

GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3. As usual we have a busy term ahead and look forward to working with parents and friends to bring an enriched term of learning to our students. I would like to thank Mrs. Dillon for relieving so efficiently in the principal's position in my absence. We welcome Miss McAlister back to our staff in the role of Kindergarten teacher. We sadly farewelled Mrs. Tickle and wish her well in her new position at Peak Hill School.

The term commenced well with a fine day for our **Athletics Carnival**. Thorough organisation by staff and help from parents on the day ensured its success. Thanks to all, including the canteen workers and Cyril Redhouse and David Crouch for marking the grounds. Congratulations to our to all our great competitors. Good luck to all those students representing the school at the Zone Athletics on Friday 2nd August. **Active After School Sport** commences next Thursday and Friday and runs for 7 weeks. Sports for this semester include League Tag and Rhee Tae Kwando commencing with the primary students this term and for the infants, next term.

Education Week is celebrated across the state next week and we are inviting parents and friends to our **Open Day** on Thursday, 1st August commencing at 10 am. This is a great opportunity to see how learning occurs in a 21st Century classroom and you are welcome to visit classrooms to see how children are engaged in learning maths through games, problem solving activities, online resources, robotics and iPads. You are welcome to join in with the students who will be eager to 'teach' you. The P&C are generously supplying a sausage sizzle lunch, free of charge at 11 am and orders will be sent home shortly. Refreshments will be on sale at the canteen also. On Wednesday, 7th August, (please note change of date) the Dungog Community of Schools, of which Gresford is a part, will be holding their **Education Week Presentation Ceremony**. This is an important occasion to recognise the great work happening in education across our district. Our school is receiving an award for the Breakfast Club Program and Mr. Tony Kennedy from St. Vincent De Paul, is receiving a community award for his work in liaising with his organisation to support school learning programs and families from our school. Parents and friends are invited to attend the presentation at Dungog High commencing at 4pm. A group of our students from the ensemble will be performing at the ceremony. On Friday, 2nd August our **Education Week Church Service** will be held in the school's library at 9.00am. All welcome!

School reports will be issued on 2nd August and contain important information on student progress during Semester 1. These have been compiled using ongoing assessment data and teacher observations and will be followed up with Three Way Conferences scheduled for Weeks 4 and 5. Appointment notes will be sent home shortly and you are encouraged to book a time slot where you and your child can discuss his/her learning with the teacher.

Some of our **learning ventures for the term** include involvement in the NRMA Sustainable Transport Competition by our senior students as part of their science program; whole participation in the Devils Ark Project which involves students learning about endangered animals as part of their science learning; continuation of the French language project for Years 4/5/6; and continued work by Year 6 students, mentored by Julie Hartigan, on the Gresford School Year Book. As you can guess, we have some exciting learning ahead of us this term.

There are some **important inserts** in this week's newsletter for your attention. The Department is requiring all medical forms kept by schools to be updated. Included with this newsletter is the new form which we would ask **all families to fill in** and return to school as soon as possible. There is also important information from Dungog Council in relation to parking around school zones. Please be aware of this to avoid being fined and most importantly to keep our children safe.

Professional development for teachers on the school development day was on technology and its place in engaging students in learning.

Have a great term,

Pauline

"We owe almost all our knowledge not to those who have agreed, but to those who have differed."

Awards

Values



Respect

Integrity

Teamwork

Sustainability

Service

Aleshia Seach

Jake Hipwell

Darcy Locke

Jada Laurie

Jake Edwards

School Merits

K - Harrison Sellens

Mar Briggs

1/2/3 - Bria Hooper

4/5/6 - Amy Skolyszweski

Liza Edwards

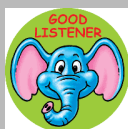
Good Listener Award

Charlize Tucker

Hamish Jupp

Jack Lawson

Michael Challinor



Spelling Champions

Kayden Atkins

Katerina Lawrence

Elizabeth Challinor

LIBRARY

AWARD

Amy Creak

&

Joey Galvin

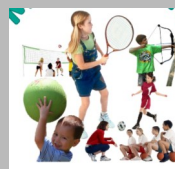


Sports Person of the Week

Juvenile ~ Sam Hanlon

Junior ~ Shaelyn Crouch

Senior ~ Clare Richardson



Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical record system to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

Cyberbullying prevention - tips for parents

At a glance: # Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens.

Be aware of what your child is doing online.

Locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.

Don't simply ignore cyberbullying.

Watch for changes in mood and behaviour in your child.

Report abuse to the relevant authorities.

All schools have anti-bullying policies - ask about yours.

Dates For Your Diary

July

Mon 29th - Education Week begins

Wed 31st - ICAS - English

August

Thu 1st - Open Day Book fair & P & C Free BBQ

Fri 2nd - Church Service 9.00am
Zone Athletics

Tue 13th - ICAS - Maths

Fri 16th - P & C meeting

Wed 28th - Newcastle Permanent Maths test

Sept

Wed 4th - Musica Viva

Thu 12th - Talent Quest

Fri 20th - P & C meeting
Last day of Term 3

Save the date

Saturday, 14 September

The Farmer's Hotel at Vacy will be hosting a Trivia Night in aid of Feeding Dreams Cambodia. Every cent raised will make a huge difference in the lives of those affected by poverty and give the children and their families the chance to a brighter future. We are currently looking for people to donate prizes for the night and items for the silent auction. Please contact Nicole Carter on 0400 148 586 or the Farmer's Hotel on 4938 8106 if you are able to contribute in any way. More details will follow. Thank you for your support.

P & C Update

ITEM 1: An extra meeting to discuss preparations for the Bull's Horns Ball has been set for

Friday, August 9, at Twin Rivers Cafe at 9am.

ITEM 2: The P&C has resolved to provide a free BBQ for students and their families at the school open day for Education Week on

Thursday, Aug 1. Helpers will be needed on the day. The P&C has also been asked to provide cakes/slices which will be sold through the canteen on the day. Your help would be appreciated.



Bull's Horns Ball

Saturday, October 19

Gresford Public School P&C Association's major biannual fundraiser is on again. The Bull's Horns Ball will have a wild west theme and will be held in the "saloon" at Gresford Bowling Club.

The P&C is on the look out for decorations that will fit the theme and wants to hear from anyone who has wine barrels, wagon wheels, a roulette game, casino chips, horse shoes, etc, that they'd be willing to loan out for the night.

If anybody has a spit, bain-marie or any catering equipment, that would also be appreciated.

Anyone interested in helping with the fundraiser can contact Ange Kelehear (49317196) or Julie Hartigan (4938 9134) or attend the next P & C meeting on Friday, July 19.

Gresford Sports Carnival Awards

Age Champions

5 Year Boy - Joey Galvin

5 Year Girl - Teigha Bevan & Mary Briggs

6 Year Boy - Daniel Craig

5 Year Girl - Mathilda Jolliffe

7 Year Boy - Jack Laurie

7 Year Girl - Taylah Jolliffe

Juvenile Boy Champion - Jack Laurie

Juvenile Girl Champion - Teigha Bevan & Mary Briggs

8 Year Boy - Brodie Huckstadt

8 Year Girl - Katharina Lawrence

9 Year Boy - Kayden Atkins

8 Year Girl - Leila O'Connor

10 Year Boy - Hamish Jupp

10 Year Girl - Sharneakia Nikora

Junior Boy Champion - Hamish Jupp

Junior Girl Champion - Sharneakia Niikora

11 Year Boy - Zhane Duncan

11 Year Girl - Kiara Quirk

12 Year Boy - Jamie Hickey

12 Year Girl - Clare Richardson

Senior Boy Champion - Jamie Hickey

Senior Girl Champion - Kiara Quirk

HOUSE WINNER GOES TO

"PATERSON"

Family, Friends and Students are invited to attend

Gresford Public School's Open Day BBQ

Thursday 1 August at 11am

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Cakes, Tea & Coffee will also be available.

Proudly brought to you

by

**Gresford Public School
P&C Committee**



These outside building blocks and books for the library is what the school received from the Woolworths Rewards scheme last year. The school's total for this year is 6,600. points.