



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4, a busy and exciting one for all. To assist with your forward planning, the following dates will be of interest:

Date	Event
November 7 th , 14 th , 21 st	Kindergarten Orientation Days 10.00am
November 23 rd	Musica Viva Performance 11.15am
December 5 th	Dungog High Orientation
December 12 th	Volunteers' Morning Tea 11.00am
December 14 th	Student Reports issued
December	Presentation Night
December 19 th	Last day of school for students

NAPLAN results were sent home at the conclusion of last term. Teachers have been carefully analysing these and Mrs. Dillon will give a summary report of school results at the next P&C meeting on 19th October.

The popular **Life Education Program** was presented to students this week with excellent presentations to all classes on the importance of children caring for their own health and well being. This program always has a positive impact across the grades.

The Active After School Sports Program commences next week for Years 2-6. Gymnastics and basketball will be presented to

both classes over two time slots each Friday for 7 weeks. Students are looking forward to these two popular sports.

We are anxious to finalise our numbers for next year, so it would be appreciated if all **Kindergarten enrolments** could be confirmed with the office immediately. If you have a child commencing Kinder next year, or know of any starting, we would welcome their enrolment.

Our After School Care Program continues under the expert guidance of Mrs. Tammy Crouch. Casual vacancies are welcome, so if you wish to do some Christmas shopping or are caught up unexpectedly, simply phone the school and we will liaise with Tammy and ensure your child attends.

Local Schools, Local Decisions is a new strategy being introduced by the current State Government to supposedly give more control locally to manage schools. Whilst many of the underpinnings of this strategy seem positive, we are being given no specific information with regard to funding levels except that there are unprecedented cuts to the total education budget. Our school qualified for access to the Priority Schools Program, but we have been told that the funding now will only be available for one year as opposed to the traditional

four years. This represents a huge loss from a staffing and funding perspective for our children. As this money comes from the Federal Government, it hardly seems fair that the State should rule on its reduction. There is a real threat that staff reductions at consultancy and administration levels will severely impact on the quality of services we will be able to access to provide for our children's education. It is becoming increasingly obvious to staff that this initiative, driven by treasury, will result in massive cuts to education across the State. To get a parent perspective on this worrying direction, access the Parents and Citizens website for regular updates. A public day of action is planned for Sunday, 18th November and our staff will be supporting this demonstration. Parents are asked to register their concerns through the appropriate channels.

Professional learning for teachers has included assessment, finance and work health and safety.

Happy fourth term to all!

Kind regards,

Pauline

"The basis of effective government is public confidence."

JFK



The Tucker Box 'Wrap'

Welcome to Term 4 everyone...

Some changes have been done...

We have an exciting new menu we hope you like...

With loads of fresh and healthy delights...

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces...

So enjoy filling up those hungry spaces...

Mums we thank you for your time...

The new roster is on the new menu you will find...

We are proud of your canteen alot...

Love from the ladies

(Sylvia & Kristy) of 'the Tucker Box'...

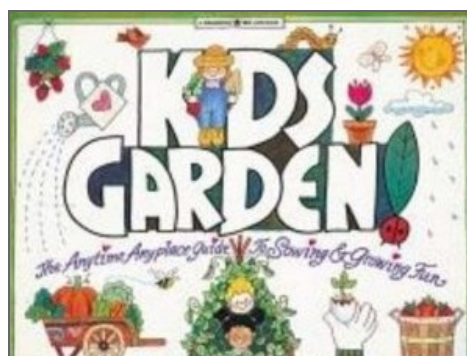
Gardening News

Students have been busy watering and weeding under the guidance of Misha Moon (Saban's mum). The vegetable gardens are being planted with a variety of new vegetable seedlings. Students have been excited to take home packages of vegetables recently as a reward for their efforts in the garden.

Special thanks to Misha for her continued and committed efforts with the Environment Club gardening students. However, we desperately need more volunteers who could spare an hour of their time, weekly or fortnightly, to lead the students with weeding, planting, mulching and watering. Students are keen but need an adult to guide and motivate them. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please phone Misha Moon on 4938 9648.

Many thanks,

Beth Tickle - Environment Club Co-ordinator





Values Awards

No awards given out until
Week 1 Term 4



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Madeleine Wrigley

2/3

Jada Laurie

4/5/6

Mrs Mitchell away



Library Award

Kaitlin Horn



Emily Dent

Alysha Cowley

Clare Richardson

OCTOBER 2012

Friday 12th - Year 6 testing for Dungog High
Friday 19th - P & C meeting. All welcome!

NOVEMBER 2012

Wednesday 7th - Kinder Orientation
Wednesday 14th - Kinder Orientation
Friday 16th - P & C meeting. All welcome!
Wednesday 21st - Kinder Orientation
Friday 23rd - Musica Viva

**** Please note that our Presentation Evening
will be on Tuesday, 18th December
from 6.00pm****

School Uniform Shop

Open every
Wednesday
&
Friday
9.00am
to
10.00am

Breakfast Club

Proudly brought
to you by



Kellogg's

Bakers Delight
We're for real.

BI-LO

coles
Save everyday

FOODWORKS
What can we do for you today?



Gresford Public School
thanks our volunteers and
sponsors.
Breakfast available every
morning for a gold coin
donation.

Information for school communities about measles

NSW Health advises that measles is a serious viral illness that mainly affects unvaccinated children, teenagers, young adults, and babies too young to be vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and can easily spread through the air.

Immunisation is effective in preventing the disease. In Australia, infants and young children are vaccinated with measles-mumps-rubella vaccine at 12 months and 4 years of age.

People who are at risk of measles include:

- ♦ Infants <12 months who are too young to have been routinely vaccinated
- ♦ Older children who have not received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine
- ♦ Adults born during or after 1966 who have not received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine and haven't had measles infection in the past

The first sign of measles is a high fever which usually begins about 10 to 12 days after exposure to a person with measles (range 7-18 days). A runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes (conjunctivitis), and small white spots inside the cheeks can develop in the initial stage. The rash appears around 14 days after exposure, usually starting on the face and upper neck and spreading over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION :

People with measles are usually infectious from just before the symptoms begin until four days after the rash appears. If you have had contact with someone who has had measles and develop **a fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes**, it may be measles and seek medical advice.

If you suspect measles, see your doctor, clinic or hospital. It is important to **ring before your consultation** so you can be seen as soon as possible and arrangements can be made to avoid contact with other patients in the waiting room who may be susceptible to measles.

A person with measles should remain at home until four days after the rash appears to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people.

Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html>