. The topic of the debate is "That all children should own a pet" and we are the Affirmative. All welcome!

Is your child reaching their potential? Is your child described as having behavioural problems or learning difficulties?

If your child is described as having ADD, ADHD, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, hyperactivity, unable to sit still, lacks co-ordination, suffers with anxiety, has difficulty reading/writing, is socially inept, or poorly behaved, you will discover drug-free alternatives that can really make a difference

Learn to address underlying issues that may enhance your child's learning and well being.

Date: Monday 9th August

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Venue: Ashtonfield Public School Hall
11 Norfolk Street Ashtonfield

Cost: \$10 per seat (includes supper)

For further information, please call Karen Hassal on 4915 7503 or 0418726884.



Values Awards

Colby Davies
Cameron Hipwell
Jalen Morrison
Jack Hodges



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Carl Thompson
Kayden Atkins

2/3/4

Rhys Legge
Acelyn Towers-Brown

4/5/6

Neil Urquhart
Rhianna Legge



LITERACY AWARD

Jada Laurie
James Jenkins
Acelyn Towers-Brown
Brooklyn Bidner
Kirsten Rumbel
Shakiah Towers-Brown



Library Award

Cameron Hipwell
Alex Cant
Olivia Everett
Mrs Isaac



Party Of The Year

**A Night of Tropical CRUISIN'
On the Hard Court Gresford Public School**

11th September 2010

From the Create Carnivalé Gresford P&C people

Lifeboats, Cocktails, Island-life Laughs

**Smorgasbord, Coconuts, Dancing,
Ocean-liners, Prizes**

Captains-table Auction

Cost -\$60 per person

For tickets phone: Donna Varley 4938 9193

WANTED

**If anyone has an outdoor heater that they could lend the school for this night could
they please ring Virginia Begg on 4938 9481.**

CWA Day

Winners of the CWA competition from left: Alex Cant, Rowena Dillon & Olivia Everett



Nude Food Extravaganza



Left: Winners
Lucy Wright &
Beau Redhouse of the
Nude Food Sticker
competition