



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3. How this year is flying. We have a great term planned and here are some exciting dates for your diaries: CWA International Day for 4/5/6 on 24th July; Year 5/6 camp commencing 30th July; three way conferences during Week 4; public speaking in the week commencing 13th August; 'Science in the Street' on 16th August; Education Week Open Day and Book Fair on 22nd August; Art Carnival on 6th September; Talent Quest on 13th September; and Olympic Day at Dungog on 20th September. What busy times ahead!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the **Maitland District Music Festival** on Wednesday night. A great effort was put in by all children. There are few schools that have their whole school involved in performances such as this. It was a credit to all and thanks especially go to staff for their efforts in training students and to Mrs. Edwards for lending her professional expertise to the singers. Well done all!

This week an outstanding

program is being introduced in the lower division classes to assist in the language development and enrichment of students. We have been selected to participate in the **Hunter New England Health Language Partnerships Program** which extends over a 10 week time frame and employs the services of a speech pathologist on a weekly basis. As well as being of great benefit to students, it will up-skill staff in the identification and support of students with language needs. Parents have received information on this program which has been generously supported by the P&C, the school budget and the Drought Assistance Fund.

Well done to all children at the **Athletics Carnival** last term and congratulations to those going on to compete at the Zone Carnival on Friday, 27th July. Notes have gone home for this. Gymnastics and basketball are the **Active After School Sports** for this semester with K/1 being the first to commence in Week 3. We wish our **soccer players** good luck for their next game at Raymond Terrace this Friday.

The excellent service being provided by our **After School Care facility** hopefully can be

extended to cover extra days should parents require it. Mrs. Crouch offers a caring afternoon environment with games, activities and homework time available. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter and send back the tear-off slip to register your interest in the provision of the service on other days. This is a not for profit activity offered by the Anglican Church as a service to the community.

Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Jasper will be taking **long service leave** this term and will be relieved by Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Carter respectively. Mrs. Crouch will cover Mrs. Carter's duties during this time. We welcome back Mrs. Spring on Year 2/3 for one day a week this term.

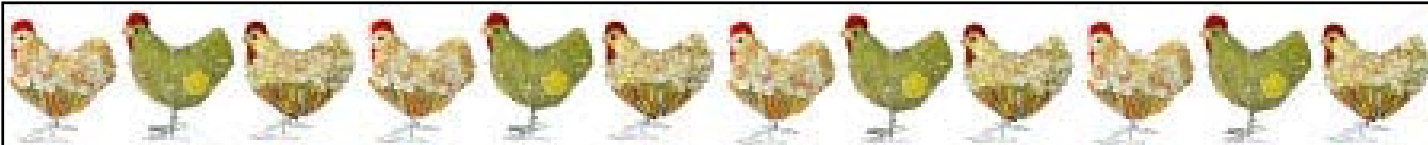
Professional learning for teachers has been in the areas of science and quality teaching.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"If you bungle
raising your children,
I don't think that
whatever else you do well
matters very much."*

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis



Chicken News

Our school chickens, all 13 of them, are growing beautifully. They are now almost 5 weeks old and are very settled in their daily routine at school. Special thanks to our chicken sitters - the Hartigan family, (Sam and Tess), the Smith family (Amber), the Tucker family (Charlize) and the Kelehear family (Liza).

The chickens thrived on the special care they received. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Tucker family who very kindly donated a large bird cage to the school for use when caring for any small creatures that become part of our curriculum! Thank you to Liza Kelehear's family for loaning us the large chicken cage which has become the chickens' new home for the next 6 weeks. Our appreciation must be extended also to Mr Shayne Lawrence (Michaela and Katharina's dad) who provided transport for the chicken cage from Lostock to Gresford Public School.

The rearing of our school chickens is certainly a TEAM EFFORT!



Our Ensemble & Signing Choir





Values Awards

Tess Hartigan

Henry Hunt

Mia Quirk



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Jack Laurie

2/3

Liza Edwards

4/5/6

Paul Locke



Library Award

Tess Hartigan

Sam Hartigan

Paul Locke



Liza Kelehear

Leila O'Connor

Will Shoobridge

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JULY 2012

- Friday 20th - P & C meeting & Soccer @ Raymond Terrace
- Tuesday 24th - CWA Day Years 5 & 6
- Wednesday 25th - Debate v Paterson @ Paterson & ICAS English Assessment
- Friday 27th - Zone Athletics
- Monday 30th - 5/6 Camp to Myuna Bay

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- Thursday 2nd - 5/6 return from Myuna Bay
- Thursday 16th - Whole School Excursion to Dungog Science in the Street
- Wednesday 22nd - School Open Day and Book Fair Dress up as your favourite Champion
- Wednesday 29th - Newcastle Permanent Maths test



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**The next
Gresford Public School
P&C meeting is this
Friday, July 20th,
at 10am in the
library.**

**Please come along and
support your school.**

Breakfast Club



FOODWORKS

What can we do for you today?

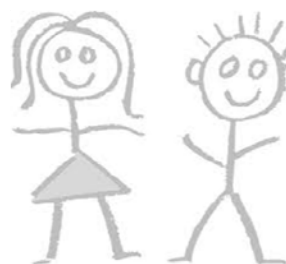
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FUN & GAMES



Gresford After-School Care Program operates from
3.00pm to 6.00pm at the school on
Mondays and Tuesdays during term.

We're keen to find out if there's enough interest in
expanding it to also run on
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Parents can claim a Government child care benefit so
they can receive a payment to cover the attendance cost.
(This is subject to the family's income, the number of
children in care, and whether the family meets a work,
training or study test).

Interested? Please let the school know this week by
ringing 4938 9304.

Supervised creative learning.

Fun and games for all ages.