

GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome to our last newsletter for the Term. Congratulations to all students who have worked hard throughout the term and special congratulations to Kindergarten for settling so well to school routine. Welcome back to Mrs. Tickle after her leave and her broken toe. I'm sure Kindergarten missed her. Miss McAlister did an excellent job in her absence.

Our Hat Parade, organised by Year 6 was a spectacle with hats of many shapes, sizes and colours. Thanks to parents and the P&C for being involved. A sum of \$48.00 was raised for the Year 6 farewell gift to the school. See list of prize winners further on in newsletter.

Our school captains travelled to Sydney last week with Mrs. Tickle to attend the **Young Leaders' Conference**. Both captains learnt much from the experience and were inspired by the speakers who were proven young leaders themselves.

It has been a busy time for **sport** across the school with all classes completing their Active After School Sport for the term which has been netball and hockey for the older students and soccer for the infants children. We had excellent facilitators in Rachel Homan, Ros Lawrence and Mr. Taylor, who delivered the soccer lessons. Next term Kindergarten to Year 2 will learn the basics of both netball and hockey and the primary students will practise their soccer skills. Our school cross country was a well contested event with many brave and fit runners. Our school representative team will compete at Zone level today. We wish them good luck. Our cricket team all played well against Paterson in the Reg Kelly Shield. We didn't record a win but had fun and good team spirit was displayed. Congratulations to those students who played cricket for the first time.

Yesterday we had a routine **evacuation practice** and all students followed instructions well. It is important that we carry out these regularly and in different situations so that our response is quick and efficient.

Next term our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit for the **NAPLAN tests** on 14th, 15th and 16th of May. A note has gone home to parents of children in these classes to give further information. Classes have been practising test situations throughout this term and will continue to do so in the time leading up to the tests.

Next Friday marks our school's commemoration of **ANZAC Day**. Classes have been studying the significance of this important day and we are lucky to be having a Vietnam veteran, Mr. John Casey delivering the address. Our prefects will run the ceremony which commences at 10.30 on Friday, 12th April and parents are most welcome to attend. We would be grateful if children could bring flowers for wreaths which we will lay. We encourage as many children as possible to attend the official Gresford commemoration which leaves Everett's garage at 10.30 am on 25th April. Children should wear their uniforms and will be marching to the cenotaph.

At this week's assembly we will be presenting our **SRC representatives** with their badges and our **new prefect**, Chloe Huckstadt with her badge. If you are a parent of one of these children, we cordially invite you to this assembly. Assemblies commence at 12.50.

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has been in the areas of behaviour management and leadership.

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Dates For Your Diary

April

Thu 4 ~ Zone Cross Country

Fri 5 ~ SRC Badges at Assembly

Fri 12 ~ Last Day Term One

Mon 29 ~ Staff Development Day

Tue 30 ~ Staff Development Day

May

Wed 1 ~ All Students return

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

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"The worst thing about house work is that whatever you do is destroyed,
laid waste or eaten within 24 hours."*

Awards

Values



Respect
Integrity
Teamwork
Sustainability
Service

Jack Lawson
Jada Laurie
Amy Creak

School Merits

K - Aleshia Seach

1/2/3 - Sam Hartigan

4/5/6 - Elizabeth Challinor

Good Listener Award

Billy Huckstadt

&

Chloe Huckstadt



Spelling Champions

Liza Kelehear

&

Zhane Duncan

LIBRARY AWARD

Katherine Lawrence



Sports Person of the Week

Juvenile ~

Junior ~ Leila O'Conner

Senior ~ Latia Hipwell



Easter Hat Parade

Prize Winners:

Juvenile

1st Prize: Bailey Conn

2nd Prize: Jake Cropp

Consolation Prize: Teigha Bevan

Junior

1st Prize: Jada Laurie

2nd Prize: Charlize Tucker

Consolation Prize: Cameron Jupp

Senior

1st Prize: Shaelyn Crouch

2nd Prize: Hannah Redhouse

Consolation Prize: Michael Challinor



Tucker Box News

What a successful Easter Day we had at the canteen. Thank you for all your beautifully decorated lunch bags and for all the orders we received that day. Congratulations to our prize winners; Clare Richardson, Mathilda Joliffe and Connor Seach. Look out for the Red Days next term, we have some fun ideas.

Please can you all have a look at home for canteen aprons, we have a few missing. If they could be sent back into school, that would be greatly appreciated.

The new **Canteen Menu for Term 2** and **new roster** is out now. Any queries or changes please contact us, thank you. We have included a few new items on the menu, we hope you will try them in Term 2. We will hold a tasting day first day back for you to try some of the new things as well.

Canteen will be open the **first and last week of Term 2** because of the great response we have had for volunteers. First day of canteen will be the **1st May**. We hope to see lots of orders!
Please note there is no canteen next week.

Looking forward to all new and fun things next term.

Sylvia and Kristy

Total Field Days Celebrates 30 Years with Big Farming Displays and Family Fun

Total Field Days celebrates 30 years in 2013 with an exciting line up of activities and events. From Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May, visitors to Total Field Days can experience piglet races, taste local food and wine, learn new skills with a number of farming demonstrations and enjoy a variety of entertainment.

Two of the main features at the 2013 event will be *Dairy* and *Innovations in Agriculture*. Visitors will be able to taste, see, smell and touch all things dairy at the Department of Primary Industries Marquee and have the opportunity to make a milkshake with the Pedal Powered Milkshake Maker. Innovations that make farming life more efficient are always a welcome feature at Total Field Days and this year will not disappoint with a number of displays and presentations that will educate visitors about new ways of farming and agricultural practices.

With the latest innovations for the rural sector as well as country hospitality and entertainment, the 2013 Total Field Days will be a big event in its 30th year. Entry is \$12 for seniors and \$17 for adults, kids under 16 accompanied by a paying adult can enter for free. Visit www.tocalfielddays.com for more information.

Maitland City Library April Holiday Fun ~ Investigate your world

Microcosmic! Bug and spider stories, games and activities. Wednesday 17 April Rutherford Library. 11am – 12 pm. 5-8yrs Free.

Super Microcosmic! Discover rare insects and arachnids through a scavenger hunt and make your own magnifying glass to spot insects at home. Thursday 18 April Rutherford Library. 2 – 3 pm 9-12yrs Free.

Robot World - Learn robot stories and songs and then make a cool robot from recycled material. Friday 19 April. East Maitland Library. 11am -12pm 4-7yrs Free.

Create a nature journal. Channel your inner naturalist and make a journal to keep track of exciting changes in the seasons. Friday 19 April. Thornton Library. 10am - 12 pm. 9-14yrs Free.

Become an author – comic book style! Create a comic online and take it home to impress your friends and family! Saturday 20 April. Maitland Library. 12 – 1pm. 8 – 14 yrs Free.

Marvellous mummies – Ancient Egypt discovery workshop. Piece together ancient artefacts and create a take-home cartouche with your name written in hieroglyphs on real Egyptian papyrus!

Friday 26 April	Friday 26 April
Thornton Library	Rutherford Library
11 am – 12 pm	2 pm – 3 pm

Booking and payment for events is essential and can be made in person at any Maitland City Library branch, or by phoning 4933 6952.

CAPTURING DAIRYING IN THE HUNTER ~ Hunter Dairy Development Group's

Digital Photography Competition

Up to \$100 in prize money is up for grabs if taking photos of cows and all things dairy is your style. Your photos could be displayed at the upcoming Total Field Days (3rd, 4th & 5th May) as part of this year's "Dairy Feature". In an effort to promote and celebrate dairying in the Hunter Region the HDDG is running a competition with prize money in three categories:

Open – farmers, members of the general public ~ High School Students ~ Primary School Students

The HDDG is a farmer driven group conducting research and development in the interest of the local dairy industry with support from Dairy NSW. It covers an area from Tamworth to Dubbo and the Upper and Lower Hunter. Entries to be submitted by the 24th April 2013 and are limited to 2 images per person and are to be in .jpeg/jpg format. They can be emailed to hddg@pacific.net.au For further information, contact Sheena on 0427 434 412.