



Gresford Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2013.

Be on the lookout for these every fortnight, sent home on Thursdays with the youngest child. Our newsletter also appears on the school website, so if you mislay your copy you can look it up on the Internet as you can with most things these days. The school website has lots of information about school including proformas for absent notes, pictures of school life, P&C news, canteen menus and much, much more. Please check for notes from your child each Thursday as we try to send home most notifications on Thursdays. Notes sent home on blue paper usually require a response from parents, to be sent back to school. We like to keep you informed.

Notes have gone home for **swimming** and we need final numbers by tomorrow. Money can be sent in later but the numbers attending must be finalised this week. This is such an inexpensive way to give your child a life preserving skill as well as many fun and safe experiences around water. As always, student assistance is available for families needing financial support for educational programs. Please contact myself or Mrs. Jasper should this be the case.

Our new **Kinder students** are enjoying their first days at school and look delightful in their new uniforms. It is wonderful to have a full class of Kinder students. Our whole school looks great with students all neatly attired in school uniform. Please ensure all articles of clothing are labelled as we have had some lost property already.

Teachers have scheduled time slots next

Tuesday, 12th February for **parent/teacher meetings**. Mr. Taylor will be available to meet with parents of his class at 3.30 pm; Mrs. Tickle at 4 pm for Kindergarten and myself at 4.30 for the students in Years 4/5/6. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to gain an understanding of the curriculum content for the year, class routines and requirements and special events throughout the year. There will be opportunities to ask questions and clarify information. Should this time be unsuitable, please contact the teacher to arrange an alternative.

Recent floods and fires in our country have highlighted the huge role volunteers play in our country. At our school we depend on our volunteers to support children's learning in so many ways. We certainly could not deliver the quality of education that we do without the generosity of volunteer parents, relatives and community members. Again we are seeking those wonderful people to support our canteen, P&C, Breakfast Club and reading programs. If you can spare time on a weekly, fortnightly, monthly or on a term basis for any of these initiatives we would love to hear from you. **Please phone the school to volunteer for any of the above.**

Another great initiative at our school is the **After School Care Program**. This operated successfully last year and provides a friendly child care service where children are offered afternoon tea, homework assistance, fitness activities and games, craft and educational play experiences. The

service operates here at school from 3-6 pm and is currently available on Mondays and Tuesdays. Should the demand be there, the days could be extended. Places are now available on a regular or casual basis. Please phone the school if you would like a placement. These can be made on a daily basis should the need arise.

Special religious education begins tomorrow with more dedicated volunteers presenting a well structured program. We encourage attendance at these classes.

We hope to commence **Active After School Sport** next week subject to the availability of facilitators. Chosen sports for this term are netball and hockey and the primary students will be involved with these sports this term and the infants program will be delivered in Term 2. The program is funded federally and enables us to engage expert facilitators to present specialised coaching and skill development. These sessions will be presented on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1.45 to 2.45.

Have a great year with your children at our wonderful, little school.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"If you think education
is expensive-
try ignorance."*

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 12th - Parent Information Afternoon - 1/2/3 - 3.30pm
K - 4.00pm
4/5/6 - 4.30pm

Friday 15th - P & C / A.G.M. 10.00am start
- Tucker Box Red Day

Monday 18th - Swim School begins

MARCH

Friday 1st - Swim School finishes

Friday 8th - Gresford Show

Friday 15th - P & C meeting
- Anti Bullying Day National Day of Action

Friday 22nd - Easter Service

Gresford Public School After School Care Service

Welcome back everyone and a big hello to our new families!

As most of you know my name is Tammy Crouch and I am the supervisor of Gresford After School Care Service. This service was successfully used last year and we are running it again this year. At this point I would like to stress the fact that if the numbers decline this service won't be able to run. The aim of this service is to provide care for your child/children whether it be to help out families that have work commitments, study commitments, waiting for Rhee Taekwondo or just simply got held up in town or at appointments.

This service runs Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3pm to 6pm (which is situated in the kindergarten room) for a small fee and afternoon tea is provided. You only pay for the days that your child/children attend. The fee structure is as follows:

* 1 hour - \$7.00 per child	* 1 1/2 hours - \$10.00 per child	* 2 hours - \$14.00 per child
* 2 1/2 hours - \$17.00 per child	* 3 hours - \$20.00 per child	

**Please note as I have my carer's number the receipt that I give you can be partially claimed back when you do your tax.

The program that I try to stick to (with a little room to move as numbers fluctuate) is have a game with the late bus children. We then go up to the canteen for afternoon tea which consists of fresh fruit, water/juice or milo, then a special of the day which could be a sweet or savoury treat. I then take them to the classroom to do 15 minutes of homework or quiet reading. When they have finished I then let them have free time which can be puzzles, board games, dress ups, craft activity or small amount of time on the computers. Within this free time period I also can get children organised and ready to walk down to Rhee Taekwondo.

I hope this information has given you all an insight into what this service can provide. If you have any further questions or would like to use the service please don't hesitate to call either the school on 49389304 or myself on 49389101 as there is a small enrolment form to fill out (this form is only for my use as I will need access to contact numbers in case of an emergency).

Looking forward to speaking with you.

Tammy Crouch



PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB INC.

ABN: 43 068 160 573

P.O. Box 136

Paterson N.S.W. 2421

2013 Netball Registration

WHERE: Paterson School of Arts Hall

WHEN: Saturday 2nd February 10am to 12noon

Wednesday 6th February from 3.30-5.30pm.

Saturday 9th February 10am to 12noon

New Players and Teams welcomed

Paterson River Netball Club

For more information please contact Sue on 0429385442

OR Shona on 49385563

VACY AND GRESFORD DANCE CENTRE

Vacy School of Arts
Gresford School of Arts

CLASSES AVAILABLE:

Jazz Tap Ballet
Gymnastics Hip-Hop
Cheerleading Zumba
For all enquires contact Brooke Holz
Phone: 0437354577
Email: brookedance@bigpond.com



Local "guru" Donna Cavanough has been a yoga lover for nearly 25 years and a teacher for 13. She teaches in a relaxed, cheerful but focused way. She uses props (mats, blankets, bolsters and blocks) to help each student access each yoga posture to the best of their ability. Donna has students in their 70s and 80s practising in Gresford – and the class has nearly as many men as women.

When: Tuesdays 10.30am-noon during term time.

Also Tuesday evenings ring Donna for time

Where: Games room at the Dungog RSL.

Cost: Casual classes \$17/class. Term \$15/14 student per class (price to be confirmed).

What to wear: Comfortable stretchy clothing (tracksuits are quite good). All equipment is provided but you can bring your own yoga mat and equipment if you wish.

Rating: *For beginners or those wanting to consolidate. Perfect if you're not sure but want to give it a serious go.*



Good Listener Award

Chelsea Abra
Latia Hipwell



MERIT AWARDS

K

Rose Kelehear
Harrison Sellens

1/2/3

Taylor Joliffe



SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Juvenile ~ Ryan Creak

Junior ~ Kayden Atkins

Senior ~ Riley Atkins

