



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 4

31st October 2019

Principal's message

We've had a busy fortnight as always at Gresford with the learning and fun in full swing. We enjoyed our second Musica Viva concert with the visiting group, B'Tutta bringing the excitement of live music to children and adults alike. **We are grateful to the P&C for their generous support of this incursion.**

Selected students visited Dungog High this week for a technology experience day with other local primary schools to practise their **computer coding skills**. Students designed their own computer games and shared them with other teams. Thanks go to Mrs Manning for her careful organisation of this event. We have had a delivery of 15 new computers to update our computer capabilities.

It was great to meet with the families of our new Kindergarten students for 2020 last week. Parents were able to meet the staff and hear about our wonderful school and all it can provide for this new generation of learners. **We now have 13 children for Kindergarten next year.** Kindergarten orientation continues on 13th, 20th and 27th November.

On Monday, 11th November the school will attend the **Remembrance Day Ceremony** at the cenotaph. The school plays a part in this important service and we include class lessons during the week honouring the service of defence force personnel. Parents are welcome to attend. **Permission notes have gone home.**

This week we sadly farewell Chase and Lacey Hoffman and their wonderful mum Kristy who have been exemplary students and a dedicated, hard-working parent at our school for the last eight years. We sincerely thank them for being such an important part of our school community. **You will all be sorely missed!**

We welcome **Mrs Cathie Gillies** back to our staff as a Learning Support Officer. Cathie is a very experienced operator and will be working in the Year 3/4 classroom.

Please return the surveys recently sent home regarding school/home communication so that we can best accommodate parent needs.

Kind regards,

Pauline

"A good listener is the wisest of persons."



School Planning Snippets

School planning for 2020 is well underway with budgeting and staffing being our first important tasks. Mrs Carter and I have drafted the budget and will present it next week to departmental personnel for checking. I will be taking first term of 2020 as long service leave and my position will be filled through expression of interest. Our director, Mr John Millburn will facilitate the process. Community input into the selection will be given by our P&C president, Ange Kelehear.



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PBL AWARDS

Madeline Cremer, Benji Spencer, Cooper Swindle, Harrison Sellens, Amelia Crow, Toby Addison, Charli Barnett, Will Thiecke

SCHOOL MERITS

Harley Pittman, Pippa Merchant, Lucia Merchant, Dean Ross, Bailey Caukwell, Otaki Ropata, Zoe Watters, Josie Hodges

SPORTS AWARDS

Harley Pittman, Cooper Chesworth, Ewen Mitchell, Sophie Davis, Ellie Barnett, Maggie Maroulis, Lucia Merchant, Bella Sellens

LIBRARY AWARDS

Elijah Chandler, Nyah O'Connor

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Jackson Wells, Benji Spencer, Brodie Monger, William Craig

GOOD LISTENER AWARD

Pippa Merchant, Charlie Barnett, Nina Maroulis, Lara Silver

November

Tuesday 5th - Dungog High Drama visit

Saturday 9th - P&C Boots and Bows Ball

Monday 11th - Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12th - Responsible Pet Day

Wednesday 13th - 2020 Kindy Orientation. 10.00am - 11.15am

Thursday 14th - Cricket v Vacy

Friday 15th - P&C meeting 10.am

Wednesday 20th - 2020 Kindy Orientation 10.00am - 11.15am

Wednesday 27th - 2020 Kind Orientation 10.00am - 11.15am

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd - Yr 6 Orientation @ Dungog High School

Wednesday 4th - Commemorative Garden Opening - 11.00am

Thursday 5th - Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 10th - Presentation Night 6.30pm

Friday 13th - PBL Assembly

Wednesday 18th - Students last day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 1st November
Jennifer & Jordan Chandler

Wednesday 6th November
Rebecca Marsh &
Sherree Graham

Friday 8th November
Elise Chesworth &
Shannon Cremer

Wednesday 13th November
Jane & Daniel Maroulis

Friday 15th November
Samantha Wall &
Ilanda Ellis

Wednesday 20th November
Sharon Hill & Alice Ropata

Friday 22nd November
Ang Kelhear &
Karleen Kelehear



Tucker Box & P&C News



meeting

Friday 15th November

10.00am

In school library

Calling all Volunteers:

Could all Tea Towels please be returned to school as soon as possible.

Please note: The Chill J Sparkling drinks are back in stock and ready for orders!

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.

Selective High School

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.

Halloween at Gresford

Professional learning for staff has been in the areas of technology, science, physical education and maths.

A BIG thank you to Mr Keith Collier for his help in making our bird boxes.



**The web site below is for the
NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook**

<http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

A valuable safety resource with content to keep all children safe.



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.

The presenters of



Bring to you

Bethlehem Rhapsody



A musical look at Christmas!
(See it on YouTube - Bethlehemian Rhasody)

- ◆ We need **children to perform with the hand puppets.**
- ◆ Practices at Gresford Public School (during lunch)
- ◆ Performance at St Anne’s Gresford on Thursday 19th December, 6pm (the day after school breaks up).

If you can commit to the practices and the performance date please contact Mrs Joyce Earngey 0421417467 or joyce@rea.com.au

Organised by the Ministry Team at Gresford Paterson Anglican Church

Aurora College

The virtual selective school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW’s first virtual selective school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes. The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

The college also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school. For details please visit our website.

Aurora College offers students expanded career options through innovative partnerships with businesses and with scientific, cultural and tertiary education institutions.

Students in the selective stream are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools.



Applications for entry into Year 7 in 2021:
Open 8th October 2019
Close 11th November 2019
Visit Selective High Schools website
<http://bit.ly/shs2019>

For further information about Aurora College, visit the our website
www.aurora.nsw.edu.au | or phone 1300 287 629

Year 5/6 Transition to High School Information Session

Lisa Dyer, an experienced social worker from Dungog Shire Youth Services is offering a program for parents to support their child as he/she transitions to high school. She is offering to run it at the school at a time convenient to parents.

The session, which would run for approximately 1 hour would cover topics such as adolescent emotional development, puberty, brain development, peer relationships, social media and much more.

Please see the expression of interest sent home today and indicate your date and time of preference should you wish to attend.

**** Limited tickets available ****

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

**Saturday 9th 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.

