

## GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

**Welcome to Term 2.** Children have returned happily for another term of fun filled learning. We welcome back Dr. Wright this term also who has recovered from surgery and very keen to mentor the students in science again. We have some interesting things planned throughout the year in science learning with our first day with Dr. Wright being Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May.

As foreshadowed in previous newsletters, we are unfortunately having to close the **After School Care** service which the Anglican Church has so generously supported since its inception. It has been run on a not for profit basis but due to lack of patronage is no longer economically sustainable. **The last day for the service is Monday 13th May.** We thank Tammy for her excellent care of our children for the duration of the program.

Years 3 and 5 are preparing studiously for the **NAPLAN tests** which are scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May. Children are doing sample tests with their teachers in class and tests are being sent home for parents to assist children with. The main purpose for this is to familiarise children with the test situation which can be unnerving for some students. This test is only one test at one point in time and should be viewed by parents as one source of information about their child's learning. School reports present a fuller picture of progress.

If there any parents of Year 4 students wanting to inquire about placement for their child in the **Opportunity Class for Year 5 in 2014**, information is available on [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement/](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement/) Alternatively, inquiries may be made at the office.

Thanks to parents who brought their children to the **ANZAC march** last week. There was a very good roll up and the ceremony was enhanced by the singing which was led by Megan Edwards. Thanks also to Jake Edwards and Elizabeth Challinor who laid the wreath on behalf of the school.

A big congratulations goes to **Jamie Hickey** who attained his Rhee Taekwondo black belt last week. Jamie demonstrated great potential when he commenced classes here at school as part of the Active After School Sports Program. Through his talent, dedication and expert coaching from Qendon Clibbon our instructor, he has reached the highest achievement for a junior. Well done Jamie! These wonderful classes are also in danger of folding due to falling enrolments. If you are considering enrolling your child or participating yourself, you are welcome to observe a session on Monday afternoons. Rhee Taekwondo is our selected sport for the Active After School Program in Semester Two.

Our Student Representative Council is organising a fund raising event to benefit **Stewart House** which is a school for the students of NSW public schools who would benefit from a holiday in Sydney. It is financed entirely by the teachers and students of NSW public schools and relies on fund raisers such as the one the SRC is planning. Commencing next week, the SRC will be selling specially designed hand balls at \$3 each. It would be wonderful if we could sell one to each student. Stewart House donation envelopes are attached to this newsletter. Your support for this worthwhile education initiative would be much appreciated.

I will be taking a period of long service leave commencing in Week 4 until the end of term. Mrs. Dillon will be relieving in the principal position and Mr. Madigan will take Year 4/5/6 for the first 2 weeks and a new casual, Miss Collins will continue till the end of term. They will follow a program of learning left by me and will do an excellent job I feel sure.

**Professional learning** for staff for the first 2 days of term was spent on first aid training, science planning, learning support officer training and the new national English curriculum.

Have a great Term 2.

Kind regards,

Pauline

### Dates For Your Diary

#### May

Sat 11th ~ Trivia Night

Tue 14th ~ Naplan Yrs 3 & 5

Wed 15th ~ Naplan Yrs 3 & 5

Thu 16th ~ Naplan Yrs 3 & 5

Fri 17th ~ P & C meeting

Tue 28th ~ CWA Day

#### June

Mon 10th ~ Queens Birthday

Tue 18th ~ ICAS - Spelling & Writing

Fri 21st ~ P & C meeting

Wed 26th ~ Athletics Carnival

*"Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers."*

Alfred Lord Tennyson

# Awards

## Values



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

**Bailey Conn**  
**Amy Skolyszewski**  
**Shakiah Towers-Brown**  
**Daniel Craig**  
**Emily Dent**

## School Merits

**K - Ryan Creak**

**Jake Cropp**

**1/2/3 - Brodie Huckstadt**

**Tess Hartigan**

**4/5/6 - Liza Edwards**

**Chloe Huckstadt**

## Good Listener Award

**Billy Huckstadt**

**&**

**Sam Hartigan**



## Spelling Champions

**Kayden Atkins**

**Kiara Quirk**

**Bryce Chapple**

**Riley Atkins**

## LIBRARY AWARD

**Latia Hipwell**

**&**

**Jamie Hickey**



## Sports Person of the Week

**Juvenile ~ Jake Cropp & Taylah Joliffe**

**Junior ~ Alysha Cowley & Bailey Conn**

**Senior ~ Hamish Jupp & Kiara Quirk**



# Junior Black Belt in Rhee Taekwondo

by Jamie Hickey

A few years ago we had Rhee Taekwondo for Active After School Sports. That's when it all started.

We learnt how to do some techniques and I found it quite fun, especially when (we) I broke my first board doing a flying slide

I heard they were starting a Rhee Taekwondo class in Gresford so I signed up. My first promotion was at an action day a few years ago from white belt to yellow tip. Then at Gresford School of Arts I got promoted to yellow belt. That was a few months after my first promotion.

I got my next promotion to green tip at Paterson. I wasn't expecting that one! Then at another Active After School Sports session I was awarded my green belt. About two or three months later I got my blue tip. Then my next promotion was a lot harder because my pattern needed to be 75% perfect and I needed to break a board doing a side kick. I succeeded on it but it was a lot harder.

Then at another action day I got my brown tip. It was very hard especially for my next 3 promotions. For my brown belt, I needed to break a board doing a side kick and flying side kick.

My next promotion was to black tip which was the second hardest because Kwan Fang Nim Qendon could only promote one of the two brown belts which was Courtney and I and Courtney is very good but I still got it.

My final promotion was to my junior black belt which was my hardest one of all. I needed to know my pattern perfectly, break boards doing a side kick, back kick, flying side kick and a downwards chop. I did them all! Finally I had to do sparring for 15 minutes non stop against black belts. By the end I was exhausted. That's when World Master Chong Chul Rhee said I was promoted to black belt. I was really happy. I can't go for my next belt for 4 years when I'm 16 but it's worth it.



## Equity Debating Competition

Our debaters are currently getting ready for their first debate in the Equity Debating Competition (Hunter Central Coast). The topic is "That Antarctica should be left to the penguins". Gresford will take the affirmative side and will be debating against Muswellbrook South at Gresford. The date will be confirmed shortly but is anticipated to be in Week 3. We wish our debaters the best of luck!

# Community Announcements

**Bush Dancing** classes start tomorrow evening at the Baptist Hall, Mackay St Dungog (just behind the Mower Bloke) at 7.30pm. You can still book for the whole course of 6 sessions - all with a *Live* band and the enthusiastic energy of Planet Dungog!

We've had some enquiries about whether students can attend individual sessions or even go to say 4 out of the 6. The answer is, yes you can - it's \$12.50 a class for an adult, \$5 for a child. Just turn up at the door with the cash - and please be a little early if you're paying for a single session.

Do you know anyone who's been left behind by the "computer revolution"? It's never too late to climb on board. Please pass on news about our course **Getting Started With Computers**, starting 20 May.

There's also courses about termites, our major photography workshop, the RSA certificate, Seasonal Pizza (Autumn), MS Excel, Culture A Love Story (Musical Makeovers) - and Cooking Spicily With Amorelle at the end of the financial year. Jump onto the Dungog Community College website to find out more.

See you on the course!

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### At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 7-18 years

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

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TOMORROW ..**



*fun, friends,  
adventure*