



## Gresford Public School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

Parent support has been at the forefront of school this fortnight with a **great disco** organised despite inclement weather. It was an evening of energetic fun with the climax being a thrilling fire stick display by our talented disc jockey. It was heartening to see so many parents "meeting and greeting" whilst the children danced the night away. Thanks P&C for a fun filled night.

Thanks also go to the P&C for financing the installation of **air conditioners in the computer lab and Year 4/5/6 classroom**. These replace the ancient, inefficient systems currently in place and will make for much more comfortable learning for our students. If you are not already involved, please consider attending meetings or offering assistance to this hard working group of parents who make a real difference for our children in so many ways. The next meeting is tomorrow morning, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am in the library.

Many thanks also to all parents who filled in the **PSP surveys** sent home last week. We had a 100% return rate which is an excellent result and we will now await the outcome of our application. Successful schools are usually announced late in Term 3. Thanks to the parents and staff who assisted on the organising committee for this initiative.

Another new and exciting initiative we are planning for our students is the establishment of a school **'Breakfast Club'**. We are aware of a number of students who, for a range of reasons come to school with little

or no breakfast. This can impact on children's ability to concentrate, especially in the prime learning time of the morning. We have established a committee from interested staff members and have sourced tables, utensils, a frig, a toaster, generous sponsors who have agreed to provide healthy menu items and now we are currently in need of the most valuable component, volunteers. It is hoped that we can run this service each morning from 8.30 to 8.50. Staff will assist with supervision and it is envisaged that prefects will play a part in assisting volunteers on a roster basis. If you are able to spare an occasional morning and are interested in supporting this project, please phone the school or fill in the expression of interest slip included with this newsletter. We hope to commence Breakfast Club in Week 2 of Term 2.

This week across educational institutions Australia wide, is a focus on anti bullying and tomorrow is the **National Day of Action Against Bullying**. Classes have had a focus in their learning on the topic and have created posters, slogans and strategies to prevent bullying at school and in the wider world. Their work will be showcased in assembly tomorrow. Children are also invited to wear something orange in recognition of the day. This could be an orange ribbon or scarf or even a pair of socks or a hat. Parents are always welcomed to our assemblies.

**Sports captains, vice captains and SRC members** will be presented with their badges at this week's assembly and parents are cordially invited to attend. These students, together

with our captains, prefects and senior students are all undergoing training in leadership with Mrs. Tickle this term.

Our contribution to **'Clean Up Australia Day'** has been postponed until tomorrow because of the muddy state of our playground. Our **'Binless Thursday'** was held last week as part of our environmental education program. It is intended to hold these days each month so that recycling and reduction of waste can become embedded in our school culture. Thanks to parents for supporting this important environmental initiative. We are seeing more and more children bringing healthy lunches with a minimum of wrapping.

Children enjoyed the science show today put on by a visiting team from **Questacon** in Canberra. This is a dynamic show which fills children with the wonder of science and stimulates their natural curiosity. It provides an excellent link with our own great school science program.

Our **school cross country event** will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Children may like to start some training at home for this endurance event. There will be more information closer to the date.

**Professional learning** for teachers this fortnight has been in the areas of music education, science, maths and writing.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"Eating is  
a pleasant  
habit that grows on you."*

## Community Page



### Gresford Tennis Club



#### PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be no Junior Coaching tomorrow night  
16th March and will resume on 23rd March**

Beginners / Juniors / Primary children 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Seniors / Primary / High School 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Cost \$5.00 per week

New enrolments most welcome!

Please contact Ken Turnbull on 4938 9199 for all enquiries.

#### ***FREE Child restraint safety check***

You can have your child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit. Children's car restraints will be inspected by RTA Authorised Restraint Fitters.

**DATE:** Saturday 24th March 2012

**TIME:** 10.00am to 2.00pm

**LOCATION:** Stockland Greenhills carpark  
(underneath Autobarn)

#### **[Year 2-11 Audition Applications for 2013 - Hunter School of the Performing Arts](#)** -

Auditions for Hunter School of the Performing Arts are now available for students entering Years 2-11 in 2013. These auditions are aligned with the state-wide Year 6 to 7 Transition timetables.

**Primary enrolment** applications are due by **12:00 noon on Friday, 15th June, 2012.** For more information ring the school on 4938 9304.



## Gresford Playgroup



Gresford Playgroup is now up and running meeting every Wednesday at East Gresford School of Arts Hall from 10.am until 12.pm.

Anyone with pre-school children are welcome to attend.

Ring Angela Kelehear for more information on 4931 7196



## Values Awards

Ella Osmond

Liza Edwards

Ziz O'Brien Cavanough



## MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Bria Hooper

2/3

Jada Laurie

4/5/6

Hannah Redhouse



## Library Award

Jack  
Laurie



Aaron Andrews  
&  
Michaela Lawrence

# D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

## March 2012

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|---------------|---|---|
| Friday 16th   | - | P & C meeting - 10.00am                         |
|               | - | Clean Up Australia Day - 10.30am - bring gloves |
|               | - | Badge Presentation at the Schools Assembly      |
| Thursday 22nd | - | 4/5/6 Lara Nursing Home excursion               |
| Friday 23rd   | - | Cricket v Paterson at Paterson                  |
| Monday 26th   | - | Young Leaders Conference                        |
|               | - | Robotics Video Conference - Years 3 to 6        |
| Friday 30th   | - | School Cross Country (note change of date)      |

## April 2012

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| Thursday 5th  | - | Easter Service 2.00pm |
|               | - | Last day Term 1       |
| Monday 23rd   | - | Staff Development day |
| Tuesday 24th  | - | All Students return   |
| Thursday 26th | - | Zone Cross Country    |

## Badge Presentation

**ASSEMBLY Friday 16th March 12.50pm**

**Tomorrow**

**Badges will be presented to House Sports Captains and Vice Captain  
SRC representatives.**

**Parents most welcome to attend!**

### Clean Up Australia Day

**Tomorrow**

**Friday 16th March at 10.30am**

**Please bring a pair of plastic or  
gardening gloves.**

### National Day of Action against Bullying

**All children are asked to wear  
something orange to acknowledge our  
stand against bullying  
eg orange ribbon.**