



Gresford Public School Newsletter

www.gresford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Phone Number: 4938 9304
Mobile Number: 0447 389304

Issue 1

2nd February, 2012

Principal's Message

Welcome to the new school year!

Our students have returned taller, enthusiastic and ready for a year of exciting learning in and beyond the classroom. It is often refreshing at the beginning of a new school year to revisit those statements which reflect our school's goals and purpose. These have been published in this newsletter edition and help to remind us of our prime focuses as educators and supporters of education. As a staff we recommit to these and continue to strive for excellence in our profession. Our endeavours are enormously enriched through the support and involvement of the school community and we again look forward to "working with the community to provide an enriched program of learning to develop innovative thinking in all our children."

A special welcome to all our new students! We have 15 delightful new Kindergarten students, turned out beautifully in their uniforms and some bright new faces in Year 2 and Year 6. We hope your school days at Gresford are memorable and rewarding.

The community paid special tribute to a number of dedicated individuals on Australia Day this year with our own Mrs. Jupp being one. Lyn has provided outstanding service to the children

of Gresford School through her teaching time provided by Mrs. Dillon allows us to teach in smaller groups with children organised into stage groups best suited to meet their learning needs. Such groups allow for the extension and consolidation of learning which is difficult to provide in the main stream class setting where a very broad spectrum of student needs are present. Children have accommodated very quickly to the system already. **Our school plan encompasses a revitalisation of our spelling program** with a new teaching resource supporting the syllabus. A new online spelling program similar to Mathletics has been purchased for students from Years 1 to 6 and we hope this will assist in aiding memorisation and add to the fun of learning. The cost of this has been itemised on the invoices for school fees which will be going home shortly. As we are not purchasing a maths text book this year the overall fees should only increase slightly. As always, should there be any problems with finance, a phone call to the school can provide confidential assistance.

of Gresford School through her teaching time provided by Mrs. Dillon allows us to teach in smaller groups with children organised into stage groups best suited to meet their learning needs. Such groups allow for the extension and consolidation of learning which is difficult to provide in the main stream class setting where a very broad spectrum of student needs are present. Children have accommodated very quickly to the system already. **Our school plan encompasses a revitalisation of our spelling program** with a new teaching resource supporting the syllabus. A new online spelling program similar to Mathletics has been purchased for students from Years 1 to 6 and we hope this will assist in aiding memorisation and add to the fun of learning. The cost of this has been itemised on the invoices for school fees which will be going home shortly. As we are not purchasing a maths text book this year the overall fees should only increase slightly. As always, should there be any problems with finance, a phone call to the school can provide confidential assistance.

After School Care has commenced this week and we are looking to keeping this as a permanent service to the parents of our school. However this term is a trial and we need the numbers to keep it going. Mrs. Crouch provides a well balanced, worthwhile service two days per week and we are looking for more children. Casual as well as regular bookings are welcomed and a phone call to the school can secure a place. We will include a regular insert in the newsletters to let you know of the fun children are having at After School Care.

Classes have been creatively organised this year to provide for uneven class sizes. Years 1 to 6 have been organised into literacy and maths groups to maximise the use of the extra teacher time which the school funds. This extra

A reminder to all parents of a few school rules: mobile phones, if necessary for students to have at school, should be handed in to the office for safe keeping upon arrival to school and can be collected before home time. Children can use them during the day if necessary by visiting the office. Please ensure

Continued page 2

Continued from page 1

jewellery is not worn to school. Exceptions are medical alerts, studs, sleepers and items of cultural significance. This is part of the uniform policy and has an important safety and security component.

This year we will be sending home class newsletters instead of holding parent teacher information sessions. For a number of years these have not been well attended and we can disseminate the necessary information for individual classes via such newsletters. Please feel free however, to book an interview with your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss any matters relating to class organisation for the year.

Coming events for the next couple of weeks include the commencement of scripture classes next week as well as science with Dr. Wright. Active After School Sport will resume for Years 2-6 with Taekwondo and tennis being the sports for the term. Notes have gone home for Swim School and we encourage their early return to assist with organisation.

Professional learning for staff this year so far has been in the areas of first aid and assessment of learning.

Enjoy learning with your children in 2012.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"A journey of a
thousand miles
begins with a
single step."*

P&C Annual General Meeting

Friday 17 February
at 10am
in the school library.
Followed by a
normal meeting
See you there!



Book Club

All orders due back to school
on Friday 17th February 2012

After School Care Fun At Gresford Public

After School Care has started and we are going along well. As this is the first week of school we have been getting to know each other, having a healthy afternoon tea together and playing games. Next week I will start a homework segment as well as some outdoor activity.

We have places available, so if you're running late from out of town I'm happy for your child to join us, with a pay as you go system. If you have any questions please feel free to ring the school on 49389304, as I (Tammy Crouch) am here on Mondays and Tuesdays, or you can ring me at home on 49389101.