



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Our term is rushing by with many important educational occasions and celebrations happening in such a short time frame. Last newsletter was National Science Week and this week is **National Literacy and Numeracy Week**. Having celebrated Book Week and Education Week last week, we are celebrating literacy and numeracy in our classrooms which we do on a daily basis.

Many thanks to all parents, relatives and friends who visited our school last week for our **Open Day**. We had a wonderful roll up and children were delighted to share their science knowledge with such an appreciative audience. Our school was congratulated in the regional electronic newsletter by the Regional Director, Mr. Frank Potter for our **National Science Week initiative**. Following is an extract from his message: "Congratulations to Pauline Mitchell and staff at Gresford Public School who have secured one of 38 grants Australia-wide to take science to the streets as part of National Science Week. The event took place on 16 August in partnership with Dungog High School and involved 110 students and teachers, as well as local scientists, setting up shopfronts in Dungog's main street to demonstrate a range of science experiments and techniques to visiting school students and members of the public. Gresford Public School has been assisted in

this by Dr Lesley Wright, a scientist in residence at the school who volunteers her time through the CSIRO Scientists in Schools program.

We are also grateful for the purchases made by families and friends at our **Book Fair**. Total sales were \$1600.00 with a commission of \$480 from this coming to the school in the form of books for the Library. Well done to all our Book Week Champions who identified their own champions and came to school dressed accordingly. This fitted well with the theme of this year's Book Week, "**Champions Read**." We also took the opportunity to personally congratulate our Education Week Award winners, Esther Isaac and Qendon Clibbon for their outstanding service to the children of Gresford and to recognise our school award for our Learning Through Technology Program.

Congratulations are also in order for our public speaking representatives who received **Highly Commended Awards**. In Stage 2 we had such an award going to Latia Hipwell and in Stage 3, Courtney Lawrence. Our debaters are again preparing for their next debate and are excited about their topic that children should read for 20 minutes a day. Gresford students are the negative which will be children should read for more than 20 minutes a day.

Another Gresford star is Sharneakia Nikora who qualified

for the Regional Athletics Finals. Sharneakia will be competing in the 100 metre sprint and we wish her the best of luck. Good luck also to our soccer players who have made it through to the next round of the small schools soccer competition. They are playing Peats Ridge today here at Gresford.

K/1 children were the stars at the Lara Nursing Home last week when they visited to entertain and share with the residents. Children sang some old favourites and shared reading with their Lara friends. The residents will be visiting the school on 13th September for our annual talent quest where they will share morning tea with the children and then enjoy their performances.

Plans are almost complete for our **Art Carnival** and we are expecting an exciting day of creativity and fun. We have 130 children attending from 8 schools in the area and we are very grateful to the organising committee and the generous artists who are sharing their time and expertise to extend and enrich the learning of our children. Please return fees for this day if you have not already done so.

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has been in the areas of leadership and policy making. Kind regards,

Pauline

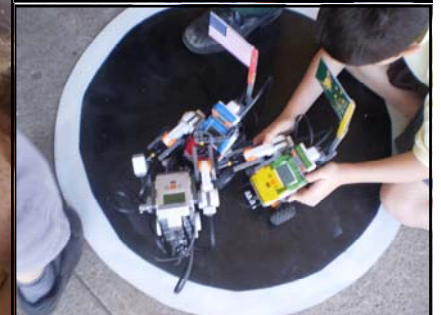
"Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power and influence."

STOP PRESS ...STOP PRESS....

We have just been advised by the Department that as a result of the Priority Schools Program surveys that all families filled in earlier in the year, we have qualified for extra funding and staffing allocation for 2013. This is wonderful news and we thank all parents for filling out survey forms. Unfortunately however, with changed financial structuring which the Department is undergoing, this extra support is for 2013 only. We will be advised as to how extra support could be offered after 2013.



SCIENCE IN THE STREETS



Book Week Parade





Values Awards

Tess Hartigan
Jayden Street
Saben Bevan-Moon
Claire Lawrence
Amber Smith



MERIT AWARDS

K/1

William Mitchell
Emily Dent

2/3

Jack Hodges
Bryce Chapple

4/5/6

Latia Hipwell
Clare Richardson



Library Award

Michael
Challinor



Courtney Lawrence
Sam Hartigan
Jack Laurie
Kayden Atkins

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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**

School Uniform Shop

**Open
Every
Wednesday
&
Friday
9.00am
to
10.00am**

Breakfast Club

Proudly brought to
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Kellogg's

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We're for real.

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What can we do for you today?

Gresford Public
School thanks our
volunteers and
sponsors.

Breakfast available
every morning for a
gold coin donation.

coles
Save everyday



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.