



## Gresford Public School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

We have had another busy fortnight as usual, applying ourselves to a range of learning tasks. Our Years 3 and 5 students had the hardest tasks in completing their **NAPLAN tests** last week. They tried their best with challenging tests both on the test days and in the preparation leading up to the tests. Results should be available in September. Further classroom assessments will take place next week for all classes in preparation for our Semester 1 reports which will be issued on the last day of term.

**Our Debating Team** has also been putting in a great effort to the first round of the debating competition which was held yesterday. The team consisted of Clare Richardson, Paul Locke, Courtney Lawrence and Latia Hipwell, with Mia Quirk as chairperson and Emma Hooper as timekeeper. Our opposition was the strong debating school of Iona with the win going to Gresford. Both teams performed to a high standard. Thanks go to Mrs. Tickle for her coaching and to Mrs. Wilson, the adjudicator. Well done all!

All students are looking forward to the return of Dr. Wright next Monday when our regular **science lessons** will recommence. Dr. and Mr. Wright have had an exciting overseas holiday and we welcome Dr. Wright back to our school. Teachers had a planning session with Dr. Wright on Monday and will commence lessons next Monday with the infants classes doing some exciting learning in the growth and

change of living things and the primary classes testing their knowledge of physics in experimenting with wheels, gears and levers.

Next Monday will also see all classes commencing the **Prime Minister's Olympic Challenge**. This is a federal government initiative designed to heighten interest in the upcoming Olympic Games and to encourage the health and fitness of our children. Children will record their daily fitness activities on record cards we have here at school including time spent on physical activities held here at school and also after school fitness activities. Any activity which gets children involved physically can be recorded. According to the length of time accrued over the duration of the challenge, children will be awarded bronze, silver or gold certificates. Another fitness event is the **Dungog Community of Schools Olympic Day** scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> June. Our school will travel to Bennett Park in Dungog to join with the other local schools to participate in a range of modified Olympic sports. This should prove to be a fun day for all in celebrating this Olympic year. More information will be sent home closer to the date. A reminder to all that our **athletics carnival dates** are coming up, with the field events being held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and the carnival on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Children have commenced their training for these events.

Thanks go to all 'Grandfriends' who visited the school yesterday to help us celebrate the **National Year Of Reading**. There is no more important

skill than that of literacy and we appreciate your recognition of this through your attendance. Children are always happy to have family and friends at school.

**Year 4/5/6 were movie stars this week** in a pre-recorded video conference with the well known Australian author, Emily Rodda. This conference, after editing will be placed on the Department's teaching and learning website as a resource for schools across the state to use. It is a great experience to be able to interact with real live authors and hear how they find their inspirations to write.

Next week we welcome to our school an ex-pupil, Olivia O'Sullivan who will be doing her work experience on Mrs. Tickle's class. Teachers have been involved in professional learning in the areas of behaviour management, spelling, maths and learning support. All staff and students practised a simulated lockdown last week so that we are prepared in the event of such an emergency.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"Be not afraid of growing slowly,  
be only afraid of standing still."*

Chinese Proverb



### HEAD LICE ALERT



Could parents please  
check their children's hair  
for head lice and  
treat immediately.



Our winning debating team who debated against Iona on Wednesday at  
Gresford Public School



## Grandfriends Day







## Values Awards

Kaitlin Horn

Latia Hipwell

Emily Dent

Carl Thompson

Michael Challinor

## MERIT AWARDS



K/1

Sam Hartigan

Amber Smith

2/3

Shaelyn Crouch

4/5/6

Michaela Lawrence

Acelyn Towers-Brown



## Library Award

**Liza Kelehear  
&  
Aaron Andrews**

## Environment Award



**Ella Osmond  
Jada Laurie  
Jack Laurie  
Sam Hartigan  
Taylah Joliffe  
Claire Lawrence**



**Carl Thompson  
Charlie Hojer  
Jada Laurie  
Clare Richardson**

## JUNE 2012

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| Tuesday 12th   | - Olympic Day with local schools at Bennett Park Dungog              |
| Thursday 14th  | - 2/3 visit to Lara Nursing Home                                     |
| Monday 18th    | - Musica Viva concert  |
| Thursday 21st  | - Life Education Van visit   |
| Friday 22nd    | - <b>Field Events at School - 10.00am start - Ages 8 to 13 years</b> |
| Wednesday 27th | - Athletics Carnival - Sporting Complex                              |
| Friday 29th    | - Last day Term 2  |

**27th June Whole School Athletics Carnival  
9.00am at the Gresford Sporting Complex  
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