

# Gresford Public School

## Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

Back to the Australian winter after the warmth of the Aegean is a bit hard to take but it is good to be back. **My thanks** go to Mrs. Dillon for keeping everything "ship shape" in my absence and to Mr. Madigan who again did a great job on Year 4/5/6.

Lots of exciting things happened while I was away and there are lots more to come throughout the rest of the term. Our **Musica Viva performance with Zeeko** last week proved very popular judging from children's written responses. **Congratulations to all Zone representatives** who competed in great school spirit with special mention of Ben Urquhart who is awaiting official notification on qualifying for Regional Athletics in discus & shotput. **Our public speaking representatives** have also shown great school spirit in preparing themselves for the district competition. Eight students have competed at the district level, with strong performances. Stage 2 & 3 are competing today at Grahamstown Public School. Not forgetting **our debaters** who have again secured victory against Glen William and go into the finals to be held at Paterson Public School in Week 7. (exact date yet to be confirmed) **Well done all school representatives!**

**Three Way conferences** continue with valuable information being exchanged by students, parents and teachers. Please ring the school for an appointment if you have not already done so.

Our fantastic **Art Carnival** is fast approaching and parents are working hard to ensure its success. Children have made their workshop choices and we would appreciate payment for this great

creative arts opportunity. A note is accompanying this newsletter.

**National Science Week** has been recognised at Gresford by an excursion for our primary students to the CSIRO centre in Newcastle for a presentation on energy followed by a visit to the Wetlands to further our studies in bio-diversity. Thanks again to Dr. Wright for her assistance in facilitating this excursion. A visit from the Bubbles & Supa Squirt Water Saving Show has supported our knowledge about water as a precious resource.

Our senior students are getting organised for **camp** on 24<sup>th</sup> August. We will be enjoying wonderful facilities and will practise many physical as well as team building skills. Please send in all necessary documentation and monies as soon as possible. Student assistance is always available if necessary.

**Enrolments for next year are now being accepted.** If you know of a preschooler starting next year please let the office know so that we can establish numbers. We are again in danger of losing another teacher as well as office time and funds, so we need to canvass the community for new students.

**Please ensure that your child attends school each day** unless they are sick or there are unavoidable circumstances. Also be mindful of arriving on time to start the day. Our absences in some cases are of a concern and do interfere with learning where they accumulate. If you are going on a family holiday in term time (and we do not recommend this), please fill in

special documentation at the office to explain the absence. This is a new DET ruling.

Please try and come to our next **P&C meeting** to be held tomorrow (20/8) at 9 am in the library. An agenda has already gone home for this outlining the meeting and inviting parents to attend a presentation from Amanda Nowland our district Assistant Principal for Behaviour Management. Her presentation is titled "Supporting Learning for Every Child in the Classroom." Amanda is a very engaging speaker with a wealth of knowledge about child behaviour and is very happy to answer any questions parents may have.

**Professional learning** for staff this fortnight has been in the areas of office management, leadership, technology and catering for students with special needs.

**This week is SASS Week** (School Administration and Support Staff). This week recognises the untiring work of office staff (Bernadette and Ruth), general assistant (Cyril) and School Learning Support Officers, (Esther and Nicole.) All these staff members do a wonderful job, often beyond their role descriptions to look after our students, parents and teachers. **Thank you all!**

Regards,

Pauline

**"SASS Staff:  
Keeping Schools Afloat."**

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 24th August -	5/6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft
Friday 27th August -	5/6 return from Point Wolstoncroft
Tuesday 31st August -	Sports Day - Gresford v Paterson at Gresford
Wednesday 1st September -	Newcastle Permanent Maths competition
Thursday 9th September -	Talent Quest & Lara Nursing Home to visit school
Saturday 11th September -	<b>Tropical Cruisin</b>
Monday 13th September -	Regional Final Spelling Bee -
	Video conference K-2 10.am –10.30aam

**FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST**

**P & C MEETING**

**9.00AM ( note new time)**

## Gresford School's Website

**Don't forget to check the Gresford School website for updated photos, calendar, P & C minutes and other information.**

**Don't know the address? Just Google Gresford School.**

## P&C Meeting Friday!

**9.00 am in the school library.**

**To discuss:**

**Art Carnival and Cruisin'**

**New school uniform?**

**Proposal to dump school shirts and replace with the current sports shirts. BIG ISSUE.  
School numbers Water tank, Hardcourt, Library.**

**SPECIAL GUEST: Child Behavioural Specialist Amanda Nowland will give a talk called "Supporting Learning for Every Child in the Classroom", which promises to be very both thought-provoking and enlightening.**

**PS: Workers needed! We need four more vollies to help at the rodeo – the P&C is one of the rodeo's fundraising recipients! Call Scott Everett on 4938 9204 if you can spare a couple of hours.**



## Values Awards

Jada Laurie  
Riley Atkins  
Ellen Hodges  
Rowena Dillon  
Gemma Hawkins



## MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Jack Hodges  
Kayden Atkins

2/3/4

Kiara Quirk  
Charlie Hojer

4/5/6

Neil Urquhart  
Will Hickey



## LITERACY AWARD

Ryan Skolyszewski  
Ben Urquhart  
Kelsey Hawkins  
Claire Lawrence  
Jono Davies  
Mia Groves



## *Library Award*

Will Hickey  
Mrs Isaac  
Amy Skolyszewski





**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 on 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.**

**3/4/5/6 Excursion**



**Look what they can see from their microscopes!**

