

Gresford Public School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

As Term 3 buzzes along we have great learning experiences to report on and celebrate. Our debaters are conscientiously preparing for their **final debate** against Hinton at Paterson on Monday 6th September starting at 12pm, with the topic being 'That we should ban contact sports for primary school students'. These students have worked hard throughout the rounds as has their coach, Mrs. Tickle. We wish them the best of luck.

Fitness camp for Year 5/6 was a resounding success with a fantastic program of fitness, team building and personal development skills being presented. Please read some of the children's reflections on their camp experiences further on in the newsletter. Mia Quirk from Year 4 was selected to attend the **Regional Creative Arts Camp** for her talent as a dancer and she too gained much from the experience.

Our new library is now complete with video conferencing and interactive whiteboard facilities. We must be one of the rare schools with two video conferencing outlets on the one site. We will be organising a formal opening of the facility in the near future. (We need to know which government will be opening it first!)

This week saw the inter-school **Gala Day** held with Paterson. Wonderful, near Spring weather made for great outdoor sport and children from Year 2 to 6 enjoyed informal, fun-filled competition. Thanks go to Mr. Taylor for organising this event which we hope will be an annual one. Our soccer team will be competing in the PSSA competition rounds which commence this week. Go Gresford! Thank you to all parents who continue to support our sporting ventures with ground organisation, transport and umpires. Congratulations go to **Ben Urquhart** who qualified for the regional athletics carnival in shot put and discus. Ben was placed fifth in this high level of competition.

This week is nominated as **National**

Literacy and Numeracy Week where the theme is "Learning for Living." This week recognises the importance of literacy and numeracy as fundamental life skills and highlights effective literacy and numeracy practices. At Gresford, our juniors are participating in the Dungog Early Literacy Launch with a bus trip to Dungog to enjoy story reading and associated literacy activities. Years 1 to 6 are preparing writing entries for the WriteOn Inaugural Writing Competition which has been designed by the Board of Studies to encourage the development of writing skills. The Dungog Community of Schools, which includes all primary schools that feed to Dungog High, is embarking on an intensive writing project involving all teachers and students. With consultancy support and professional learning time for teachers, this project is aimed at increasing the writing skills of all students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

An excellent presentation was delivered at our last **P&C meeting** by Amanda Nowland, our district behaviour support specialist. Parents attending the meeting found her input both interesting and informative and have asked that a summary be placed in this newsletter. Please see this included later in the newsletter.

We continue to experience the persistent problem of nits, as do most other schools in the country! After consultation with the P&C we have decided to re-introduce our '**Nitbuster Thursday**' program in a whole school attempt to eradicate the problem, at least for a while. This involves a regular and thorough inspection of all family heads each Thursday for the next three weeks with treatment as necessary. Treatment processes are attached with this newsletter. The success of this program is dependent on **all** families committing for **the full time frame**. Please note that

children **should not** miss school because of nits. If nits are detected, the hair should be treated, eggs totally removed and children may return to school.

Our thanks go to **the Hooper family** again for their generosity to our school. They have been kind enough to donate a full set of brand new reading books to the school library which Emma has been so keenly reading at home. They hope her enthusiasm for reading which has been sparked by these books can be passed on to others.

We hope **Mrs. Dillon** is enjoying her well deserved long service leave. We do note however her regular presence in the school even though she is supposed to be on holidays. Mrs Sue Graham is doing a great job in her absence.

Professional leaning for teachers has included assessment, leadership, writing and educational resources.

Regards,

Pauline

*"All things good
to know are
difficult to learn."*

FATER'S DAY STORE

If anyone missed out on a Father's Day present there are still some presents left at a cost of \$7.00 each

School's Website News

Don't forget to check out the Gresford School website for recent photos and calendar.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th September -	Talent Quest & Lara Nursing Home to visit
Saturday 11th September -	Tropical Cruisin
Monday 13th September -	Regional Final Spelling Bee - Video conference K-2 10.am –10.30am
Thursday 16th September -	Create Art Workshops
Friday 17th September -	Art Show
Monday 20th September -	Regional Final Spelling Bee
Tuesday 21st September -	4/5/6 excursion to Wangat
Friday 24th September -	Last Day Term 3

FRIDAY 17th September
P & C MEETING 9.00AM (note new time)

Eggs For Sale

**On most day we
have school
eggs for sale**

\$4.50

per dozen

**Please ask at
the office.**



Talent Quest

Thursday 9th September
Gold Coin Donation
entry

Important Announcement

Gresford P & C Meeting
Friday 17th September 9.00am

In the School Library

Guest Presenter: David Hartcher

Regional Schools Promotion Officer

Promoting Your School To The Community

Art Carnival

**Student Workshop
Day**

**Thursday
16th September**

\$10 per student for
workshops

or

\$15 per student for
workshops, morning tea and
lunch

Payments now due.

Thank you



Values Awards

Kayden Atkins

Emma Hooper

Carl Thompson

Bekky Farr



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Colby Davies

Brooklyn Bidner

2/3/4

Alex Butler

4/5/6

Courtney Lawrence



LITERACY AWARD

Alysha Cowley

Acelyn Towers

Carl Thompson

Ziz O'Brien Cavanough



Library Award

Jada Laurie



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

Year 5/6 Camp Reflections

"The first activity we did was rock climbing. I was a bit nervous but I thought, 'I can do this.' So I gave it a go and with all the encouragement from my team, I made it to the top. I had heaps of fun at camp."

Ellen

"I think camp was awesome. I learnt that working together is better than trying to do things by yourself. This was the best school excursion ever."

James

"I learnt at camp that teamwork is an important skill to learn while we're young. I also learnt different skills in different learning areas. I think camp was awesome."

Cameron

"Camp was the best. I learnt so much to rely on your team. I learnt to trust my friends. Our instructor was Phil. He was a funny, nice, talented man. Camp was SO much fun!"

Jacob

"We did a heap of activities like BMX, archery, canoeing, damper cooking. We also had to do breakfast duty. I was just lucky enough to get a photo of everything we did. Point Wolstoncroft has to be the best camp ever."

Ella

"Camp was awesome. So was Phil, the instructor."

Coogan

"Point Wolstoncroft was really good. We all had a good time. We all had a go at everything and I think it was one of the best experiences of my life."

Neil

Pt Wolstonecroft 5/6 excursion



More photos next newsletter