

GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

This week concludes with the completion of NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5. Students have worked hard in the weeks leading up to the testing and results will be available in September. School assessments will take place in Weeks 6 and 7 with **reports issued in Week 3 of Term 3. Three Way conferences will be scheduled for Week 4 of Term 3.**

Active after School Sport has commenced with Kindergarten to Year 2 enjoying hockey and netball. The older children are practising their athletics skills in preparation for our carnival on 26th June.

Our debating team have been conscientiously preparing for their first debate of the year which is against Muswellbrook South Public School on 23rd May, here at school at 12 o'clock. Parents are most welcome. We have entered the Equity Debating Competition this year which is a knock out competition. We have also entered the Small Schools Debating Competition as usual. Good luck team!

Years 2-6 participated in an excellent **video conference** this week focusing on persuasive writing which is the writing style tested in NAPLAN tests. It certainly would have benefited those students doing the test the next day.

It was great to **welcome back Dr. Wright** to our school this week. She made a very big impact with students for her first lessons with children learning about temperature and freezing points through making ice cream. It was a great hit.

Senior students are busy working on their projects for the CWA and are designing their Moroccan lanterns to display at the **CWA International Day** on 28th May. Posters will be collected at school on 23rd May.

Congratulations to the P&C for their organisation of the Trivia Night last Saturday. It was a fun filled night and much needed funds were raised for the school. Please consider attending the P&C meeting tomorrow at 10 am where hard working parents assist in improving student learning outcomes by providing extra resources and services, and having direct input into school directions. All welcome!

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has focused on the implementation of the new national English curriculum, learning assistance and behaviour management.

This will be my last newsletter for the term as I will be on long service leave. Mrs. Dillon will capably lead the school in my absence. **Have a great term, I will!**

Kind regards,

Pauline

"Humour is mankind's greatest blessing."

Mark Twain

Dates For Your Diary

May

Fri 17th ~ P & C meeting

Fri 24th ~ Walk Safely to
School Day

Tue 28th ~ CWA Day

June

Mon 10th ~ Queens Birthday

Tue 18th ~ ICAS - Spelling &
Writing

Musica Viva

Fri 21st ~ P & C meeting

Wed 26th ~ Athletics Carnival

Fri 28th ~ Last Day of Term 2

P & C

Meeting

Tomorrow 17th May

10.00am

All welcome!

School's Athletic Carnival

Wednesday 26th June

Gresford Sporting Complex

9.00am start

Awards

Values



Respect
Integrity
Teamwork
Sustainability
Service

Jake Cropp
Kaitlin Horn
Chloe Huckstadt
Aleshia Seach
Katharina Lawrence
Zhane Duncan

School Merits

K - Bailey Conn

Mary Briggs

1/2/3 - Amber Smith

Jack Laurie

4/5/6 - Shaelyn Crouch

Jamie Hickey

Good Listener Award

Darcy Locke

&

Hamish Jupp



Spelling Champions

Katharina Lawrence

Sharneakia Nikora

Jake Hipwell

Kayden Atkins

LIBRARY AWARD

Ryan Creak

&

Chloe Huckstadt

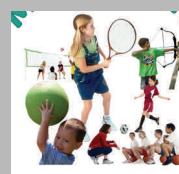


Sports Person of the Week

Juvenile ~ Ryan Creak

Junior ~ Katharina Lawrence

Senior ~ Daniel Seach



OUR BREAKFAST CLUB IS A SUCCESS!



School Hens

A huge thank you to Jason Locke for his fine building efforts in creating an extension for our school hens. They now have a much larger area in which they can roam and have settled in well.

Thank you also, to the families who provided building materials for the extension.

Students are enjoying giving their fruit scraps to the hens from their Crunch and Sip Sessions.



Community Announcements

LITTLE ATHLETICS IN DUNGOG

AGM meeting

Dungog RSL Club Dungog

Wednesday 22nd May 2013

6.00pm

Membership fee is \$5.00 (to vote)

Any more information

Ph:02 49923999 or 042171776

Or email on t.a.z@bigpond.com.au

DUNGOG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Musical Makeovers with Zana Rose & Jenna Murphy

Get a ringside seat on the creative process as musicians Zana Rose and Jenna Murphy pull apart and reassemble songs in this engrossing performance/talk.

Discover the tools used by accomplished 21st century musicians and hear their own musical story.

Witness and join in the process.

It should be a real ear – opener!

6.15 for 6.30pm start.

Thursday 30th May at the Settlers Arms Dungog.

Tickets \$27/22 Students \$13

Thanks to Dungog Lions Club. Yummy food and drink available at venue.

Book at www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au

Keeping safe from Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes in Australia are mostly active in the evening (dusk) or early morning. Here are some ideas to help stop you becoming a 'moszie' meal!

- ◆ Avoid outdoor activity around dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- ◆ Put on insect repellent before you go out - don't forget your feet and ankles or the back of your neck (the best repellents contain at least 20% DEET or Picaridin)
- ◆ Wear light-coloured clothes that cover most of you (loose clothes are best, as mosquitoes can bite through tight jeans!)
- ◆ Ask an adult to burn a moszie coil or special citrus candle to keep the mozzies away
- ◆ Do not sit near still waterMozzie-proof your home with properly fitted flyscreens on your doors and windows

- ◆ When mosquitoes are present, spray an acceptable effective aerosol underneath beds, behind furniture and other dark places before you go to bed, and close the door for a while. Make sure that any 'moszies' have been well and truly dealt with before you go to bed!