



## Gresford Public School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

Welcome to **National Science Week at Gresford School**. Science plays a prominent part in our school curriculum here at Gresford where the children enjoy the excellent tutorage of Dr. Lesley Wright and the enthusiasm of their teachers. Our junior scientists have been busy today demonstrating to the Dungog Community, their knowledge of a wide range of scientific disciplines ranging from sapphire hunts to microscopic creatures, robotics, chicken raising and the structure of DNA. They have been speaking with real knowledge to the general public about measuring Ph levels, genetics and the wonders of electricity. These demonstrations and more will be repeated on our Education Week Open Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Well done Gresford scientists!

Well done also to our representatives in the **Maitland District Public Speaking Competition**. Hard work has gone in to the preparation of lively speeches and our students have been well coached for the task.

On the sporting field, we have had some Olympic efforts from our athletics representatives who competed at the **zone finals** last Friday. Performing with credit were Mia Quirk and Sharneakia Norkia. Our senior students also performed with skill and courage at our recent **Myuna Bay Fitness Camp**. They were set some

physically and mentally challenging tasks which they took on in great spirit. Their behaviour was excellent which made the camp experience a pleasure for all.

Thanks to all parents who have booked **Three Way Conferences**. These provide an important opportunity to share knowledge about children's progress and to discuss achievements or concerns by students, parents or teachers.

The next big occasion is our **Education Week Open Day** which is also a celebration of Book Week and National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Please come along if you are able on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 10 am to visit our Book Fair, talk to students about their science displays and see our parade of Book Week Champions.

This week draws to an end the service of **Mr. Mike McClure**, our congregational minister who has tirelessly presented Special Religious Education to our students for many years. We thank Mike and his wife Rhonda for their ministry here in Gresford and wish them well in their retirement which is sure to be busy and family orientated.

**Thanks to all Kinder/Y1/Y2 parents** who have sent in their money for the Language Development Program. We would appreciate settlement of outstanding amounts as limited school funds are being used to cover program costs. Be sure to send in **Art Carnival choices and**

**money this week** at the latest to allow workshop organisation to proceed.

**Professional learning** for teachers this fortnight has included learning support, robotics and administration.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"Winning isn't everything  
but wanting to win is."*



### Kindergarten



Gresford  
Public School  
is now open  
for  
Kindergarten  
enrolments for  
2013

If you know of anyone who would like their child to start school next year could you ask them to please ring the school on 4938 9304 or drop into the office.



## Zone Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all Gresford Public School students who competed with confidence and skill at the Zone Public Speaking heats held throughout this week at various venues in the district.

We were represented by:

Early Stage 1:	Sam Hartigan & Charlize Tucker
Stage 1:	Katharina Lawrence & Jada Laurie
Stage 2:	Claire Lawrence & Latia Hipwell
Stage 3:	Elizabeth Challinor & Courtney Lawrence

We are very proud of Latia Hipwell who has been selected to compete in the Stage 2 final to be held at Grahamstown Public School on Tuesday 21st August. Good luck to you, Latia!

Stage 3 heats are being held Thursday 16th August so we will inform you of the results in the next newsletter. Good luck Elizabeth & Courtney! Special thanks to all parents who provided transport and support to their children throughout the competition.

## Soccer Report

Gresford has now qualified to play in the next round of the Small Schools Soccer Knockout. A fantastic two games played against Mt Pleasant and Wyong Creek Public School, where Gresford comfortably won both games without letting a goal past.

There was some exceptional defense from Paul Locke, Michael Challinor and Will Shooobridge. Other mentions should go to Charlotte Wrigley, scoring her first goal in soccer, Charlie Hojer and Jamie Hickey, who provided great attack.

Well done on a great team effort Gresford!!

Our next game is at Gresford on 30th August against Peat's Ridge. If we win this game we will play Wallabadah on the same day to book a place in the finals in Sydney.

Good Luck!



## P & C meeting

Friday 17th August  
10.00am

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

## Zone Athletics Update

A great day at the Zone Athletics in Maitland last Friday. All students involved behaved exceptionally well and were very competitive in their events.

Mia Quirk and Sharneakia Nikora ran beautifully in their 100 and 200 metre sprints to get to the finals. They both finished around the middle of the field in the finals but were not far off the winning runners. Well done Gresford!





## Values Awards

Ella Osmond  
Aaron Andrews  
Katharina Lawrence  
Claire Lawrence  
Shakiah Towers-Brown



## MERIT AWARDS

K/1

Ozzy Towers-Brown  
Charlize Tucker

2/3

Jack Hodges  
Leila O'Connor  
Alysha Cowley

4/5/6

Jamie Hickey  
Saban Bevan Moon  
Paul Locke  
Jake Edwards



## Library Award

None  
given



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## AUGUST 2012

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| 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

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| 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**

## ***Year 6 Fundraiser***

Come dressed as your  
favourite character on  
Wednesday 22nd August

Gold coin donation.



**Breakfast Club**

*Kellogg's*

*Bakers Delight*  
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School thanks our  
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gold coin donation.



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## **Come one come all to the Gresford Public School Book Fair**

**Parents, grandparents and  
anyone who loves books.**

**You are all invited to join the students and teachers for our  
annual Book Fair held in the library  
from 11am to 12pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.**

On sale are some bargain priced, quality books.  
Prices start from only \$6.00.

Children will have the opportunity to come to the library before  
Wednesday to browse through the books available. Children are  
encouraged to complete a "wish list" of books and bring this home to  
discuss with parents. We have suggested to children that they offer to  
do some extra jobs at home to  
earn pocket money to buy their books.

**Books are available for purchase on Wednesday only.**

We have EFTPOS facilities but cash or cheque is the preferred  
method of payment.

**Hope to see you all there, dressed as your favourite character to  
support the Year 6 fundraiser.**