



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

The pace of learning experiences has increased these past few weeks with many opportunities too good to miss being available for our students. We apologise for the number of notes sent home of late and for the extra expenses that come with these opportunities. Please contact the school if finance is at any time a problem.

Children are all looking forward to our participation in the **Dungog Community of Schools Olympic Day** on 12th June. They have their country teams and will have fun mingling with students from other schools. Please return notes and money if you have not already done so. Our first **Musica Viva concert** is coming up on 18th June at 2.00pm and we will experience a live performance from the percussion group, B'Tutta. Children have been learning musical concepts to increase their appreciation of this performance. Parents are welcome to attend free of charge.

Video conferencing has become an important teaching and learning tool here with both students and teachers benefiting from the technology. Year 4/5/6 learnt about the importance of sustainability of endangered species from the staff of Taronga Zoo and teachers learnt how to increase the use of movie making to engage students in curriculum studies. Our robotics program with Dungog High will commence this week with a video conference with the senior students and their teacher, Mr. Skimmings. On 20th June, Years 2-6 will participate in a video conference presented by professional actors from the Opera House as part of our Shakespearean studies. This technology makes the

world more accessible for our students.

Notes have gone home for the **Maitland District Music Festival** in which our Ensemble and Signing Choir will be participating. Tickets sell fast so be sure to purchase yours early. The performance is in the first week back after the holidays so we are busy preparing our items now.

Our bi-annual **Create Art Show** is scheduled for 6th September next term and the committee has had their first meeting to begin the detailed planning. This is a great opportunity for children to experience a range of visual arts experiences and to again mingle with children from other schools. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Another big date for which we are preparing is **National Science Week** when we will be demonstrating our science knowledge and skills to the general public in the main street of Dungog. This is another project we are combining with Dungog High to present, and Dr. Wright of course is helping to prepare our students. More information will be available next term but if you go onto www.scienceweek.net.au you will be able to read more about the project which we were lucky enough to be selected for funding, by the national body. There is a great picture of our "kindergarten scientists" on the site.

Rhee Tae Kwondo is the Active After School Sport being currently enjoyed by our infants children. The Rhee Tae Kwondo club here at Gresford continues to flourish under the expert tuition of Qendon with children and parents alike paying testimony to his instruction. Qendon addressed our

assembly today on the importance of respect, which is the value we are currently learning about in our school values program. Tae Kwondo continually reinforces this value as well as the importance of physical fitness. Included in this week's newsletter is a copy of a letter sent to the school by our wonderful tennis facilitators, Karen and Ken Turnbull. It pays tribute to the excellent behaviour and co-operation of Gresford children in their tennis lessons here at school. It is through the **Active After Schools Sports Program** that we are able to present such high quality sporting activities for our students.

We welcome **Mr. Jonathan Unicomb** to our school for 4 weeks as a practising teacher, where he will be working with Mrs. Tickle and K/1. It is great to see young men entering the profession.

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has included science, technology, student welfare, maths, writing and the national curriculum.

Staff would be grateful if parents dropping off or picking up children from **Tae Kwondo lessons on Monday afternoons**, would leave 1 metre either side of the driveway of the staff car park in order that staff can safely drive out. Visibility of oncoming traffic from both directions is restricted and potentially dangerous when cars are parked right on the entrance.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"I have to exercise
first thing in the morning
before my brain figures
out what I'm doing."*



Tennis

Active After School Programme

Over the last 2 terms at Gresford School, we have been volunteers, in the Active After School programme, co-ordinating tennis based activities on behalf of the Gresford District Tennis Association. In that time we have introduced, to all the classes at the school, tennis skills and games aimed at keeping the children active and healthy while having some fun.

All classes showed great improvement in their tennis skills and techniques, but the stand out group were Kindergarten/Year 1. This wonderful class excelled in good behaviour and attitude towards learning these new skills. Many started without eye and hand co-ordination skills but by our last session, there was such a huge improvement in this area that everyone was able to hit a tennis ball with a racquet and over the net.

We were amazed and impressed with the skills of some children, over the 21 session programme, who showed talent well beyond their age. We enjoyed our time at the school immensely and look forward to continuing our association with the Active After School programme.

We would also like to thank the school staff for assisting us with these activities and their flexibility when our schedules clashed. The community can be very proud that there is such a wonderful facility available in our district. We feel privileged to have been a small part of the school community.

Many thanks,

Ken & Karen Turnbull



The Tucker Box

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“Hot Dog Day”

Friday 15th June

\$2.50

For a tasty Hot Dog and delicious Freddo Frog

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Values Awards

Bria Hooper
Bryce Chapple
Amy Skolyszewski
Jack Hill
Ziz O'Brien Cavanough



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Chelsea Abra
Noah Street

2/3

Jack Hodges
Claire Lawrence

4/5/6

Jamie Hickey
Mia Quirk



Library Award

**Jamie Hickey
&
Courtney Lawrence**

Environment Award



**Noah Street
Emily Dent
Aaron Andrews**



**Shaelyn Crouch
Sharneakia Nikora
Kayden Atkins
Latia Hipwell**

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 | - Field Events at School - 10.00am start - Ages 8 to 13 years |
| Wednesday 27th | - Athletics Carnival - Sporting Complex |
| Friday 29th | - Last day Term 2 |

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