



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

We are enjoying a great start to Term 2 with lots of fun learning and enthusiastic students. Student enthusiasm starts early in the day with a dozen or so hungry children lining up daily for '**Breakfast Club.**' We are indeed grateful to our willing volunteers and generous sponsors who make this happen every day for children who, for whatever reason miss the most important meal of the day. Our prefects are performing outstanding duties in helping out at Breakfast Club and we are indebted to Mrs. Jasper for her organisation and daily replenishment of supplies. Teachers are reporting a marked difference in student performance as a result of starting the day with a good breakfast. Should anyone be able to offer their services as a volunteer, even on a casual basis, we would love to hear from you.

Tennis and Rhee Taekwondo have commenced for K/1 being presented by some of our most outstanding facilitators. We are so lucky to be part of the Federal Government Active After School Sports Program which enables us to access expert tuition in such a range of sporting activities. Congratulations to all who competed in Zone Cross Country. It is a very long course and special mention must go to Jamie Hickey who placed 7th and is reserve for the Regional Cross Country.

Coming up on 23rd May is '**Grandfriends Day**' at Gresford School. We have chosen this date to coincide with 'National Simultaneous

Storytime' which has been organised to celebrate the National Year of Reading. We invite children to bring their grandparents, parents and friends to school to read to and with their children. Weather willing, we will join our grandfriends in the playground at 10.30 for storytime and invite all to share morning tea with the children afterwards.

As a result of an injection of Federal funding (Every School, Every Student), next term we will be able to extend our **literacy and numeracy support program**. This will mean an extension to our small group teaching in these key learning areas from 3 to 4 mornings each week. This program is already impacting positively on student learning and benefits will continue to grow with the extension in teacher time.

We now have a strong contingent of children working hard each day to support our school **Environment Club**. Eager volunteers are attending to recycling and litter reduction, caring for the school hens and helping to revitalise our school veggie patch. Thanks go to Mr. Joliffe, Taylah's father for helping to extend the garden with his rotary hoe and to Mrs. Moon Saban's mother for assisting students with planting and mulching the garden. Mrs. Tickle has been the dedicated organiser for this environmental program. Year 4/5/6 have been extending their knowledge of the environment through an outstanding video conference this week presented by Questacon.

Next week will see our Year 3 and 5 students sit for the **NAPLAN tests**.

Letters have gone home to parents in this regard and students have been practising hard in class since last term. Tuesday is for language conventions and writing, Wednesday for reading and Thursday for numeracy. Friday is reserved for a catch up day for any students who were absent on the other days. Good luck to all students.

Applications are open for Year 4 students to apply for enrolment in the Opportunity Classes for Year 5 in 2013. These are classes designed for gifted and talented children and entry is based on a placement test. The nearest school is Rutherford. Further information is available at the office or on the internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement Applications are due by 18th May.

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has been in the areas of student welfare, spelling, physical education/health/ personal development and maths.

Kind regards,
Pauline

*"What is a weed?
A plant whose virtues
have not yet
been discovered."*

**Stewart House Envelopes
are due back
no later than
Friday 18th May.**

Environment Club

Our school Environment Club is thriving with a membership of 30 students. Activities for members range from taking care of the school hens / collecting eggs, picking up litter (Tong Patrol) and garden duties in our vegetable garden.

Special thanks to Col Jolliffe for his efforts in preparing our garden beds using his rotary hoe. A big thanks also to Misha Moon (Saban Bevan's mum) who is giving generously of her time each Wednesday, to lead students in planting, watering and mulching activities.

Any other parents/grandparents community members who would like to lead the gardening group and share expertise and gardening tips, your assistance would be most welcome. Kindly contact Beth Tickle with details of your availability. The most suitable time is (11.15 - 11.55am) weekdays (except Wednesday).



The Tucker Box Update

We announced the winner of "Name Our Canteen" last Friday.

Congratulations to Jack Laurie on your winning entry. **"The Tucker Box"**

Jack now has a \$20 voucher.

Congratulations to Amy Skolyszewski who also received a canteen voucher for being in the draw for bringing back her PSP Survey Form.

Thank you to all for the Tea Towels coming in. We now have enough to get us through so thank you again for any contributions.

There is a correction to our new canteen menu – there are no medium pies. Instead we have LARGE PIES for \$2.50. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The new winter menu has had a positive response by the children. They sure are enjoying our new additions, chocolate mousse, hot chicken rolls, fish pieces, potato cakes, kebabs, corn on the cob, raisin toast and garlic bread.

An amended canteen roster has been sent out to the volunteers for this term. Please make a note of any changes. Here is a friendly reminder:-

Friday 11/5 - Angela Kelehear & Alissa Abra

Wednesday 16/5 - Jennifer Hipwell & Leticia Wrigley

Friday 18/5 - Sharon Hipwell & Syliva Lawrence

Thank you for offering your time.

Enjoy "The Tucker Box" kids!!!!



Values Awards

Emily Dent

Shaelyn Crouch

Shakiah Towers-Brown



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Tess Hartigan

2/3

Aaron Andrews

4/5/6

Charlotte Wrigley



Library Award

Claire Lawrence



Ryan Skolyszewski

&

Zhane Duncan

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| Tuesday 15th | - Naplan test Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Wednesday 16th | - Naplan test Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Thursday 17th | - Naplan test Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Friday 18th | - P & C meeting 9.45am |
| Tuesday 22nd | - ICAS Computer test |
| Wednesday 23rd | - Grandfriends day -
- Debate Gresford v Iona @ Gresford
12.30pm to 1.30pm |

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| Tuesday 12th | - Olympic Day with local schools |
| Thursday 14th | - 2/3 visit to Lara Nursing Home |
| Monday 18th | - Musica Viva concert |
| Tuesday 19th | - ICAS Spelling |
| Thursday 21st | - Life Education Van visit |
| Friday 22nd | - Field events at school |
| Wednesday 27th | - ATHLETIC CARNIVAL -
Gresford Sporting Complex |
| Friday 29th | - Last day Term 2 |

REP SHIRTS MISSING

We still have a couple of school representative shirts missing. These shirts are very costly to replace.

Could you please check your children's cupboards and return any shirts found?

Many thanks,
Sue Dillon

Breakfast Club

FOODWORKS

East Gresford
What can we do for you today?

Bakers Delight
We're for real.

coles
Save everyday ✓

BI-LO



Kellogg's

Available every morning at
Gresford Public School
for a gold coin donation.

HATS PLEASE



All children need to bring their sun safe hat to school every day for daily fitness, sport, outside play and gardening.

