

## GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

Thanks to all who attended our **Education Week Open Day** last week and joined children in their maths classes. Children are always delighted to have family and friends sharing in their learning at school. Many thanks also to families who purchased from our Book Fair. Commission from these sales goes back into library purchases for our school.

We were very proud of our little ensemble that performed beautifully at the **Education Week Awards Presentation Ceremony** held yesterday. Thank you to parents who transported their children to Dungog and attended the ceremony. It was an excellent showcasing of the talents of students, staff and school community members of the Dungog partner schools. Well done to Mr. Taylor for his efforts with the ensemble in my absence.

Congratulations are also in order for **our public speaking school representatives**. It is no mean feat to stand up in front of a large audience and deliver a speech. Our representatives were William Craig and Teigha Bevan from Early Stage 1; Kaitlin Horn & Emily Dent from Stage 1; Liza Edwards and Jada Laurie from Stage 2; and Clare Richardson from Stage 3. All candidates worked hard on their speeches and were excellent school representatives.

By now you will have had the opportunity to read your children's reports which were issued last week. Parents have booked and attended **3 way conferences** to discuss children's progress with the teacher and it is hoped that these conferences, combined with the reports will give you a full picture of student learning. Please feel free to book a time with your child's teacher if you have not already done so.

**Our Breakfast Club** continues to be very popular with students and we are indebted to our valuable volunteers for their precious time in running the program. Our goal in establishing the program was to provide a healthy breakfast to children who, for whatever reason, had left home without it. We ask for a small donation, if possible, to assist with the running of the program. No child would be refused if they were without money. You may like to remind your child about the breakfast club program and of their need to use it.

Now is the time of year when we need to send the Department information about our anticipated enrolments for 2014. We are gathering information about possible **Kinder enrolments** and would appreciate your assistance in seeking out prospective students for 2014 so that we can initiate the necessary planning.

Kind regards,

Pauline

*"Courage doesn't always roar.*

*Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says, I'll try again*



Gresford's School Ensemble

Mr Kennedy receiving his Community Award



Mrs Jasper receiving the Breakfast Club Award



### Dates For Your Diary

#### August

Tue 13th - ICAS - Maths

Fri 16th - P & C meeting

Wed 28th - Newcastle Permanent Maths test

#### September

Wed 4th - Musica Viva

Thu 12th - Talent Quest

Fri 20th - P & C meeting

Last day of Term 3

#### October

Thu 10th - School Photo's

# Awards

## Values



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

Josie Hodges

Jesse Bily

Zhane Duncan

Jack Lawson

Brodie Huckstadt

Kiara Quirk

## School Merits

**K - William Craig**  
**Teigha Bevan**

**1/2/3 - Leila O'Conner**  
**Jack laurie**

**4/5/6 - Riley Atkins**  
**Jack Hodges**

## Good Listener Award

**Jake Cropp**

**Amy Creak**

**Michaela Lawrence**

**Jack Lawson**



## Spelling Champions

**Jack Laurie**

**Latia Hipwell**

**Chloe Huckstadt**

## LIBRARY

## AWARD

**Brodie Huckstadt**

**&**

**Kaitlin Horn**

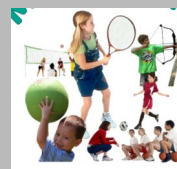


## Sports Person of the Week

**Juvenile ~ Rose Kelehear**

**Junior ~ Jesse Bily**

**Senior ~ Zhane Duncan**



## BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all children and their families who bought books, posters or novelty items from the Book Fair on Open Day. Thanks to your purchases we have commission of \$312.20 to spend on new books for our Library.

Winners of the Poster Competition for each class chose books and novelties for their prizes.

Kindergarten - Sophie Davis, Sam Hanlon & Aleshia Seach

Years 1/2/3 - Leila O'Connor, Alysha Cowley, Tess Hartigan & Katharina Lawrence

Years 4/5/6 - Liza Edwards, Amy Creak, Charlie Hojer, Clare Richardson, Zhane Duncan & Hannah Redhouse.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our school has the opportunity to earn some funds for our kids' education by helping to man the canteen at Gresford Rodeo and Campdraft on August 30 and 31. More volunteers are desperately needed to fill all shifts. If the suggested three-hour shifts are too much for you, the P&C is happy to adjust the roster so you can do a one-hour shift. Every minute of your time would be appreciated. The shifts are 9am-noon; noon-3pm; 3pm-6pm; and 6pm-9pm on the Friday and Saturday. If you can help please fill out the pink sheet that went home last week and return it to the school or contact P&C secretary Julie Hartigan on 4938 9134.

## Come and Join Doug the Reading Bug

for his Mad Scientists Story Laboratory  
On Saturday 24th August at Dungog Library  
10.30am to 12.00pm  
Share stories with Doug the Reading Bug  
Sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting  
Interactive Science Experiments

## Home remedy of Lice

Coconut oil + apple cider vinegar to treat head lice.....

Coconut oil dissolves the lice's outer skeletal shell instantly.

So once you put it on someone's head you can have them shower and rinse it off right away and all the lice will be killed and gone! Plus there are no chemicals!



## 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.

## Free Cyber Safety Workshops

New South Wales Police Force is presenting a Forum on Cyber Safety. Come find out how you can help your kids stay in control & safe on the net, plus how to report when things go wrong. We invite you to spread the word and encourage your friends to attend.

**Date:** **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013** **Time: 4pm to 6pm – doors open at 3.30pm**  
**Performing Arts Centre, 198 Vincent Street Cessnock COST: Free**

**Monday, 12 August 2013 Time: 7pm to 9pm – doors open at 6.30pm**  
**PCYC Maitland, 3 James Street Maitland COST: Free**

**Guest Speakers:** **Think U Know! Melissa Sevil, Cyber Crime Prevention**  
**High Tech Operations, Australian Federal Police**  
**James Kavanagh, Australian Microsoft Chief Security Advisor**  
**Reshma Narayan - Cybersmart Outreach**  
**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Topics:** On-line grooming, inappropriate content (both self-created & accessed), Cyberbullying, scams, fraud & identity theft, social networking, gaming, instant messaging, mobile technologies, reputation management, privacy, where to go if things go wrong.

### Keeping kids safe online

#### Keep computers out in the open

Your child may think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

#### Mind your business

Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school and even your credit card number to themselves. When signing up to a chat room, they should use a screen name that is a nickname and not easy to work out. The same goes for choosing passwords– don't make them easy to figure out. If your child is going to put photos on the internet, ensure they don't show them wearing their school uniform - this can be enough to identify your child's school. Also ensure that any photos are not the type that would attract unwanted attention from strangers.

#### Just because it's on the internet, it doesn't mean it's true

Make sure your child uses multiple sources for research, and is careful not to plagiarise.

#### Stranger danger is online, too

Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers they have met online. If they really want to meet up, encourage them to talk to you about it first and insist on going along with them. Remind your children to also be wary opening emails from strangers. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (which will harm your computer), or be from a stranger looking for trouble.

#### Get a filter

Internet filters can help block inappropriate sites for children. None are completely reliable and it's best if you talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice on their own.

#### Encourage your child to talk with you about their online experiences - good and bad

This will make it easier for them if they see something inappropriate or are emailed something unsuitable. If they are embarrassed to tell you, persuade them to at least tell a teacher or another trusted adult.

#### Good manners also exist online

Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour, not to mention the many disagreements that

#### Forever is a long time

A lot of blogs and websites maintain information as part of cyberspace forever. By publishing without thinking of the future, your child's innocent work online may be something that comes up later on and may negatively impact their career and personal life.