



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

What a delightful group of **new Kindergarten children** we had at school this week practising for their big entry into the world of "big school" learning. Mrs. Tickle said they behaved as if they had been at school for years. This is a credit to the wonderful preschool training they have had and of course that all-important home training. **We welcome them all together with their families.**

We have had some outstanding student participation in a **range of competitions and gifted and talented workshops** this fortnight and leading into the next. Special mention must be given to our **hard working debaters and their coach, Mrs. Tickle.** Alex Cant, Ella Duncan, Paul Locke and Courtney Lawrence competed in the Small Schools Debating Grand Final against Iona Public School last week and were awarded the Runners' Up Prize. They competed well against a very strong Iona team.

Hearty congratulations go to the following students who were awarded **certificates of merit for the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition** held recently: Ellen Hodges, Gus Lawrence, Thomas Hojer, Olivia Everett, Charlotte Wrigley, Ziz O'Brien-Cavanough, Courtney Lawrence and Paul Locke. This is traditionally a challenging test and to gain these awards is excellent. We also have Charlotte Wrigley and

Courtney Lawrence attending a **gifted and talented mathematics and science workshop** today and Mia Groves, Ella Duncan, Courtney Lawrence and Olivia Everett attending a series of **movie making workshops** next week.

Year 5/6 are currently studying ancient Australia and participated in a video conference this week on the latest Australian dinosaur to be discovered. **Year 3/4** will further their studies of Aboriginal culture with an excursion on 22nd November with the National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Tour at Glenrock. **K/1/2 students** have been demonstrating their newly found finger knitting skills around the playground with some extra long work samples. Thanks go to Mrs. Crouch, Shaelyn's grandma for her skill and patience in helping the young knitters.

Our Year 6 students travelled to Dungog High on 27th October to participate in the first of their **orientation sessions** and were delighted to see Mr. Skimmings and the students who were involved with us in the Robotics project. The next visit involves our Year 5 students as well, who will check out the high school scene on 24th November. The final orientation will involve Year 6 students and their parents on 5th December. They should be well orientated by then!

The **Gresford Community Remembrance Day Service** will be

held at the cenotaph tomorrow at 11 am. Our school will be participating and donations of flowers tomorrow morning for a wreath to be laid by our students will be gratefully received. Permission notes have gone home with information regarding this occasion. A number of our senior students will be presenting research they have done on family members who have served Australia in war time. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Qendon is very proud of his **Gresford Rhee Taekwondo students** and their achievements are outlined in a report from Qendon further on in our newsletter.

We welcome back Mrs. Jasper from her overseas trip and thank Nicole Carter for her excellent management of the office. Teachers have continued to work on the school's next strategic plan and this will be ready for the annual school evaluation committee to discuss shortly.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"Life shrinks
or expands
according to
one's courage."*

P & C next meeting

Friday 18th November 2011

10.00am

The year is coming to a close.

To discuss: Year 6 farewell,
presentation night, air-conditioning,
hopes, plans and dreams for next
year and beyond.

Sue Dillon will report on Naplan
results.

Congratulations on a big Sprrring
Rrracing Carnival. Lots of
embarrassing moments and over
\$6000 raised. More in next
newsletter!

The Slushies Return!

The Slushies are back, 100% fruit juice.

The old high price has been reduced to only
50 cents per slushie!

One day only, Monday 28th November in
Week 8.

It's a Year 6 fundraiser and the money raised
will go towards the Year 6 present at the end of
the year!

So don't forget your money, kids!

Yours Sincerely,

Year 6 Committee.

Dates for your Diary

November

- Friday 11th - Remembrance Day - 10.50am
- Wednesday 16th - Kinder Orientation - 10.00am
- Friday 18th - P & C meeting. 10.00am
- Wednesday 23rd - Kinder Orientation - 10.00am
- Thursday 24th - 5/6 Dungog High visit

December

- Thursday 1st - Ensemble to Lara Nursing Home
- Monday 5th - Year 6 to Dungog High
- Tuesday 6th - Year 6 Farewell
- Tuesday 13th - Presentation Night**
- Friday 16th - Last day of Term 4

Rhee Taekwondo Report

We had our first Action Day for our Gresford students this Sunday just gone and it was a very good day! Master Rhee was very impressed. He took the time to speak to the white belts, offering them words of encouragement and explaining to them that they had a great instructor (he said that their instructor is the best instructor in the world) and he also wished to shake their hands....which I have never seen him do before in 15 years. I think it showed that he was very happy to see them.

Master Rhee gave a special lesson to Henry and Gilbert Hunt. With Henry, he showed everyone how easy it is to kick correctly with the right instruction. He was able, with a few simple directions, to get Henry to demonstrate an excellent sidekick! The whole place erupted in applause! With Gilbert, he showed him how to check that he was not over extending his arm when he punched and how to check that he was punching correctly. I asked Gilbert to tell the students today what Master Rhee had taught him...and Gilbert nailed the explanation showing me that he had gained a deep understanding from Master Rhee's direction. Very impressive!

Master Rhee was so impressed with the students who came from Gresford that he directed me to promote them all to Grade 9/Yellow tip.

Today in class we had a number of students promoted to the next level.

These students are: Jamie Hickey, Latia Hipwell, Sharneakia Nikora, Kayden Atkins, Riley Atkins, Jada Laurie, Gilbert Hunt, Henry Hunt, Courtney Lawrence, Claire Lawrence and Michaela Lawrence.

Congratulations to all of these students. I am very proud of them.

Next week the remaining students who did not attend the Action Day, or who attended the Action Day, but for one reason or another did not wish to participate, will all be examined for promotion. I wish them all good luck and remind them that it is only a white belt test, not a black belt test.

The students who promoted today started learning their new moves. Their new pattern is called Chon Ji. Chon Ji translates to "Heaven and Earth" and it has 19 new self defence movements. All students at next week's class who missed out because they did not attend the Action Day will be given the chance to move forward and keep up with the flow of the class.

All students will be given further promotion opportunity at the last class in November. Anyone who applies themselves and practises the new technique will be ready in time.

Qendon



Values Awards

Liza Kelehear
Harmon Russell
Courtney Lawrence
Emily Dent
Jamie Hickey
Charlotte Wrigley



MERIT AWARDS

K/1/2

Jack Hodges
Jada Laurie

3/4

Alex Butler
Kiara Quirk

5/6

Paul Locke
Mia Groves



LITERACY AWARD

Alysha Cowley
Sharneakia Nikora
Saban Bevan
Claire Lawrence
Jake Edwards
Alex Cant



Library Award

**Ella Duncan
&
Shaelyn Crouch**

