



# Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 4

Week 1

17th October 2019

## Principal's message

**Welcome to Term 4**, a busy term of learning, assessments, celebrations, farewells and much more. You are always welcome at our school to share in these moments.

Our first cultural event for the term is a visit from B'Tutta which is the group performing for this semester's **Musica Viva** concert. All such concerts are of the highest standards and we are very fortunate to be part of their touring route. We are also very fortunate to have the cost of our students attending halved through the generosity of our P&C. The concert is scheduled for next Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00 and parents are invited free of charge. **Notes were sent home on Tuesday and we would appreciate their return at your earliest convenience.**

Our **before and after school service** is always available for extra students and is in need of greater numbers to maintain the service. Casual vacancies are welcomed at any time and filling in an enrolment form means you can call on the service at short notice. **If we don't use it, we will lose it!**

Our **'Kreative Koalas' design thinking project** on protecting endangered animals of the local area is nearing completion. Children have planted koala specific trees; constructed bird houses and lizard shelters for our playground; filmed animal life in our playground; written nature poems; decorated a giant koala; created a video on caring for the environment; produced feral animal awareness posters; and have listened to expert presenters on caring for our area and the animals that live within it. They are very committed to environmental causes. Take a walk around **our newly developed rainforest garden** to see the results of this project and the hard work of Mr. Collier and Mrs. Edwards. It is a beautiful, peaceful area.

Still on environmental education, all classes will be involved next week in the **'Great Aussie Bird Count'** where students will be observing and recording bird sightings in our playground for inclusion in the Australia-wide census of the bird population. We are so lucky to have such a wildlife friendly playground.

Next week we will welcome Simone Thomas to our school who will be working in the Year 5/6 classroom as a practice teacher for 4 weeks. We will also welcome back Mrs. Carter who has been overseas on long service leave. Brittany has done a wonderful job in her absence.

**Happy Term 4!**

Kind regards,

*Pauline*

*"What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing." - Aristotle*



## School Planning Snippets

This week saw the school go through the important final process of external validation. Assessment was by a panel in 14 areas of educational focus. A significant summary was prepared for the panel who visited to interview staff. The panel was very impressed with the work of the school in all these areas and in particular gave the highest rating of 'excelling' to the area of curriculum interpretation and delivery. **This assessment was a credit to the hard work of all staff members.**



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### **PBL AWARDS**

Zaiden Apthorpe, Kimberley Thiecke, Tillie Parish, Jaxon O'Connor

### **SCHOOL MERITS**

Daniel Hodges, John Hodges, Layla Turnbull, Daniel Craig

### **SPORTS AWARDS**

Kayla Townsend, Cullen Williams, Lucy Pittman, Lucas Hill

### **LIBRARY AWARDS**

Kimberley Thiecke

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Jackson Wells, Benji Spencer, Brodie Monger, William Craig

## October

**Friday 18th** – P&C Meeting 10am

**Monday 21st** – Great Aussie Bird Count.

**Wednesday 23rd** – 2020 Kindergarten Orientation “meet the staff night” starting at 5:00pm

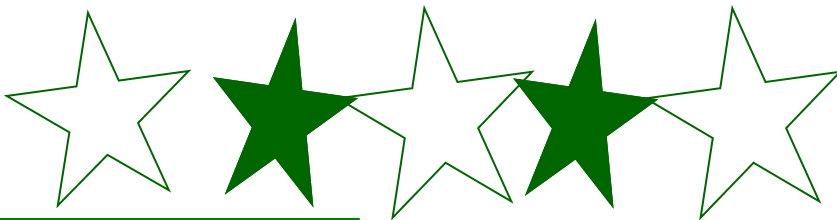
**Thursday 24th** – Musica Viva Performance “B’Tutta”.

**Wednesday 30th** – Halloween canteen day. Children may dress up for Halloween if they choose to.

## November

**Monday 11th** – Remembrance day.

**Wednesday 13th** – 2020 Kindergarten orientation.



### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Friday 18th October**  
Natalie Barnett &  
Kimberlee Booth

**Wednesday 23rd October**  
Tracy Merchant &  
Shantelle Turnbull

**Friday 25th October**  
Katherine Hodges &  
Illanda Ellis

**Wednesday 30th October**  
HALLOWEEN  
Sylvia & Kristy

**Friday 1st November**  
Jennifer & Jordan Chandler



## **Tucker Box & P&C News**

### HALLOWEEN

**Wednesday 30th October** Halloween special order day.  
Children may also dress up for Halloween if they choose to.  
Please return your special lunch orders by **Friday 25th October**.



**Please note:** The chill J Sparkling drinks are currently unavailable. We will have them back as soon as the supplier has them in stock. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**P&C meeting this Friday 18th October.**  
**At 10:00am**  
**Please feel free to come and join us!**

## Some Reminders

- ◆ Hats are required **every day** for fitness, sport and playing the playground. School hats will only be loaned for fitness activities and sport. "No hat – play in the shade."  
**Please!**
- ◆ **No bus board messages after 2.30pm** unless it is an emergency.
- ◆ Uniform purchase is only on canteen days, Wednesdays & Fridays after 9.30am.

Any parents interested in their Year 5 child attending the selective high school at Merewether for Year 7 in 2021 are invited to apply on the Department's website. Applications close on November 11. More information is available at the office.

**Professional learning** for staff has been in the areas of external validation and maths.

### **Kindergarten Information and Meet the Teachers Evening**

Next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, October all parents of new Kindergarten students for 2020 are invited to attend an information session in the library from 5 to 6 pm. Teachers will be available to outline school services, programs, routines and general information.



**Slip**



**Slop**



**Slap**



**Seek**



**Slide**



With the temperature rising we would like to remind students and parents the importance of "Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide".

We ask parents if possible that all children have sunscreen applied before school with the ability to reapply sunscreen from the office or classroom supply during the day.

**Every child is required to have a school hat on during all outside activities.**

Please ensure that your child also has a full water bottle at the start of each day.



Registrations for the 2019/2020 season are now open.

Competition commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Games are played at 8.30am Saturday mornings in Gresford/Vacy and around Maitland

**Games last no longer than 2 hours.**

Registration fee of \$100.00

Includes a game day shirt and hat.

Active Kids Rebate is available - enter your voucher number on the online registration form

Online registrations and payments at:

[www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au):

Search Gresford Vacy Colts and follow the registration link.

Registrations close on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

For further details contact

Brigette Uren – [aburen@exemail.com.au](mailto:aburen@exemail.com.au) or 0418 791 146.

### **\*\* Limited tickets available \*\***

Come and join us to help raise money to purchase new laptops for the students of Gresford Public School.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Gresford School of Arts 6.30pm.**

Ticket price includes a delicious 3 course meal and entertainment by live band **24 Hours.**

You won't go thirsty with bar facilities available and plenty of fun and games to be had on the night.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from the Gresford Public School front office or on the school website via the "Make a Payment" tab using Ball Ticket as a reference along with your contact details.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE PBL  
AWARDEES

SOME OF OUR  
AMAZING  
TALENT QUEST  
PARTICIPANTS



SOME CHILDREN ENJOYING OUR  
BEAUTIFUL RAINFOREST AREA.

KARA THE  
KOALA  
AND OUR  
BIRD BOXES

