

GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through this term. We wish Mrs Mitchell well on her well- deserved long service leave and we thank Mr Ken Sharkey who taught Year 4/5/6 last week and this week. We will welcome Ms Rebecca Collins next week who will teach the class for the remainder of the term.

Congratulations to the **debating team** who won their debate against Muswellbrook South last Thursday. They will now debate in Round 2 of this knockout competition against Paxton School towards the end of next week. A note will go home early next week. We wish them good luck and thank Mrs Tickle for preparing them so well.

Years 5 and 6 participated in the **CWA International Day** on Tuesday featuring the country Morocco. Their coloured lanterns looked great and the CWA ladies were so impressed that they have asked to borrow the lanterns for another function. Well done to all students who submitted posters on Morocco. The judges would have had a difficult task selecting winners. Congratulations to Clare Richardson, Jake Hipwell, Latia Hipwell and for their placings in the poster competition. Clare's winning poster will go on to the next level of the CWA competition.

In the interest of **safety** we remind all **parents** when **collecting or dropping off students** that the designated **pick up/drop off point** for cars is **Glendonbrook Road**. Parents can enter the school through the Glendonbrook Road gate and wait for their children in the afternoon at the lunch seats or another suitable spot. This ensures that the bus area is not congested with cars and people and that children and parents are not crossing the road between and around buses. If your child is being picked up and you wait in the car on Glendonbrook Road or they walking home they will be escorted to the Glendonbrook Road gate by a teacher and supervised going to cars or crossing the road.

A requirement of the Department of Education is that **all visitors, including parents**, who enter a school site, **visit the front office before entering the classrooms or other school areas**. This is so that staff are aware who is on site in case of an emergency or evacuation and ensures that only authorised people are on the school grounds. We ask that any parent or visitor entering the school for canteen, to assist in classrooms, to pick up a child or for any other reason, goes firstly to the school office where they will be asked to sign in if they are staying for any length of time.

Head lice seem to be on the increase again. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair regularly and treating when necessary. Encourage your child to wear their hair tied back and not to share hats and other headwear.

Year 1/2/3 and Mr Taylor will host a **student teacher** from Newcastle University. Ms Isobel Gill will join us on Tuesday 11th June for the last 3 weeks of this term and the first week of next term. Ms Gill is looking forward to coming to Gresford as she has some family associations here and I'm sure she will learn a lot in her time here.

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has been in learning support, autism, choice theory and anti racism.

Regards,

Sue Dillon

Dates For Your Diary

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

July

Mon 15th - Staff Development Day

Tue 16th - ALL students return

School Eggs
for sale
\$5 per dozen

Place orders at
school office with
name and money

School's Athletic Carnival

Wednesday 26th June

Gresford Sporting Complex

9.00am start

"The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it."

Arnold H Glasgow

Awards

Values



Respect
Integrity
Teamwork
Sustainability
Service

Jack Lawson
Charlize Tucker
Amy Skolyszweski
Latia Hipwell
Darcy Locke
Cameron Jupp
Michaela Lawrence

School Merits

K - Sam Hanlon
Josie Hodges
Sophie Davis
1/2/3 - Connor Seach
Liza Kelehear
4/5/6 - Charlie Hojer
Michaela Lawrence

Good Listener Award

Jake Hipwell
William Craig
Josie Hodges
Latia Hipwell



Spelling Champions

Leila O'Connor
Ella Osmond
Clare Richardson
Katharina Lawrence

LIBRARY

AWARD

Kiara Quirk
Clare Richardson
Ryan Creak



LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a lot of unnamed clothing. Please ensure all jumpers etc are labelled.

If you are missing any item of clothing please come to the school and have a look through our lost property.

Year 6 Fundraiser

We have delayed the drawing of the Year 6 raffle till Friday 7th June. There are plenty of tickets available for the beautiful rug and pillow pet. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2 and will be available each lunch time next week.

CWA International Day

On 28th May we went down to the CWA hall. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed it. We made great lanterns to light representing Morocco. Clare Richardson came first, Jake Hipwell came second and Latia Hipwell came third. Thank you Mrs Carter for helping us make the lanterns. Thank you also to the CWA ladies for the great morning tea.

By Jake Hipwell

On Tuesday 28th May we went down to St Annes church hall carrying our lanterns we made in class. As we walked down the aisle with our lanterns we sat them down and the ladies called up the winners. First place went to Clare Richardson, second place went to Jake Hipwell and third place went to Latia Hipwell. Thank you to the CWA lovely ladies who gave us morning tea.

By Michaela Lawrence

On Tuesday 28th May Years 5/6 from Gresford Public School went to the CWA hall. We walked down the aisle with our beautiful home made lanterns, then we had to say something we had learnt about Morocco. I said "only 74% of girls get an education". We then went out to have morning tea. We had Pizza and some chocolate. Then we went back to school. It was a great experience and really great fun.

By Amy Creak



Tucker Box News

We have another exciting **Red Day "The Queens Birthday"** coming up on Wednesday 5th June. The lunch bags for it have already been sent home and should all be returned by Friday 31st May.

Don't forget to decorate your lunch bag!

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Kristy & Sylvia

Community Announcements

Gresford Parents' Group Fundraising for Preschool and Playtime

Community Disco!!

When: 6pm-8pm Friday 14th June

Where: School of Arts Hall

Cost- \$10 per family or \$2 per person

Come and dance the night away with
DJ Nate, Raffles, and dance prizes to be won!

Sausage sandwiches, and ice creams
will be available to purchase.

SPORT AND REC HOLIDAY FUN!

Maitland hockey clinic - July 2-3 Aimed at 8-14 year olds the two-day clinic will be delivered by accredited coaches and is focused on enhancing participant skills by taking part in an array of drills, activities and game-based scenarios

Holiday cricket roadshow - July 4-9 Aimed at 5-14 year olds, two clinics 'Cricket Fun' and 'Cricket Skills' will be delivered at each venue by accredited coaches each focusing on enhancing participant skills based on their experience in the sport.

'Cricket Fun' For 5 to 8 year-old current or new players and will run for 90 minutes using plastic equipment.

'Cricket Skills' A development level clinic for current players between the ages of 9 and 14. Participants can bring their own equipment and will use hard balls during the clinic and drills. It will run for two and a half hours.

Dates:

Thursday July 4 Singleton, Friday July 5 Scone, Monday July 8 Maitland

Tuesday July 9 Warners Bay

Multi-skills clinics - July 12 These clinics will deliver a fun and engaging workshop for participants focusing on developing fundamental movement skills. Included will be an array of activities which develop transferable skills in different sports.

Dungog 9am, Gloucester 1pm

Sport and Recreation activities will be held across the Hunter in July and details of the above clinics will be available on web site shortly: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=hunter>

Should you have any questions about the clinics please feel free to contact our office on 4926 1633.

Keeping kids safe online

At a glance:

- ◆ Don't let your child post photos of themselves wearing their school uniform - it can be enough to identify your child's school.
- ◆ Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers they have met online.
- ◆ Talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice.
- ◆ By publishing without thinking, your child's innocent work online may be something that comes back later to haunt them.
- ◆ If your child starts being secretive about what they are doing online check it out.

NSW POLICE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

Date: Wednesday 3 July 2013 **Time:** 10.00am to 2.00pm

Location: Newcastle Foreshore - Shortland Lawn (Nobby's Beach end of the Foreshore)

Exhibits: Specialist Police Sections some of which include:

- Marine Command
- Air Wing
- Dog Unit.