



Gresford Public School Newsletter
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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4. We have a busy term ahead as usual with another range of great learning experiences. Please check with your children for notes which will be coming home regularly to advise of coming events. The website is also a good source of information where past newsletters can be viewed to keep up with the busy timetable. The promotional movie made by the students is now up and working on the website and can be viewed on the second page.

Last term **Mrs. Jan Godwin and Mrs. Val Smith** attended our school assembly to present Ellen Hodges with her prize for winning the International Day district competition. Both ladies came to me at the conclusion of the assembly to express their pleasure in attending. Please read a letter reproduced further on in our newsletter, which I received from both ladies after their attendance.

Please also find in this newsletter advice from Fr. Stephen and Mrs. Horn about an **after-school care service** they are attempting to set up here at school to support families with child care needs. This is a great initiative and a service which we would hope to recommence at the school. Please fill in the questionnaire in this newsletter and return to school as soon as possible so that the feasibility of establishing this service can be established.

Our **Rhee Taekwondo** classes are

progressing well and Qendon is very impressed with the skill development. He has advised that spectators can be distracting for students and make instruction more difficult. He welcomes casual spectators who may wish to observe, with the intention of joining the class but has requested that parents leave their children at class and return at the conclusion. He includes regularly action days, where parents and friends will be invited to attend the session with the purpose of viewing student progress and skill development. The first action day will be soon and parents will be advised of the date. He also wished to challenge the adult males of Gresford to come to class. To date he has ladies attending but would love to see some men and high school students enjoy the sport.

Our next **Musica Viva** concert is happening on Thursday, 20th October at 1.50 pm. The group performing is an award winning folk/jazz group, Mara and parents are most welcome to attend.

Public Speaking and Debating workshops have commenced with Mrs. Jan Rose again lending her expertise to all students. Seniors will benefit from an inter-school demonstration day on 24th October.

Congratulations to Alex Cant and Paul Locke for representing our school at the **Premier's Spelling**

Bee. This was again a challenging competition and both students worked very hard to reach the skill level necessary.

Administrative staff would appreciate any last minute changes to the **bus board** being phoned through where possible before 2.30 pm. If the school line is busy it is possible to phone or text the school mobile, the number being 0447 389304.

Professional learning for staff has included O.H. & S. and strategic planning.

Kind regards,

Pauline

"I don't know of any other example where folk and jazz go together so well. All elements faultlessly fall into their place, and coupled with the virtuoso musical spectacle that they offer, their fusion is a wonderful experience."

Musical Review
of the
Mara Ensemble

**NO
CANTEEN
TOMORROW
14TH OCTOBER**

**PCYC JUNIOR DISCO
FOR 5 TO 12 YEARS**

THEME: HALLOWEEN

FRIDAY 4TH OF NOVEMBER

7PM TO 9PM

\$4 ENTRY

**FULLY SUPERVISED
PRIZES TO WIN
CANTEEN OPEN!!**

**More info contact
us on 65721653**

Dates for your Diary

October

- Wednesday 19th - 3/4 Public Speaking
Workshop with Mrs Rose
- Thursday 20th - Musica Viva - Mara 1.50pm
- Monday 24th - Stage 3 Performance Day at
Clarence Town Public School
- Tuesday 25th - Year 5/6 excursion to Sydney for Robotics
- Friday 28th - Cricket at Paterson

November

- Wednesday 9th - Kinder Orientation
- Friday 11th - Armistice Day 10.00am - 11.00am
- Wednesday 16th - Kinder Orientation
- Wednesday 23rd - Kinder Orientation
- Thursday 24th - 5/6 Dungog High visit

December

- Thursday 1st - Ensemble to Lara Nursing Home
- Tuesday 6th - Year 6 Farewell
- Tuesday 13th - Presentation Night
- Friday 16th - Last day of Term 4

To The Teachers, Ancillary Staff & Students,

It was with great pleasure that Mrs Smith and myself were able to be at your assembly on Friday 2nd September to present to Ellen Hodges a certificate and gift from Hunter River Group CWA for the winning poster on Iceland.

Congratulations to you all, we thought we would be presenting Ellen with her award at an assembly and that was all. We did not imagine anything like what Greford's School assembly was. Students running the assembly, awards by staff, state and students, what a surprise for us.

To the teaching staff not only are you teaching all the normal subjects to the students but you are preparing them morally and socially to go forward with their lives.

To the students, what great teachers you have, your ability to absorb what is being taught to you has enabled you to achieve so many awards not only at but in other areas as well. To be able to make a movie is really outstanding, we are looking forward to seeing it.

Not only singing but signing the Australian Anthem was a wonderful ending to a great assembly.

Thank you so much for allowing us to be part of a lovely and meaningful afternoon.

Thank you,

Mrs Valerie Smith - International Officer and
Mrs Jan Goodwin Cultural Officer

It's ONE WEEK EARLY this month.

**Yes, calendar watchers, P&C
is meeting *this***

***Friday 14th October* at
9.45am to discuss Fundraiser**

**Our HUGE canteen day
and menu changes**

Y6 farewell

Presentation night

Uniform

& more.

Hope to see you there!

5/6 Canberra Excursion

Australian War Memorial - by Courtney Lawrence

The war memorial was very interesting as we went to different exhibits in the memorial and saw many artefacts. When we went to the wall of remembrance and I found my great uncle, Maxwell Birdwood Lawrence's name on panel 45 and he was in WW2. He died of illness on 17th June 1943 in Siam (Thailand).

Royal Australian Mint - by Courtney Lawrence

At the Royal Australian Mint we learnt how coins are made and the original history of them. (The Australian Royal Mint does not make notes). We saw the factories where the coins are made and learnt about what happens in the proof room. The proof room is where the coin collections are made and checked to see if they are of high quality. We learnt what they made the Olympic Games medals out of.

The Australian Institute of Sport - by Thomas Hojer

At the institute of sport, we met an AFL player and named Stuart, who showed us around the AIS. First we went to the AIS's new pool, all type of athletes train in that pool so it was pretty cool. We watched a movie and it was all about how the pool was built and the safety of swimmers. Then we went into the fun sports room and there was all types of interactive sporting activities. For example there was a soccer kicking game, a cricket game, a rugby league game, an AFL game, a cycling game a sprinting game that didn't work, a snow boarding game, a wake boarding game and a mini basket ball arena to shoot hoops in. Unfortunately a big kid from a high school fell over and broke his leg. The trip was **AWESOME!!**

Questacon - by Thomas Hojer

At Questacon we had a talk to some ladies about the building, then it was PLAY TIME. We went into the action room where there were loads of fun things to do: the giant drop, the guillotine, and the rollercoaster simulator. Ziz and I broke the world record in a game called spin and catch. The way you played it was you had to sit in seats across from your partner and the machine spun around it circles and you had to throw balls to each other while it was spinning. Your partner had to catch it and you got five balls each. Every time you caught a ball you would put it in a basket beside you and you and your partner would do the same. After 5 balls it is GAME OVER. After loads of fun, we went into some scientific rooms and heaps of people were amazed about some little plastic birds that balanced by their beak. Then we did some science with water and that was amazing. We went into an earthquake house and every thing in the house dropped and even the wall cracked. It was really frightening. In another room there was a bicycle game and it was really hard. You had to have a lot of muscle to do that game, and in the same room there was a mirror room and everywhere you looked there you were. It was pretty cool. Then we went into a room where there was lots of water activities and when you turned a wheel 100 times, you saw a little bullet fly up in the air. Canberra was heaps Awesome!!!

The National Library - by Mia Quirk

At 7.00pm at night 5/6 went to the National Library. It was really exciting. When we got there we went inside and we met up with our guide. We called him the Story Teller because he always tells stories. The Story Teller told us what we were going to see and how the National Library was built. It was interesting to learn about. After we learnt that amazing stuff we moved down stairs to the basement where they kept all the real old stuff such as single newspapers and even the biggest newspaper in the world. We even saw how they use to advertise different things, like smoking adverts telling people how good they are for you, but you and I both know how bad they are for you.

Parliament House - by Mia Quirk

When 5/6 woke up, we had breakfast and got on the bus on our way to Parliament House. When we got there everyone took out their cameras and started taking photos because it was such a great view. Inside we had to go through security scanners. We met up with our guide and started touring Parliament House. First stop was the Senate which is red and second, the House of Representatives which is green. Parliament House was awesome. Canberra was amazing and I wish I could go there again!



Values Awards

Emily Dent
Jake Hipwell
Hayden Wilson
Michael Challinor
Mia Quirk



MERIT AWARDS

K/1/2

Shaelyn Crouch
Joel Hicks

3/4

Jamie Hickey
Jake Edwards

5/6

Olivia Everett



LITERACY AWARD

Jada Laurie
Elizabeth Challinor
Kiara Quirk
Henry Hunt
Hannah Redhouse
Courtney Lawrence



Library Award

Michaela
Lawrence

