

## GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

Our term is fast drawing to a close as Easter and the Autumn holidays approach. We have as always, had a busy start to the year. There has been excellent learning happening in and beyond the classrooms and we are planning for another great term coming up.

Our **school cross country** is scheduled for next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00. Parents are most welcome to attend and form a cheer squad. We have been encouraging children to practise as the distances for each age group are quite long.

Don't forget our **'Tucker Box' special day** to celebrate Easter on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Decorated lunch bags are encouraged again with the canteen awarding prizes. The P&C have kindly offered prizes for the **Easter Hat Parade**, organised by Year 6 Fund Raising Committee. The parade will commence at 10.30 and children may come out of uniform. There will be a gold coin entry to support the Year 6 end of year gift to the school. We have very creative canteen co-ordinators who give of their time willingly to make the canteen an interesting and healthy place. Thank you, Sylvia and Kristy and your willing band of workers. We have had a great response for canteen volunteers this year, so much so that the **canteen will now run on Wednesdays and Fridays for the entire term** rather than closing for the first and last week of term as has been the case previously. The canteen raises much needed funds to support learning across the school.

Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a dynamic video conference last week to support their study of the stars and planets. We carried out a range of experiments and even launched a rocket in the classroom. We have another coming up on 27<sup>th</sup> March where we will be learning more about invertebrates. Year 6 students were treated to an excellent excursion to the Fairfax Printing Press and the Maitland Mercury offices last week to learn about the work of journalists and newspaper production. Many thanks to Julie Hartigan whose contacts allowed us access to all stages of the printing process.

We welcome back Mrs. Jasper after her holiday and thank Nicole Carter for filling in so capably. Also thanks to Tammy Crouch who did an excellent job in the classrooms supporting student learning.

**Rhee Taekwondo** is still in need of students to maintain the class here at Gresford. If the numbers drop the class may have to fold which would be a great disappointment. Another class is being planned for Dungog so students may attend an additional class at no extra cost.

**Teacher professional learning** this fortnight has been in the areas of behaviour management and the new national curriculum.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?"*

### Dates For Your Diary

#### March

- Fri 22 ~ Easter Service
- Mon 25 ~ Young Leaders Conference  
School Captains only
- Tue 26 ~ School Cross Country
- Wed 27 ~ Tucker Box special day
- Fri 29 ~ Good Friday

#### April

- Mon 1 ~ Easter Monday
- Thu 4 ~ Zone Cross Country
- Fri 12 ~ Last Day Term One

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to all our Breakfast Club helpers. The children really appreciate all of your time and effort to ensuring every child has breakfast.

### Gresford Public School P & C

#### Trivia Night

Saturday 11th May 2013

Tables of 8 - \$10 per person  
\$80 per table

Phone Angela Kelehear to book  
your table on 4931 7196

# Awards

## Values



**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
**T**eamwork  
**S**ustainability  
**S**ervice

**William Craig**  
**Joey Galvin**  
**Ella Osmond**  
**Jack Laurie**  
**Kiara Quirk**  
**Hannah Redhouse**

## School Merits

**K - Darcy Locke & Bailey Conn**

**1/2/3 - Brodie Huckstadt & Cermon Jupp**

**4/5/6 - Jake Hipwell & Jack Hodges**

## Good Listener Award

**Billy Huckstadt**  
**Shakiah Towers-Brown**  
**Josie Hodges**  
**Alysha Cowley**



## Spelling Champions

**Leila O'Connor**  
**Jamie Hickey**  
**Alysha Cowley**  
**Michaela Lawrence**

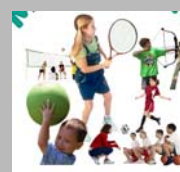
## LIBRARY AWARD

**Elizabeth Challinor**  
**&**  
**Teigha Bevan**



## Sports Person of the Week

**Juvenile ~ Harrison Sellens & Jake Cropp**  
**Junior ~ Leila O'Connor & Jada Laurie**  
**Senior ~ Hannah Redhouse & Jamie Hickey**



## ***The Tucker Box News***

We have some very exciting news! The canteen will now be open the first week and last week of the term. This will start in Term 2! We have had so much support from our volunteers that is now possible. An enormous thank you goes out to you all.

The new roster for Term 2 is now being worked on so if any of you would like to offer your time as a canteen volunteer please call Sylvia Lawrence on 49317145 or 0427281172. If there are any changes you current volunteers need to make please also give Sylvia a call. Otherwise the days and number of days you previously nominated will apply for Term 2.

Our Easter Day is coming up on Wednesday 27 March, so make sure all your beautifully decorated lunch bags have been brought in by this Friday. We also look forward to seeing you all in your Easter Hats for the Year 6 Parade. It will sure to be a fun day.

Look out for the new Winter Menu later this term. Sylvia and myself travelled down to Sydney on Tuesday for Canteen Expo. We had a great day and we will be adding some tasty canteen approved items we came across so we hope you enjoy them.

Happy and Healthy goodbyes

Sylvia and Kristy

Please note there will be no canteen last week of Term 1.

## ***Fun with Newspapers!!***

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, the Year Six pupils participated in an excursion to the Fairfax Printing Press at Beresfield and the Maitland Mercury office.

The printing press had a series of different important rooms. We saw the large printer that is able to print 30,000 copies at maximum speed and 13,000 papers get printed in just 30 minutes at the most. There are 32 different papers and 1.5 million copies per week.

Some of the other important rooms were the plate rooms which use 5,000 plates a week, the ink room which stores the ink in the 4 main colours which are cyan, magenta, yellow and black.

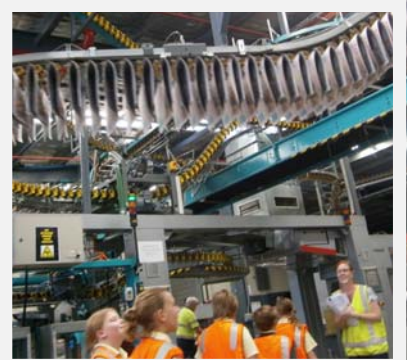
The storage room was also very important and had the biggest rolls of paper we had ever seen from the floor to the ceiling. One roll of paper would weigh the same as a small family car. Overall, everyone had great fun at the printing press.

We also went to the Maitland Mercury Office and were greeted by editor of the Mercury, Liz Tickner. While at the office a reporter interviewed us about our experience at the printing press. Later we created our very own page in this week's paper. Our photograph and article are in this week's paper.

We were taught about reporting and interviewing people and how we get the end product. It's a long process but it's all worth it in the end.

Special thanks to Ms. Hartigan for organising a great excursion for us.

Written By: Clare and Kiara





## Community Announcements

### GRESFORD CWA NEWS.....

**Date for your diary** - **Gresford CWA** will be holding its International Day Celebration on *Tuesday, May 28, 2013*. Our country of study is the Kingdom of Morocco. Our celebration has Cultural, Ag\Environmental and Handicraft Displays and includes the Gresford School, "Kingdom of Morocco" project entries. Come and enjoy our Moroccan Luncheon, \$13.00 per person. RSVP by May 18 to Marie Loveridge on 49389441 or [loveridge.lmarie@gmail.com](mailto:loveridge.lmarie@gmail.com)

**Craft Open House.** Following our monthly meetings (held the 1st Thursday of each month) and commencing Thursday, April 4 at 1.00pm we will be holding a Craft Open House afternoon and everyone is welcome. There is no charge. We have some very talented ladies who are willing to share their skills - knitting, felting, needle work, crocheting to name a few. So, whether you are a novice, an expert, someone willing to teach a skill or if would just like some company for an hour or so we invite you to join us. For more information contact our Secretary, Marie Loveridge on 49 389441 or go to our website <http://gresfordcwa.wordpress.com> Tea and coffee available.

Many thanks,  
Jill Hancock  
Publicity Officer

### Bicycle Safety Visit



### Gresford Show Visit

