



# Gresford Public School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

### Welcome to Education Week 2011.

The theme for this year's Education Week is, "NSW Public Schools ~ Creating the Future." Thank you to all who attended our Open Day today. Hopefully you gained an insight into the ways we are preparing your children for the future, especially with the use of technology.

Our school has again been successful in receiving an award for exemplary projects. Our **Environmental Education Program** has been recognised as well as two of our long serving P&C members, **Ailsa Cant and Scott Everett**. Both these parents have been wonderful advocates and supporters of the school over a very long period. Their awards are well deserved. They will be recognised this afternoon at a presentation ceremony at Dungog High, as will the school.

This week also celebrates **SASS Week**. This is a time when we recognise the good work of the School Administration and Support Staff. In our school our office staff~ Bernadette, Ruth and Tammy; our School Learning Support Officers~ Esther and Nicole; and our maintenance and cleaning staff~ Cyril and Leonie, all work together to support the education of children of Gresford. These staff members go way beyond the call of duty to care for our students and facilitate their learning.

Our **School Evaluation Team** met last week to plan strategies to gather and

interpret data for the compilation of our 3 Year Strategic Plan. Hopefully we will get important input from parents via our whiteboard which will be placed strategically in the playground for the next 3 weeks. Or you may prefer to send in written comments. We are hoping to get a parent representative from each grade to form part of a group forum to help determine directions for the next 3 years. Notes were sent home recently regarding this with a tear off response section indicating your preferred form of input.

A number of **3 Way Conferences** have been held across the grades over the last 2 weeks and valuable information has been shared with parents and students. Thank you to those parents who have responded.

**Active After School Sport** commenced this week for the primary students covering the areas of soccer, Oz Tag and dance. The infants children will enjoy these sports next term. Our **zone athletes** have been practising and we wish them luck as they represent the school tomorrow.

Primary students enjoyed a presentation by Amanda Gregory from Hunter Waterwatch who worked with students to test water samples and discuss the importance of water conservation. This was part of a **science unit** being studied this term led by our

wonderful Scientist in Residence, Dr. Wright.

Year 5/6 was scheduled to have their **public speaking and debating workshop** with Mrs. Rose yesterday but due to unforeseen family illness, this day will now be rescheduled. Our next inter school debate is against Mt. Kanowary and team members are busy preparing. Our school representatives for the Maitland District Public Speaking Competition are preparing their speeches. School representatives for the Premier's Spelling Bee are also "in training."

**Professional learning** for staff this fortnight has been in the areas of technology and early childhood education.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"The longer I live,  
the more keenly  
I feel that whatever was good  
enough for our fathers  
is not good  
enough for us."*

Oscar Wilde

# Open Day



# Dates for your Diary

## August

Friday 5th - Zone Athletics  
Tuesday 16th - ICAS test - Maths -  
Thursday 18th - Science day - P & C meeting  
Friday 19th - P & C meeting 9.45am

## September

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

## Rhee

### Taekwondo

Don't forget to send in your expression of interest form for Rhee Taekwondo to be held at Gresford Public School every Monday from 4.00pm.

## *1911 - 2011 Dungog Railway Centenary*

### *Dungog Historical Society*

*Invites you to join them on 13th August, 2011*

*Come and help us celebrate 100 years of rail in Dungog*

Re-enactment of train arriving, Model trains, train sounds, train stories

Take a train ride in a vintage train to Stroud Rd and back

Race a Tiger Moth

Bush Poets, Shingle splitters, Wood turners

See an Edwardian fashion parade, try an Edwardian High Tea

Have a ride in a horse and carriage

Art displays, line dancing, school bands

There will be special displays on at the Dungog Museum, Pre School & Bowling Club

Shop window displays

Light Horse Men, Great Train Foot Race

**See you in Dungog!**

**For more information ring Rex Kingston on 4992 2094,**

**Deirdre Briscoe on 4992 3268 or the**

**Dungog Visitor Information Centre on 4992 2212**



## Values Awards

Henry Hunt  
Harmon Russell  
Ziz O'Brien Cavanough  
Liza Edwards  
Zhane Duncan  
Olivia Everett



## MERIT AWARDS

K/1/2

Carl Thompson  
Aaron Andrews

3/4

Alex Butler  
Kiara Quirk

5/6

Acelyn Towers– Brown  
Emma Hooper



## LITERACY AWARD

Jack Hill  
Riley Atkins  
Charlotte Wrigley  
Katharina Lawrence  
Clare Richardson  
Paul Locke



## Library Award

Hayden Wislon  
&  
Kayden Atkins

