



# Gresford Public School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

We are rapidly moving through Term 1 with only 3 weeks remaining after this week. Busy, creative learning is happening across the school through a range of class experiences.

Eight senior students attended a **specialised debating workshop** held in Singleton this week to further fine tune their already impressive skills. Our cattle club members competed at **Gresford Show** with Clare Richardson being awarded equal 1st for Junior Judging. Mia Quirk placed 4th in Junior Judging. Other members also competed credibly. Congratulations to all prize winners in art and craft competitions. Well done Gresford students for your efforts in **Clean Up Australia Schools Day** making our playground immaculate. Let's keep it that way. Remember nude food creates less waste.

**Video conferencing** has become an important learning tool with

weekly conferences with a regular group of schools resulting in great exchanges of learning. Gresford will be showcasing the 'Scientists in Schools Program' when it is our turn to host a conference next week. Specialist conferences are also regular occurrences with this week, Questacon presenting an environmental learning experience and next week, the Australian Museum will be working with Year 5/6 in exploring Australia's mega fauna.

Could I again remind parents that all **absences**, both full and partial, must be explained in written form. There is a downloadable proforma on the school website for your convenience. Our home/school liaison officer visits the school regularly to check rolls and unexplained absences. Where possible we would ask that late arrivals and early departures be avoided as they do interrupt the continuity of learning.

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has been in the areas of technology, environmental education and leadership.

Kind regards,

Pauline

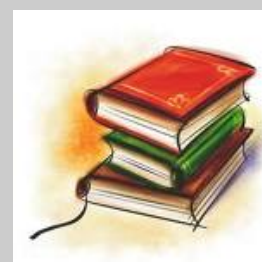
*"Happiness is  
a by-product  
of an effort to make  
someone else happy."*

## Library Books

It is very concerning that a large number of expensive library books are still overdue from last year.

Please endeavour to find and return any school books as soon as possible.

Thank you  
Sue Dillon  
Librarian





## Values Awards

Shaelyn Crouch

Kelsey Hawkins

Mia Quirk

Bryce Chapple

Jamie Hickey

Cameron Hickey



## MERIT AWARDS

K/1/2

Brooklyn Bidner

Liza Kelehear

3/4

Charlie Hojer

Alex Butler

5/6

Ella Duncan

Ben Urquhart



## LITERACY

### AWARD

Henry Hunt

Harmon Russell

Rhianna Legge Brown

Alysha Cowley

Zhane Duncan

Thomas Hojer



## Library Award

Gilbert Hunt

&

Alex Cant



# Dates for your Diary

- Friday 18th March - P & C Disco
- Monday 28th March - Young Leaders Conference - School Captains
- Thursday 7th April - 5/6 visit to Lara Nursing Home

**Please Note: First day back of Term 2**

**Thursday 28th April - School Photos - Summer uniform required**

## Stewart House Donation Drive 2011

Now in its 76th year Stewart House has a proud record of providing short term respite care to thousands of children each year. Stewart House survives on the generous support of NSW Government teachers and of course school communities.

We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support. Please find in your child's bag a donation envelope. Please note donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

**We really do need your support!**

## P&C MEETING tonight 6pm

**Organising:** tomorrow's family disco, Cow Pat Lotto for Billy Cart Derby

**Fundraising:** for air conditioning and playground cover

**Welcoming:** new Canteen Committee

**Discussing:** My School's website, other issues

**ALL WELCOME!**

**Get involved – it's worth it.**

**Enquiries: John O'Brien 4938 9292**

## TOYS

A number of children are bringing toys to school. We ask that parents dissuade children from bringing any toys or trinkets to school to prevent losses or breakages.

Any toys or other items brought to school will be kept in the office until 3.00pm

Gresford School P&C presents our second big



# Family Disco & Sizzle Up!



It's back! After last year's big dance-a-thon, it's time for another **NIGHT OF NIGHTS** for kids & families.

**Friday 18 March**  
**6.00pm-8.00pm**

on the **HARDCOURT** at Gresford School.

*Kick start the year with a doof doof doof  
(and a little bit of Nutbush...)*

**Only** \$2 a head for children and adults.  
No slipping off to the pub – stay around  
for the **fun, prizes & chatting.**

*We especially want to welcome **NEW PARENTS & KIDS** – families from the Preschool  
are also very very welcome.*

Sausage sizzle; ice-cream cones with  
sprinkles; drinks.

**Red Hot Raffle** with top notch prizes.

*The same unforgettable DJ as last time!!!*

*ALL PROCEEDS go to the new campaign to replace the  
old air-con in the classrooms and **COOL THE SCHOOL.***