



Gresford Public School Newsletter  
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### Principal's Message

Welcome all to Term 3 and another 10 weeks of exciting learning experiences. An important occasion early in the term is Education Week when our **Open Day is scheduled for Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August**. Please find a personalised invitation with your newsletter today and join us from 10 am on when we will be formally opening our new library and launching our school promotional video. You will be invited into classrooms to see how technology is used to enhance learning and be treated to a dynamic display of Rhee Tai Kwando. Our scripture teachers invite you to join the children for an Education Week church service in our new library. This is a special day and we look forward to many parents, relatives and friends joining us.

Notes have gone home inviting parents to attend **Three Way Conferences** between parents, students and teachers. These are important meetings where the recent report can be discussed, children can share their learning goals and parents

and teachers can exchange information and address any concerns. Please phone the school to book a suitable time slot.

As we prepare our **school's strategic plan** for the next 3 years, we are inviting parent input in evaluating the current plan and preparing the plan for 2012-2014. Our school evaluation team is meeting next week to discuss strategies for involving parents and we will be inviting parent representation on school focus groups. For parents unable to attend meetings we will invite written comments and ideas. We value parent input in our forward planning and ask for your involvement where possible.

**Mrs. Jasper** is returning to work part time for most of Term 3 after recent surgery on her shoulder. We wish her a speedy return to good health and are grateful for the services of Tammy Crouch, Ruth McCabe and Nicole Carter who are relieving in her absence.

**Professional learning** for staff this week was spent in improving our knowledge of Gifted and Talented Education on the school development day. Learning the skills of clay animation was a feature and this was through a lively and engaging workshop led by John O'Brien. Including such experiences in the classroom provides extension for all students but particularly for those who thrive on challenges.

Here's wishing all a happy and productive term.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"Insight plus hindsight equals foresight."*

**Don't forget**

**P & C meeting**

**tomorrow**

**22nd July - 9.45am**

Discussing fundraiser, big raffle, Year 6 farewell and much more.

Hope to see you there!

## Athletics Carnival Report

Our School Athletics Carnival was held on the last Thursday of last term at the Sporting Complex in reasonably good conditions, though the wind at times was a little cold and the track in places was a little wet. Following our field events held at school the previous week all the children were keen to compete in the track and novelty events to decide the overall winners of the Carnival.

Many thanks to all those parents and friends who assisted with the smooth running of the carnival. A special thanks to Cyril Redhouse and assistants Shayne Isaac and Michael O'Sullivan for the huge job of marking the oval for the day. The canteen workers did a fantastic job providing us with delicious sausages and other food. We do appreciate your efforts. The judges, starter, marshals and recorders who helped on the oval also did a fantastic job. We could not run the carnival without such a group of enthusiastic volunteers.

Finally, congratulations to all the great Gresford School students who competed so enthusiastically and courageously at the Carnival. It was terrific to see the encouragement that the children gave to their fellow athletes whenever they were competing in an event and it was great to see the participation and sportsmanship of all the competitors.

We will be sending a team of around 25 athletes to the Zone Carnival to be held on Friday 5th August.

Champions from our carnival were:

5 year boy: Hayden Wilson	Juvenile Boy: Hayden Wilson, Jack Hill and
6 year boy: Jack Hill	Henry Hunt (3 way tie)
7 year boy: Henry Hunt	

6 year girl: Alysha Cowley	Juvenile Girl: Alysha Cowley
7 year girl: Jada Laurie	

8 year boy: Nicholas Wrigley	Junior Boy: Jamie Hickey
9 year boy: Charlie Hojer	
10 year boy: Jamie Hickey	

8 year girl: Latia Hipwell	Junior Girl: Clare Richardson
9 year girl: Shaelyn Crouch	
10 year girl: Clare Richardson	

11 year boy: Gus Lawrence	Senior Boy: Thomas Hojer
12 year boy: Thomas Hojer	

11 year girl: Charlotte Wrigley	Senior Girl: Alex Cant
12 year girl: Alex Cant	

**Winning House: Allyn**

## Dates for your Diary

### August

- Monday 1st - Education Week begins
- Tuesday 2nd - ICAS test - English
- Wednesday 3rd - 5/6 Debating Workshop
- Thursday 4th - **Education Open Day**
- Friday 5th - Zone Athletics
- Monday 15th - 5/6 Public Speaking & Debating Performance Day at Clarencetown
- Tuesday 16th - ICAS test - Maths - K/1/2 Public Speaking Workshop
- Wednesday 17th - 3/4 Public Speaking & Debating
- Thursday 18th - Science day - P & C meeting

### September

- Friday 2nd - Regional Athletics
- Tuesday 13 to
- Friday 16th - 5/6 excursion to Canberra

**THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST**

**EDUCATION OPEN DAY**

**ALL WELCOME!**

**PCYC**

**JUNIOR DISCO**

FOR 5

TO

12 YEARS

THEME: HEROES & VILLAINS

FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY

7.00 pm to 900pm

\$4 ENTRY

FULLY SUPERVISED,

PRIZES TO WIN, CANTEEN OPEN!!

Come try our exciting new  
Sportwall TO MUSIC

More info contact us on  
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## New Student Portal released to K-6 students

Four new student portals have been developed to support the different needs of students: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3-6, Years 7-12 and TAFE.

During term 2 the new Student Portal was successfully released to students in Years 7 to 10. With the success of the Year 7 to 10 rollout, the Years 11 and 12 release is now due on 25 July, with KIDSPACE (K- 2) to follow on 1 August and finally Student Portal (Years 3-6) on 8 August.

School students now access their student portal from home and at school from a new URL: <http://student.det.nsw.edu.au> so please change all bookmarks and links for the student portal to the new URL.

Enhanced features come with the new look Student Portal. Students will be able to search, access and organise information for school tasks via their student portal on computers used at home or at school, at any time. Students will be able to add dates into a calendar portlet as reminders for assessment tasks, homework and other important events. Students will also be able make their portal look the way they want by changing the colour scheme and opening or collapsing portlets.



## Values Awards

Katharina Lawrence

Clare Richardson

Ella Duncan



## MERIT AWARDS

K/1/2

Carl Thompson

Kayden Atkins

3/4

Riley Atkins

5/6

Gus Lawrence



## LITERACY AWARD

Jada Laurie

Alex Butler

Courtney Lawrence



## *Library Award*

**Cameron  
Hipwell**

