

GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

As usual Gresford School is a busy place with the last few weeks of this term being no exception.

We **sincerely thank** all the **parent and community volunteers** in our school who support the children week after week with their generous gift of time. Our **breakfast club** helpers are here bright and early every morning of the school week to serve up a delicious array of healthy breakfast treats that are very popular with the recipients. The **Scripture** teachers arrive each Friday with boxes of exciting activities for their respective groups. Some of the Scripture teachers double up and serve at breakfast club before heading into the classrooms. We have a big group of parents who help in the Kindergarten room (sometimes there are not enough seats for all the helpers) and in other classes as well. The children love to have their **parents helping** in their rooms. **Mrs Jupp** is here to help with reading on most days of the week and **Mrs Chandler** and **Mrs Smith** are also fantastic supporters of learning. **Dr Wright** continues to be our Science guru and is a great asset to our school. Our **canteen** and **P & C volunteers** do a fantastic job and we are very grateful for their support as well. All in all our school is a much richer and more productive place because of the wonderful support we get from parent and the community and we would like to say a big **THANK YOU!!!!**

The **debating team** travelled to Paxton on the other side of Cessnock last week to debate in the second round of the Equity Debating knockout competition. Gresford's team spoke exceptionally well according to Mrs Tickle but unfortunately Paxton was the winner on the day. Although we are now out of that particular competition we will go on to debate in the rounds of the Small Schools' Debating Competition. Our first debate in this competition is against Hinton before the end of term and the topic is "School Hours Should Be Longer" with Gresford as the affirmative.

The **Home School Liaison Officer** visited the school to conduct a roll check and review attendance records. A reminder that all absences should be explained in writing as soon as your child returns to school and that if your child will be away for any extended period that parents come into the office and complete exemption paperwork before the absence. The Home School Liaison Officer will contact any families where regular school attendance is of concern.

At the beginning of the year all students received **stationery pack** as part of their school contributions. This was done to ensure that all students had the required pencils, pens, rulers, rubbers, sharpeners, glue etc. to assist with classroom operation and organisation. Unfortunately teachers are reporting that quite a number of children are coming into class without the necessary equipment to commence work for the day. This wastes valuable time while the teacher or child locates the necessary equipment or the teachers have to give the child equipment on loan for the day. Please talk to your child and see if you need to replace any lost items so that your child can work efficiently. Names on all items brought to school make it easier for us to locate lost items.

Courtney Shoobridge spent last week here to complete a short block of **work experience**. Courtney shadowed Nicole Carter experiencing what it is like to be a Learning Support Officer in a school. Courtney is in Year 10 at Dungog High School and we always welcome young local students from Dungog into our school.

This week **Year 1/2/3** and Mr Taylor welcomed Miss Isobel Gill from Newcastle University to their class till the end of term and for the first week of Term 3. Miss Gill is undertaking her first period of pre-service teaching as she studies for her Bachelor of Teaching. We wish her well at Gresford.

How lucky we are to have the **Musica Viva** program in our school. Next week on Tuesday 18th June we will host **The Chambermaids** at 9.30 am. This is a fantastic group of women performers who sing and play instruments. The cost for children is a very reasonable \$7.50 for a live performance. Please see Mrs Dillon or Mrs Jasper if cost is an issue that will prevent your children attending. All enquiries will be confidential. Parents are welcome to attend the concert free of charge.

With the days getting a bit chillier please ensure that your child has a **warm jumper** for the playground. We have noticed a number of children arriving at school on cool mornings with just a polo shirt on. Our rooms are well heated but the playground can be cold. If you are missing any clothing we have quite a collection here at the moment. We return what we can that is named but we find a huge amount of unlabelled clothing.

The **Athletics Carnival** will be held at the Gresford Sporting Complex on Wednesday 26th June beginning at 9 am. We will hold the field events for the children aged 8 and over here at school during the next week.

Awards

Values



Respect
Integrity
Teamwork
Sustainability
Service

William Craig
Jada Laurie
Daniel Seach
Rose Kelehear
Leila O'Connor
Chloe Huckstadt

School Merits

K - Joey Elavin
Ryan Creek
1/2/3 - Amber Smith
Kayden Atkins
4/5/6 - Clare Richardson
Zhane Duncan

Good Listener Award

Amy Creak
Liza Kelehear
Tess Hartigan
Sam Hartigan



Spelling Champions

Taylah Joliffe
Hannah Redhouse
Sam Hartigan
Latia Hipwell

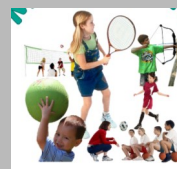
LIBRARY AWARD

Toby Mead
Michaela Lawrence



Sports Person of the Week

Juvenile ~ Kayden Atkins
Junior ~
Senior ~ Amy Creak



The Tucker Box News

What a fun day we had celebrating the Queen's Birthday at canteen last Wednesday. Well done to our prize winners who did an exceptional job decorating their lunch bags: Kiara Quirk, Katharina Lawrence and Joey Galvin.

Valued volunteers could we please remind you that on canteen days it is necessary for you to sign in at the front office, thank you. There is also a Working with Children form that needs to be completed as a requirement of the Department of Education. These can be found in the canteen or otherwise at the front office. If you could please remember to do this it would be much appreciated.

The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and is scheduled for Wednesday 26 June at Gresford Sporting Complex. Please find attached the order lunch bag. If they could be returned back at school by Friday 21 June that would be great. We are also asking for donations from parents of cakes/slices to be sold on the day. Please drop them at the Sporting Complex canteen on the day. Any containers can be collected at the end of the day. This would be very much appreciated.

A huge thank you for your continued support of the canteen. We hope you are all enjoying the new menu items. We love seeing plenty of smiles.

Healthy and Happy Eating

Sylvia and Kristy

Canteen Coordinators

Want to re-enter the workforce or go on to further study but need to brush up on your skills first? Education Pathways Maitland TAFE Campus

The staff at Maitland TAFE Career Skills and Education can help

Our Courses for Semester 2, 2013

Career Education and Employment for Women – CEEW (Certificate 2) 10697 – Free course

This course is designed to build confidence, investigate and make informed decisions about career options and help you gain the skills to either re-enter the workforce or return to study.

Contact Course Coordinator - Donna Clark – Ph: 49 302 926

Skills for Work and Training – SWAT (Certificate 2) 10697 – Free Course

For people who have completed their school certificate or those who have left school and who want to improve their chances of entering the workforce or gain skills needed to enter further study, this course offers a range of subjects which develop your work related skills and general education at year 10 level.

Contact Head Teacher - Jeanette McKenzie – Ph: 49 302 827

Preparation for Vocational and Further Study – TPC Prep (Certificate 3) 9046

This course is at a Year 11 level of skills and knowledge; it is the first stage of the Tertiary Preparation Certificate (Year 12 level). Successful students will be awarded a certificate 3 at the end of the semester. Students wishing to complete TPC studies and/or gain a TES for university will enrol in the course 9048 in 2014, taking credit points with them.

Contact Head Teacher - Jeanette McKenzie – Ph: 49 302 827

Information and enrolment sessions – 25th and 26th June - Please phone for details

Dates For Your Diary

June

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

**Don't forget its our
Athletic Carnival on
Wednesday 26th June
at the Gresford Sporting
Complex starting from
9.00am**

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER !

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator, Dianne on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

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.

Dungog Horse Sports

Any child interested in competing at the Dungog Horse Sports on Thursday 1st August please see Mrs Dillon.

You do not have to be a member of a pony club but do need to be able to ride independently.

A parent or a responsible adult has to attend the day for supervision of the rider and horse.



YWCA Vacation Care

School holiday fun for children aged 5 –12 years

Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking

Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncle@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday 1st July 2013 - Friday, 12th July 2013
Bookings Essential