



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

We have arrived at the end of another busy and successful term with a range of **extracurricular learning projects** to our credit. These are of course in addition to the regular teaching and learning experiences that all classes work through regularly as part of our syllabus delivery. A glance further on in our newsletter will outline the range of these experiences.

Semester 1 reports will be issued on Friday and we invite parents to read and discuss these with your child/children. Much thought and preparation goes into the compilation of these and we will invite parents and children to participate in 3 Way Conferences to be held early next term where the reports can be discussed.

Congratulations are in order for yet another win by our strong **Gresford School Debating Team**. Members on this team travelled to Vacy this week to debate the topic, "That social networking is good for kids" with our team taking the negative position. Team members were Thomas Hojer, Ella Duncan, Alex Cant and Olivia Everett. They were again thoroughly prepared by Mrs. Tickle. Our next debate is early next term against Mt. Kanwary. There could well be some future parliamentarians emerge from Gresford School.

Our **Athletics Field events and carnival** have been completed thanks to the weather, Mrs. Dillon's careful

organisation and parent assistance. We are also grateful to Mr. Redhouse and Mr. Isaac for their preparation of the sporting complex. Generous butcher, Mr. Peter Unicomb kindly supplied the sausages for our BBQ on the day and a generous anonymous benefactor supplied our sporting ribbons. Congratulations to all competitors. Results will be in our first newsletter next term.

Active after School Sport has been completed for this term with our juniors enjoying the sports of basketball and Ree Taekwondo. Facilitators of these sports have been outstanding and many children practise their new found skills on our wonderful re-surfaced hard court during lunch times. The program also supplies delicious fruit platters to encourage healthy eating habits. Next term our primary students will be involved in Oz Tag and Cricket.

It is pleasing to note that our **school website** is becoming very popular, scoring record hits over the last few weeks. Mrs. Dillon works conscientiously to keep it up to date with current school happenings and great photos. Our annual school report will shortly be uploaded. Please take the time to visit it regularly to be informed.

Our senior students participated in the **CWA International Day** last Monday and presented their research on Iceland. The posters prepared were a credit to the

students' information and presentation skills. Winning posters were prepared by Ellen Hodges, Olivia Everett and Courtney Lawrence. Did you know that the Arctic fox of Iceland has the warmest fur of any mammal? Or that the puffin bird, common in Iceland, changes its beak colour during the breeding season? These and many other interesting facts were discovered and shared during our research.

Year 3/4 visited our friends at **Lara** this week and entertained them with a fashion parade of the "Sun Safe" hats they had designed as part of their science studies. The residents always look forward immensely to our visits as do the students because they have such an appreciative audience.

This year the school is required **to plan strategically for the next 3 years of learning**. To do this, the staff will commence work on the evaluation of the current plan which will inform the directions we will decide upon. Parents and students are an integral part of this evaluation and planning process and early next term we will be asking for parent participation and input. The school evaluation team this year comprises Sally Hunt, John O'Brien, Beth Tickle and myself and this team will meet in the first week of next



term to plan our directions. We School. The date is Thursday, 4th of invite as many parents as are August and we will be issuing available to be part of a focus personal invitations to parents and group to represent parents. For friends of the school to celebrate those who are unavailable for with us. More information next participation directly, we will have term.

strategies in place to gain written feedback. I invite and encourage your participation in this very important process.

Please keep the date of our **Education Week Open Day** free free day and teachers will be for a celebration of learning and combining with other schools to achievements at Gresford Public work on the education of gifted and

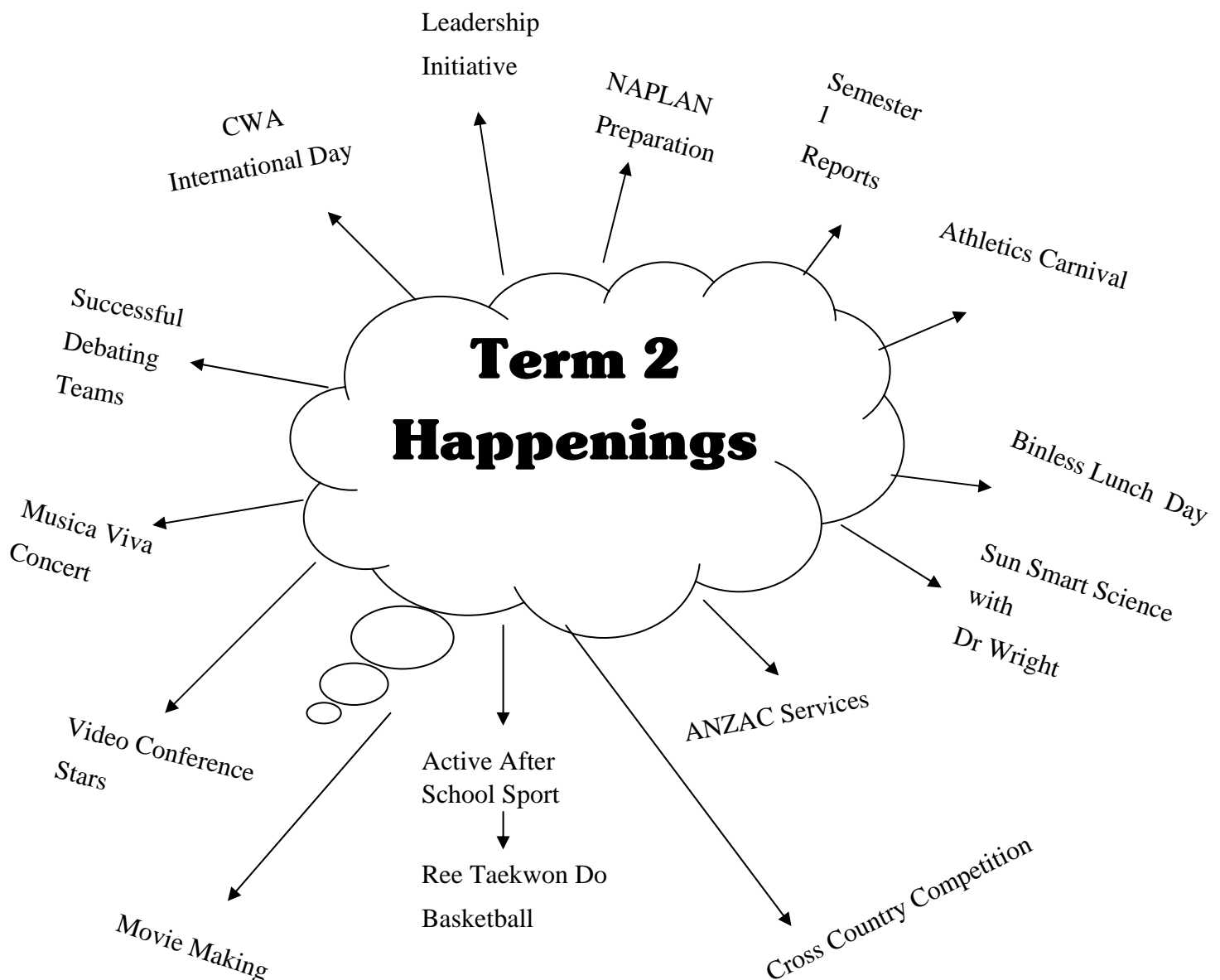
talented students.

Holidays commence on 2nd July and children return to school on 19th July. Happy holidays to all.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"If you wake up breathing,
congratulations!
You have another chance."*



Dates for your Diary

JULY

Friday 1st July - Last day of Term 2

All students return TUESDAY

19TH JULY 2011

Kids Craft



July School Holidays For ages 8 years and up

When: Wednesday 6th July & Wednesday 13th July

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: Vacy Arts Centre Cost: \$6.00 per child

Enquiries: Annette: 49388013 Email: vacyarts@y7mail.com

Kids come along and have some fun



DISCOVERY - walk, talks and tours

Hunter Region Winter 2011 School Holiday activities

For bookings and information call: 49848200

Jr Ranger - Wild, Wild, World of Turtles, Dolphins and Seagrass! PSGL Marine Park

Join a Discovery Ranger and the Water watch team for some fun exploring the seagrass beds.

Investigate and learn about the importance of seagrasses and unique animals such as marine turtles and dolphins. Please wear fully enclosed footwear that you don't mind getting wet!

When: Tuesday 5th July **Time** 2-4pm **Grade:** Easy **Meet:** Bagnalls Beach Reserve, carpark at the bottom of Misery Hill, Nelson Bay. **Cost:** \$10 child, adults FREE if accompanying child.

Wild, Wild, World of Rockpools - Glenrock State Conservation Area

Join a Discovery Ranger and the Waterwatch Team to learn more about the fascinating wild, wild, world of rock pools. Please wear fully enclosed footwear that you don't mind getting wet!

When: Tuesday 12th July **Time:** 10am-12pm **Grade:** Easy **Meet:** Merewether Baths, Merewether
Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 Adults, \$28 family

'Shake-a-leg & Storytime' Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

Get up and move! Come along for some action-packed fun, music and dance with our Aboriginal Discovery Ranger.

When: Tuesday 5th July **Time:** 10am-12noon **Grade:** Easy **Meet:** BGHRP Carpark, off Minmi Rd.
Cost: \$10 child, adults FREE



Values Awards

Jack Hill
Jake Hipwell
Mia Quirk
Liza Kelehear
Zhane Duncan
Ellen Hodges



MERIT AWARDS

K/1/2

Hayden Wilson
Claire Lawrence

3/4

Riley Atkins
Shakiah Towers-Brown

5/6

Paul Locke
Alex Cant



LITERACY AWARD

Nicholas Wrigley
Kiara Quirk
Mia Groves
Katharina Lawrence
Jake Edwards
Rhianna Legge-Brown



Library Award

Liza Kelehear
&
Latia Hipwell

