



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Our term is quickly drawing to a close with all of us wondering where the term has gone! What a busy, happy time of learning it has been and Term 3 promises to bring more of the same. Again we are indebted to our wonderful parents and members of the school community who are continually behind the scenes offering support in so many ways. The establishment of Breakfast Club would have to be one of the highlights of the term, paying testimony to the teamwork and dedication of parents, community members, students and staff in providing a much needed service for our children. **Our thanks go to all for your support during the term.**

Great excitement emerged from the K/1 room this week when the long awaited hatching of 13 baby chickens occurred. What a great opportunity this was for students when as part of their science unit on 'Growth and Change', they were able to watch and **learn from real life experience**. Another real life opportunity for learning was presented to children when they attended the **Musica Viva concert** this week and were able to experience the fascinating sounds of B'Tutta. I'm sure parents who attended enjoyed this lively performance as much as students and staff. We look forward to our next concert which will bring the music of South America to our

school.

Preparations for the **Maitland District Music Festival** next term are well underway and we hope that all of our children will be able to attend. The performance date is Wednesday, 18th July and we will be attending a rehearsal during the day before the evening performance. A note will come home soon with final details. Tomorrow is the final day for ticket sales, so please contact the office if you still need to secure a ticket.

Years 4/5/6 students are continuing their **Robotics study** with a visit to the high school today to work with senior students. We have integrated robotics into our Shakespearean studies with a team of students cleverly programming the robot to dance to a piece of Elizabethan music. The robot, dressed as a character from the play 'Romeo and Juliet', enacts one of the sword fights, a favourite with the children of course! Thanks to the financial support of the P&C, we have been able to run this engaging program.

Year 2/3 took their Shakespearean studies to the residents of the **Lara Nursing Home** last week where they entertained them with re-enactments of scenes from Romeo and Juliet. Surely this demonstrates the timelessness of Shakespeare.

Due to a mechanical breakdown, the Life Education Van was unable to visit our school today. Their visit

has been rescheduled for Monday 8th October which is the first day of Term 4. Sorry for this unavoidable change of date.

The field events for our athletics carnival are scheduled for tomorrow at 12.00 and parents are welcome to attend. We are seeking the assistance of several parents to help with events. If you are able to do so, please see Mrs. Dillon. There will be no assembly this week because of these events. Our whole school carnival will now be Thursday 28th June at the Gresford Sporting Complex beginning 9.00am.

Reports will be issued on the last day of term with 3 way conference to follow next term. A reminder to all that the holidays extend from 30/6 to 16/7 with **Tuesday, 17th July being the first day for students to attend**.

Professional learning for staff this fortnight has been in the areas of maths and office management.

Enjoy the holidays with your children.

Pauline

*"Drama is life
with all the dull bits
cut out."*

Alfred Hitchcock

Stop Press!!!!

The Sports Carnival has been postponed to Thursday 28th June.

Hunter School of the Performing Arts

Hunter School of the Performing Arts offers a unique educational environment, being NSW's only fully selective Performing Arts School. The school's Junior (2-4) deliver outstanding developmental programs, with a gifted and talented focus in Dance, Drama and Music. Enrolment is by audition only with applications for 2013 enrolment being accepted in Year 2-11.

If you are interested in sending your child, ring the Hunter School of the Performing Arts on 4952 3297 for more information.

Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
Port Stephens Examiner's
Children's Discovery Day

Release the kid's into the wild
Tuesday 3rd July 2012

10.00am - 3.00pm at

The Botanic Gardens Heatherbrae
Cost: \$3 per person (under 2's free)

*Mine Subsidence Board's Maurie Mole

* Oggie the Froggie - Hunter Water

* Ships of Fools - Hunter Water

* Story Telling - Raymond Terrace Library

* Indigenous Dance & much, much more!

Contact Jan Noble / Lynda for more information on 4987 1655

The Garden Club

~ contributed by Misha Moon

This term our main focus has been plant, plant, plant. The children have enjoyed planting a variety of seeds and seedlings.

So far the garden comprises of:

A strawberry patch

Bed 1: Broccoli, mint, lettuce and beetroot **Bed 2:** Silver beet, lettuce and tomatoes

Bed 3: Purple king climbing beans, French beans, oregano Chinese cabbage, parsley, radish and shallots

Bed 4: Red onions and cauliflower **Bed 5:** To be planted

Due to the recent wet weather we haven't been in the garden for two weeks. So Wednesday 20th June was a good day to get in and do some weeding. The gardening group and I weeded out Bed1 and added more mulch.

We then moved on to our two new beds, which have been made with the compost from the school compost bin. In one of these new beds we planted out Red onion seeds and cauliflower seeds.

The children noticed that the radish seeds that we had planted a few weeks ago had grown. They should be ready to eat in another 3 weeks.

** Special thanks to Misha Moon (Saban's mum) for her ongoing efforts with the Gardening group in the Environment Club.**

The Tucker Box

Volunteers please note:

In today's newsletter there will be a note asking for volunteers for next term and term 4. Your help in the canteen is invaluable. If you can spare a day or two a term please fill out the form and send back asap with your preferences.

Thank you! Sylvia Lawrence

Sports Carnival

The Sports Carnival is on next Thursday 28th June and we are asking for parents to donate a cake or slice to be sold on the day. If you are able to help out please drop your donation into the canteen at the sports ground on the morning of the carnival.

Many thanks, The Canteen Committee



Values Awards

Katharina Lawrence

Alysha Cowley

Madeleine Wrigley

Shaelyn Crouch

Jake Edwards



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Tess Hartigan

Katharina Lawrence

2/3

Carl Thompson

Liza Edwards

4/5/6

Elizabeth Challinor



Library Award

Tess Hartigan

Sam Hartigan

Paul Locke



Jayden Street

Claire Lawrence

Emma Hooper

JUNE 2012

- Friday 22nd - Field Events at School - 12.00 noon start - Ages 8 to 13 years
 Thursday 28th - Athletics Carnival - Sporting Complex - 9.00am start - Whole School
 Friday 29th - Year 6 Fundraiser - Disco + Out of School Uniform Gold Coin Donation -
 Last day Term 2

Please note change of date for Schools Athletics Carnival

Thursday 28th June - Whole School Athletics Carnival

9.00am at the Gresford Sporting Complex

Come and support your child's team!

**** All students return Tuesday 17th July 2012 for Term 3 ****

Breakfast Club

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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.



Stop Press!!!

Due to industrial action by the N.S.W. Teachers Federation our Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled for the next day, Thursday 28th June. We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you all at the carnival to be held at the Gresford Sporting Complex from 9.00am.

Industrial Action Wednesday 27th June 2012

Due to industrial action called by the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation, there will be no regular classes at Gresford Public School on **Wednesday, 27th June. There will be minimal supervision only.** School will resume normally on Thursday, 28th June with our rescheduled athletics carnival. Please phone the school on 4938 9304 should you have any further inquiries.
 The Staff of Gresford Public School

Year 6 Fundraiser Disco

When: Friday 29th June

Time: 2.00pm after recess

Cost: One gold coin donation

Out of school uniform day too!!! Ya