



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 4

Week 4

November 8th 2018

Principal's message

This Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of the conclusion of the Great War in 1918. We will be participating in the Gresford commemoration at the cenotaph at 10.30. We ask that as many students as possible attend to pay tribute to those who served. School uniform is required.

Our Smart Starters transition program for 2019 Kinders has concluded with new students well prepared to enter school. A 'Meet the Staff' information afternoon was held yesterday and it was great to welcome new families as well as our experienced ones. Our Kinder Orientation morning visits will commence next Wednesday.

Our Science activities have been extended from bird watching to frog spotting this week with the commencement tomorrow of a week long survey being run by the Australian Museum to track the population and diversity of Australian native frogs. Primary classes participated in a video conference run by the Australian Museum with frog expert, Dr. Jodi Rowley this week and learnt that Australia has some of the most endangered frogs in the world. We also learnt that the Gresford area has a range of rare frogs. She encouraged children, with their parents' help to track them using a free app available for download to your smartphone by googling **Frog ID Week**.

Thanks to our wonderful canteen co-ordinators for organising a fun **Halloween Day** last Tuesday. Our canteen does an amazing job in raising funds to benefit all our children.

We welcomed Dungog High performing arts students to the school this week who put on an amazing show for our children showcasing their range of music and drama talents.

Thank you, Dungog students and Ms. Rowley.

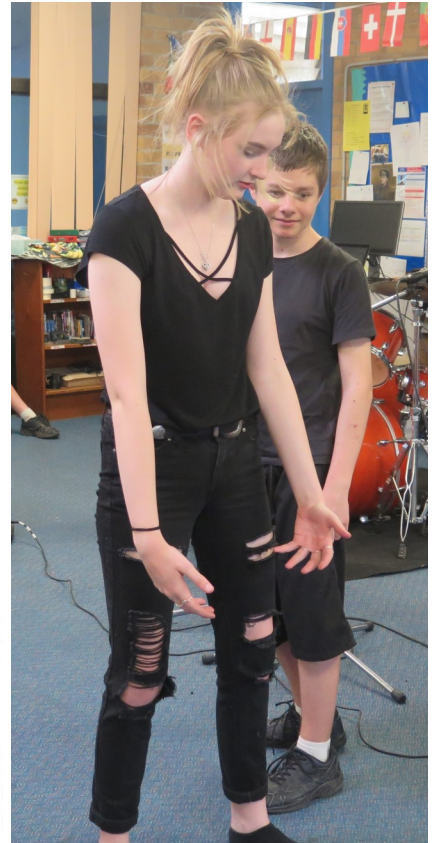
Kind regards,

Pauline

"We will remember them."



Dungog High
Performing Arts Students



School Planning Snippets

Thanks to all parents who returned their Anti-Bullying surveys. The results are being collated and will be used to revise our school policy. It is not too late to return yours if you haven't yet done so.



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AWARDS



PBL AWARDS

Maggie Maroulis, Kimberley Thiecke, Ewen Mitchell, Will Craig, Nyah O'Connor, Cullen Williams, Charlee Swindle, Jack Laurie

SCHOOL MERITS

Toby Addison, Lucy Pittman, Tillie Parish, Ethan Bradley, Jake Osmond, Skye Turner, Layla Turnbull, Harrison Sellens

SPORTS AWARDS

Otaki Ropata, Chilli Bynon, William Thiecke, Will Mitchell, Harley Pittman, Kate Smith, Lara Silver, Katie Curtin Edwards

LIBRARY AWARDS

John Hodges, Harley Pittman

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Pearl Farley, Billy Richardson, Piper Conn, Bailey Conn, John Hodges, Winnie Maroulis, William Venter, Mathilda Joliffe

GOOD LISTENER AWARD

Mia Wilton, Monica Lawrence, Harley Pittman, Jaxon O'Connor

NOVEMBER

Wed 14th Yrs 3 to 6 excursion to Sydney
Kinder Orientation
9.30-11.35am

Wed 21th Kinder Orientation
9.30-11.35am

Wed 28th Kinder Orientation
9.30-11.35am

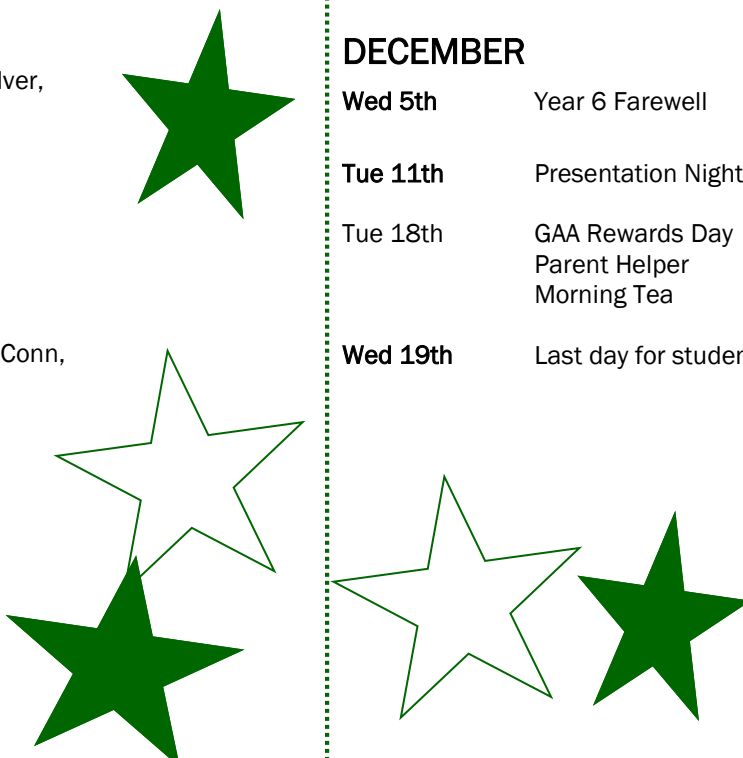
DECEMBER

Wed 5th Year 6 Farewell

Tue 11th Presentation Night

Tue 18th GAA Rewards Day
Parent Helper
Morning Tea

Wed 19th Last day for students



CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 9th November
Katherine Hodges & Elise Chesworth

Wed 14th November
CANTEEN CLOSED

Fri 16th November
P & C meeting
Michelle Curtin Edwards & Kimberlee Booth

Wed 21st November
Tracy Merchant & Shantelle Turnbull

Fri 23rd November
Jessica Field & Natalie Barnett



Tucker Box & P&C News

PARENTS please note that the canteen will be **CLOSED on Wednesday 14th November** due to Years 3 to 6 going to Sydney. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Our next P & C meeting is on **Friday 16th November**

Our Christmas party for our wonderful volunteers is on Tuesday 27th November at the Flying Duck Vacy.

Hope to see you there.

Kristy & Sylvia

Smart Starters

Over the past eight weeks children starting Kindergarten next year have been attending Smart Starters. Smart Starters is a program designed to get children ready for the general flow of the morning session once they start school.

Seven eager children attended and were very shy to begin with, however by the end of each session they were excited and eager to share their journal writing with the rest of the group. Children participated in activities that involved cutting and pasting, reading, maths play, drawing and listening to stories.

It has been wonderful getting to know this group of children prior to their start at Gresford next year and we look forward to working more closely with them in the coming weeks during their Kindergarten Orientation program.

Leanne Jarlett
Instructional Leader



Reminders

- ◆ We have suggestions for your Christmas gift list. Why not buy a bottle or two of Boydell's special 150th Sesquicentenary wine or a pair of 150th commemorative mugs – all available at the office.
- ◆ Kindergarten Orientation mornings, 14th, 21st and 28th November 9.30-11.00am. (First session, parents may like to stay with children in the Kinder classroom. Children may like to stay on in the playground and eat their lunch with 'the big kids'.)
- ◆ It has come to our attention that some children are bringing unsuitable food for their lunches. High sugar and highly processed foods alone do not provide adequate nutrition for children to meet their energy requirements for a busy school day.
- ◆ Selective High School applications for 2020 close on 12th November. Parents can apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>
Enquiries phone 1300 880 367

Professional learning for staff has been in the areas of project-based learning, finance, school planning and wellbeing.

All bus board changes must be received by 2.45 pm to ensure children receive messages in time



A friendly reminder that School Fees & Contributions are now due

It would be appreciated if families with outstanding accounts could finalise these payments as soon possible. Failure to settle these accounts will impact upon our ability to provide extra activities in 2019.

The Grestford Grazer

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Holy Cow

By PEARL DANGER

PEDETEWANA ROPATA

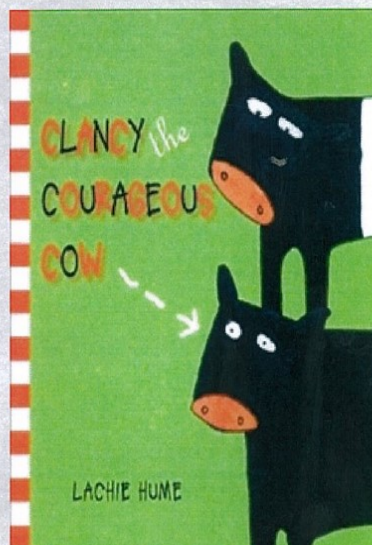
Oh my in a blink of an eye Clancy is King! Clancy is the killer of all cows. He was competing against Terra the Hereford, they are also known as Clancy the Skull Crusher and the Terroriser. You don't want to mess with Clancy. He is so strong he could lift both the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. Pearl Danger Padetewana Ropata: How do you feel strong Cow? Clancy: Ahh proudwell I am amazing. PDPR: Do you think you will wrestle Terra the Hereford anytime soon? Cl: Probably PDPR: Do you think you are going to win? Cl: Off course I will! PDPR: I am looking forward to seeing you wrestle Terra soon.



Junior Journos' Amazing Articles!

By YEAR ONE AND YEAR TWO

This week, some journalists in training published their first ever articles. Based on the book Clancy the Courageous Cow by Lachie Hume, they reported on Clancy the Belted Galloway's famous win in the Cow Wrestling Contest.



Keep a look out for more articles from Year 1/2 in our next newsletter

Cool Clancy Champion

By WINNIE MAROULIS

Yesterday Clancy blew cows heads off by winning the cow wrestling contest at the Beat Loaf Arena! He was so strong he could beat 100 Hercules. He wanted to win because all Belted Galloways were starving. Winning would mean that they would be able to eat grass from the rich pasture that they are not allowed to eat from right now. He won the contest by hornadong the heck out of the Herefords! Winnie Maroulis: Good job Clancy for your great win! Clancy: Thank you! It was a lot of fun! WM: Good! But why did you want to do it? Cl: Well we wanted some rich pasture to eat and become strong. WM: Are you going to wrestle again next year? Cl: Maybe.

