Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Another successful fortnight for Gresford School! Students have continued to make our school proud following on from the Music Festival in Week 1. I received a special congratulatory call from our Director, Mr. Bryan Campbell praising the quality of our performance at the Music Festival. He commented that as well as singing and making their own music, children were obviously having fun doing it. Mr. Campbell is to be congratulated also for having a son representing Australia in **the men's polo team at the London Olympics.** We will be following Richie Campbell and our water polo team with great interest. Mr. Campbell of course is now in London to cheer his son on. He has promised to bring Richie to the school on his return to Australia.

Our students represented the school with credit at the **CWA International Day** held this week. High quality posters were prepared by Year 4/5/6 students on the country of study, East Timor. An entertaining East Timor quiz show was presented by the students testing the audience's knowledge. Luckily, there was a well informed group of students in the crowd to assist the contestants when they needed to "phone a friend." Congratulations go especially to Latia Hipwell whose poster won first prize; to Paul Locke, who won second prize and to Jamie Hickey whose poster was selected for third prize.

Success spread to the soccer field with a long awaited win last Friday going to our players. Well done team! Our juniors commence their Active After School Sports this week with gymnastics on Tuesdays and basketball on Thursdays for the next seven weeks. Notes have been sent home informing parents of the change of date for the Zone athletics. Wet weather forced the postponement to Friday, 10th August. Year 5/6 are practising their sporting and outdoor skills at the Myuna Bay Fitness Camp. Here the educational focus is on team building, social skills and developing independence, as well as physical education. I'm sure students will have lots of stories to tell on their return.

Mrs. Tickle was proud also of our **debating team** who worked diligently as always to prepare their high quality persuasive presentations. Although we didn't win, students continue to increase in skills and confidence in speaking publicly which is an all important life skill.

The Language Development Program is in its third week of operation and Mrs. Tickle reports that much important data about children's language, both oral and receptive is being gathered and analysed by Renee, our speech pathologist. Such data will be used to provide specialised programs to broaden the all important language program in the early years for all our junior students. A strong language base is integral to literacy success in the later years of primary schooling. We were very lucky to be selected for this worthwhile program. We would be grateful if parents could send in their payment for participation in the program if it has not already been done.

Education Week is being celebrated across the region this week but because of our attendance at Myuna Bay Camp, we have rescheduled our celebration for 22nd August. Our school has been nominated for several awards which were presented at the Dungog Community of Schools reception at Dungog High last night.

Preparations are well underway for our high profile **Art Carnival** to be held on 6th September. Brochures outlining the day and student choices have gone home to all families. The information has been distributed to schools across the region and places are filling fast. We encourage you to get your workshop choices in immediately to avoid disappointment. There is such a range of high quality visual arts experiences for children to choose from and Gresford children are all getting a discount through the Federal Government Drought Assistance Fund. We thank the organising committee and the Canteen Committee for their hard work and Xstrata Coal for their generous sponsorship.

Teacher professional learning this fortnight has been in the areas of programming and technology.

Kind regards,

Pauline

"Where words fail, music speaks."

Hans Christian Anderson

NEWS FLASH!

Education Week Announcement

Gresford Public School and staff have been selected for 3 prestigious awards for Education Week 2012. The first is a school award for our Technology Program. The citation reads: 'Gresford Public School has received this award for the innovative use of technology to support learning across all key learning areas.'

The second award is for Mrs. Esther Isaac for 'her untiring support of and dedication to the students and staff of Gresford Public School.'

The third award goes to Qendon Clibbon who, 'through his outstanding commitment to the promotion of the sport of Rhee Taekwondo in Gresford, has established a strong and viable weekly class which serves the youth and adults of the Gresford community.'

UNIFORM SHOP
AT
GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Open

Wednesday & Friday

9.00am to 10.00am

Summer Uniforms

Girls Summer Tunic - $45

Polo Shirt Short Sleeve with logo - $15

Girls Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeve - $15

Boys Short Sleeve Button Up Shirt - $15

Boys Green Gabardine Cargo Pants Long - $15

Girls Green Gabardine Skort - $15

Winter Uniforms

Girls Winter Tunic - $45

Green Track Pants with reinforced knee (unisex) - $18

Polar Fleece Vest Green - $15

Fleecy Zip Jacket in Green (Tracksuit Fabric) - $20

Micro Polar Fleece Zip Up Jacket (Polyester mesh lining) - $25

Girls Green Winter Stocking Tights - $10

Second hand clothes gold coin donation.

P & C meeting

Friday 17th August

10.00am

Why not come along and share your ideas? We would love to hear them!

Values Awards

Jack Laurie

Kiara Quirk

Kaitlin Horn

Hannah Redhouse

MERIT AWARDS

K/1	Taylah Joliffe
	Noah Street
2/3	Claire Lawrence
4/5/6	Acelyn Towers-Brown
	Courtney Lawrence

Library Award

Kaitlin Horn

&

Claire Lawrence

Latia Hipwell

Kayden Atkins

Mia Quirk

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 2012

Thursday 2nd	- 5/6 return from Myuna Bay
Thursday 16th	- Whole School Excursion to Dungog - Science in the Street
Friday 17th	- P & C meeting 10.00am start
Wednesday 22nd	- School Open Day and Book Fair - Dress up as your favourite Champion
Wednesday 29th	- Newcastle Permanent Maths test

SEPTEMBER 2012

Thursday 6th	**- Create Art Carnival**
Thursday 13th	**- Talent Quest with Lara residents**
Thursday 20th	**- Olympic Day at Dungog**
Friday 21st	**- Last day Term 3**

ALL STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER

For Sale by Tender

1 Wall Air Conditioner

Put an offer in an envelope with your name and amount. Send into the school office by 16th August

Breakfast Club

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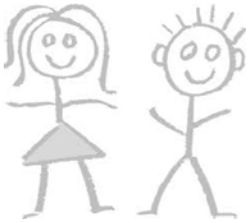
Gresford Public School thanks our volunteers and sponsors.
Breakfast available every morning for a gold coin donation.

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 by ringing 4938 9304.

Supervised creative learning.
Fun and games for all ages.