



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

With Education Week just behind us, we now celebrate **National Science Week**. With the help of our Scientist in Residence Dr. Lesley Wright, we will be exploring this year's theme: React to Chemistry. Dr. Wright, with her contacts has been able to organise a guest speaker, Dr. Judith Weidenhofer who is a research scientist from the University of Newcastle. Dr. Weidenhofer is involved in cancer research and will talk to the children about how chemistry plays a part in her role as a biologist. Children will then participate in a number of workshops involving the chemistry of chocolate. What delicious research we will be doing! We are so lucky to have Dr. Wright to support our science studies.

We have also been celebrating **Book Week** and as well as having our book fair last week, all classes have participated in video conferences where well known children's authors have spoken to children about the art of writing. We would appreciate children bringing in the \$3 to cover the cost of these video conferences as many children did not pay. The conferences are subsidised by the Drought Assistance Program. Thanks to all who supported our Book Fair last week. A significant commission on the sale of these books goes towards purchasing new books for our library. The Year 5/6 class have commenced an exciting new project with our

partner high school Dungog. Through the **Dungog Community of Schools Middle Years Initiative**, we have been linked up with a Year 10 technology class and their teacher Mr. Tony Skimmings. The focus of this liaison is writing and the senior students have written a procedure for operating the robots they have built in their technology classes. These procedures will be given to our students to follow when they visit the high school on 23rd August. Our students will then write an advertisement for their student's robot. These will be shared using a collaborative online workspace or a COW! There has been an exchange of teachers preceding this visit to learn about the respective technologies and a video conference with our high school buddies for the students to get to know each other before the visit. We hope to organise a joint excursion to a robotics competition and workshop next term. This is yet another demonstration of how technology supports student learning.

Congratulations to all our **public speakers** who represented the school at the Maitland District Public Speaking Competition last week. Particular commendations go to Jack Hill and Latia Hipwell who were selected to go on to compete at the district finals. We wish them well. We also wish our **soccer players** good luck when they play

at Raymond Terrace this week. We thank parents who have kindly volunteered to assist with transport.

We have 6 senior students who have been selected to attend a **senior primary drama school** for 3 days this week. The students are Cameron Hipwell, Ziz O'Brien Cavanough, Paul Locke, Ella Duncan, Alex Cant and Mia Groves. I hope they will perform for us on their return.

Mrs. Dillon is currently on long service leave for 4 weeks and we wish her a restful time. Mrs. Sue Graham is relieving in her place.

Please try to make it to the next **P&C meeting** which is scheduled for this Friday at 9.45am.

Professional learning for staff has been in the areas of learning support, the new national English curriculum and strategic planning.

Kind regards,
Pauline

*"Out of clutter, find simplicity.
From discord, find harmony.
In the middle of difficulty,
Lies opportunity."*

Albert Einstein

GRESFORD SHOW's

New and Exciting

Film / Video Clip Section Rules

- Entries from the Gresford District and surrounding Schools will be given first preference.
- Entries can be from an individual person or from a School Class Group or Groups.
- An individual or Group can submit more than one entry.
- ALL ENTRIES are to be in the hands of Gresford District Agricultural Society no later than January 16th 2012.
- Video Clips are to be burnt onto a CD preferably as a .qt.avi.mov file or else any other standard QuickTime, Flashfile, Windows Media, real Player or Show Wave file. Each Video Clip entered into the competition is to be burnt as a separate file on the CD.
- Entry Form is available as a download from www.gresfordshow.com
- Entry Form to be filled out completely and signed by a Parent, Guardian or Teacher
- Each Video clips are to be no longer in viewing duration than 3 minutes.
- All entries need to be (notionally) g rated - Judges discretion will apply.
- All work must be original and abut titles and credits.
- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
- Prize winning entries will be posted onto our Web Site www.gressfordshow.com and therefore be viewable by the general public - *Parents, Guardians and Teachers should keep this in mind.*

The purpose of this section of the Show is to encourage creativity therefore the Judging for the animations would be around: smoothness of work, composition, visual quality and story engagement. Animated Video Clips can be made using any material, for example Lego, plasticine, human digital animation and they can be in 2D or 3D, silent or with sound.

Under 16 years of age - Animation

1 Everyday life 2. Science Fiction 3. Cartoons

1st Prize: \$20 2nd Prize: \$5

Under 16 years of age - Open

4. Everyday life 5. Dance and Music 6. Short film made with a mobile phone -
"The....."

1st Prize: \$20 2nd Prize \$5

Under 12 years of age and under or Class 12 and under - Live or Animated

7. Everyday life 8. A magic moment 9. My Pet doing tricks 10. The Day I learnt to ...
11. Short film made with a mobile phone - "Funny Home Video"

1st Prize: \$10 2nd Prize \$5

Zone Athletics Carnival Report

Gresford School was very capably represented at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Woodberry last week. These 18 representatives were Thomas Hojer, Gus Lawrence, Hannah Redhouse, Riley Atkins, Latia Hipwell, Ziz O'Brien Cavanough, Jamie Hickey, Mia Quirk, Charlotte Wrigley, Ellen Hodges, Ella Duncan, Sharneakia Nikora, Zhane Duncan, Alex Cant, Clare Richardson, Kiara Quirk, Charlie Hojer and Paul Locke.

At the Carnival the students competed in track and field events many involving heats and finals. The competition on these days is traditionally very tough and all the Gresford athletes are to be commended on their fine efforts. The senior girls relay team made the finals as did Latia Hipwell and Sharneakia Nikora in their 100m age race. Sharneakia was 4th in her final which is a great effort. The junior girls relay team was unlucky not to make the finals after coming 2nd in their heat. All the athletes were very focused and tried their best.

Thanks to all the parents who assisted with transport, particularly those who transported children who needed a lift to the carnival or home, and thanks to the parents who helped with team organisation on the day, while the staff were working at events. Your efforts are appreciated by the staff and students.

Public Speaking Success

Gresford Public school had 8 excellent representatives in the Zone Public Speaking Competition recently. These speakers were Jack Hill and Hayden Wilson - (Early Stage 1) Jada Laurie and Claire Lawrence - (Stage 1) Latia Hipwell and Alex Butler - (Stage 2) and Courtney Lawrence and Mia Groves - (Stage 3).

Congratulations to Jack Hill and Latia Hipwell whose performances at the Public Speaking heats were highly commendable and were chosen to participate in the finals. Jack and Latia competed at Grahamstown Public School on Tuesday 16th August, and were in fine form. Latia received news that she won the Stage 2 Zone final and is now competing in the Regional Finals to be held at Jesmond Public School on 1st October.

Congratulations to all speakers who so capably represented our school.

Good luck to Latia who now goes on to this elite level of competition in Public Speaking - an outstanding achievement!



Dates for your Diary

August

- Friday 19th - P & C meeting 9.45am
- Tuesday 23rd - Year 5/6 visit to Dungog High School
- Wednesday 24th - Debate v Mt Kanawary
- Thursday 25th - SRC Talent Quest
- Tuesday 30th - Yo Yo Competition

September

- Thursday 1st - Doug the Reading Bug vist
- Friday 2nd - Regional Athletics
- Tuesday 13 to Friday 16th - 5/6 excursion to Canberra

P & C meeting (tomorrow) Friday 19th August
Starting at 9.45am. Come and make a difference.
All welcome!

Our Science Day



S.R.C Talent Quest

Thursday 25th August

12.00pm

Gold Coin per entry

Special performing guests:

Megan Edwards & Sally Hunt

Lara Nursing Home visitors will be coming for morning tea!



BOOK CLUB

due
no later
than
Monday
29th August



Web Site for Parents

Visit the DET website

www.det.nsw.edu.au

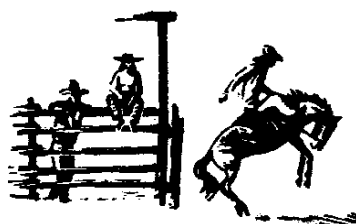
Open the parent icon then open School A-Z icon and follow the prompts.

This site enables parents to learn about Facebook & Twitter.

Also there are printable homework sheets, A-Z of English, maths and technology definitions and assignment starters on popular classroom topics.

Gresford Rodeo

**Campdrafting
Friday 26th &
Saturday 27th August**



Rodeo starts from
10.00am Saturday
Live music Saturday
night until late

DUNGOG & DISTRICT Tennis Club

Junior Tennis Comp

Competition will commence
on

**Monday 5th September
for High School students
from 4.00pm until 6.00pm**

Competition will commence
on

**Wednesday 7th September
for
Primary School students
from
4.00pm to 5.30pm**

Cost: Registration \$10 per
player for 12 months

& \$4 per week per player

Names to either Gail Hannan
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Values Awards

Kayden Atkins

Harmon Russell

Mia Groves

Alex Butler

Mia Quirk



MERIT AWARDS

K/1/2

Jada Laurie

3/4

Bob Butler

Hannah Redhouse

5/6

Saban Bevan

Cameron Hipwell



LITERACY AWARD

Claire Lawrence

Shakiah Towers Brown

Ellen Hodges

Amy Skolyszewski

Charlotte Wrigley



Library Award

Cameron Hipwell

&

Riley Atkins

