

## Principal's message

All communities across NSW have had trying times fighting **bushfires** or worrying about them, as we have this week. Thankfully, we are all safe. We are indebted to the superhuman efforts of our brave Rural Fire Service volunteers for their dedication to caring for people, animals and property. Our hearts go out to all who have suffered loss. Children are currently preparing letters of gratitude which we will send on to RFS headquarters.

All students participated in the **Remembrance Day commemoration** at the Gresford cenotaph on Monday. Captains laid a wreath on behalf of the school and our singing group, under the guidance of Mrs Edwards and Mr Taylor, sang 'Amazing Grace'. Tillie Parish and Lara Silver read the Remembrance Day poems they had written. Our students were congratulated by the RSL for their participation.

**The Kindergarten class of 2020** visited school yesterday for their first orientation visit and enjoyed a lesson in the Kinder classroom and a school tour. They were ably assisted by their Year 5 buddies. They all looked so sweet and so little! There are two more visits to follow.

**Our Director, Mr John Millburn** visited the school this week and was delighted with the presentation by the students on the Kreative Koalas project they have been involved in as part of their environmental education project. Mr O. and a group of students visited Tocal College last week to showcase our koala and describe our project to judges which they did with pride.

We were treated to a musical and drama extravaganza last week with a visit from **Dungog High's creative arts students**, Ms Danvers and Ms. Rowley, their teacher. It was great to see some of our talented ex-students performing with the group.

**Survey results** for the preferred home/school communication means were overwhelmingly for a phone app and 'Skool Loop' has been selected for its capabilities. We will advise you when the app is up and running. We have been supplied with 14 replacement computers from the Department and Mrs. Dillon has been busy installing them to add to our capabilities to use technology to support learning. This is on top of the 12 new laptops purchased by the P&C from proceeds raised at Saturday's P&C ball. **Thank you to the P&C for your huge fundraising efforts and to all who patronised the excellent event.**

Kind regards,

*Pauline*

*"Tough times never last but tough people do."*



## School Planning Snippets

Teachers regularly evaluate the progress and effectiveness of our school plan. On 5th December, all teachers will be released to consider these evaluations to plan for the year ahead. Our school plan is publicised on the school website.

**Quality teaching and consistent high standards of learning are at the forefront of our planning.**





### **PBL AWARDS**

Jameson Cremer, Pearl Farley, Cooper Swindle, Jaxon O'Connor, Marley Spencer, Nina Maroulis, Brodie Monger

### **SCHOOL MERITS**

Charlotte, Marsh, Chilli Bynon, Lacey Hoffman, Chase Hoffman, Lexie Hill, John Hodges, Charli Barnett

### **SPORTS AWARDS**

Elijah Chandler, Jake Osmond, Lacey Hoffman, Mathilda Joliffe, Jaxson Kleinschafer, William Richardson, Charli Barnett, Lucas Hill

### **LIBRARY AWARDS**

Norton Bynon, Toby Addison

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Charlotte Marsh, Tom Field, Ewen Mitchell, Toby Mead, Annabelle Chesworth, Bridie Booth, Winnie Maroulis, Mathilda Joliffe

### **GOOD LISTENER AWARD**

Kammi Conn, Tillie Parish

### **November**

Friday 15th - P&C meeting 10.am

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

Wednesday 27th - 2020 Kindy 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

### **JANUARY**

Tuesday 28th - Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29th - Years 1 to 6 return

Thursday 30th - 2020 Kinder start

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday 15th November

Samantha Wall &  
Ilanda Ellis

Wednesday 20th November

Sharon Hill & Alice Ropata

Friday 22nd November

Ang Kelehear &  
Karleen Kelehear

Wednesday 27th November

Samantha Russell &  
Sherree Graham

Friday 29th November

Kimberlee Booth &  
Rebecca Marsh

Wednesday 4th December

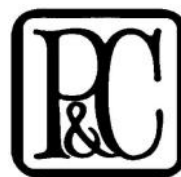
Tracy Merchant &  
Shantelle Turnbull

Friday 6th December

Sharon & Peter Hill



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



### **Meeting**

Friday 15th November

10.00am

In the school library

Hope to see you there!

### **Calling all Volunteers:**

*Could all tea towels please be returned to school  
as soon as possible.*

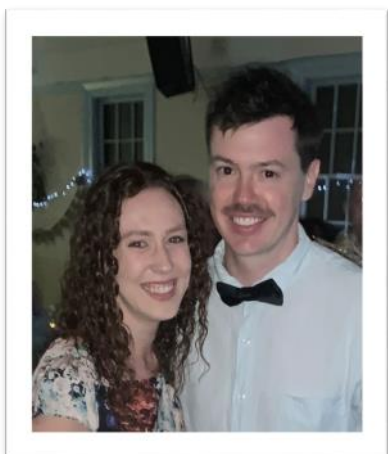
*Please note: Friday 13th December is the last day of canteen.*

## 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.

**Professional learning** for staff has been in the areas of administration, finance, leadership, school planning and maths.

Gresford Public School staff having a great time at the Boots & Bows Ball held by our fantastic P&C.



## Gresford Public School PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning



### Student of the month Bailey Conn



Bailey is a friendly, kind and helpful student at Gresford Public School. He demonstrates Gresford's core values of respect, resilience and responsibility and he is a leader of the school. Congratulations Bailey.

**RESPECT ☆ RESILIENCE ☆ RESPONSIBILITY**



### Information sessions for PARENTS and PROVIDERS

#### NDIS and its Interface with Education

The Department of Education together with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), would like to invite you to attend an Information Session for parents about the NDIS and the range of supports available including supports which assist young people to transition to post school life and employment.

#### The Information Session will cover:

- Understanding the NDIS
- Seeking access to the NDIS
- The participant pathway
- Post school pathways and employment supports
- Preparing for your planning appointment
- Let's Talk About Work booklet
- Meet Providers in your local area
- Q&A

**Tuesday 19 November, 1-3pm**  
Callaghan College Waratah Campus  
Turton Rd, Waratah NSW 2298

**Wednesday 20 November, 1-3pm**  
Maitland Education Office  
Level 1 2 Caroline Place, Maitland NSW 2320

**Thursday 21 November, 1-3pm**  
Muswellbrook Public School  
3/9 Roger St, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

Please contact Rowan Coombes on (02)6656 6644 OR email [rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au) to confirm your attendance.

# Before and After School Care

**This outstanding service for parents is in danger of folding.** It is currently running at a loss and its viability is in question. The service has been given until the end of Term 1, 2020 to increase patronage or combine with another centre. Please consider using the service, even if only on a casual basis as it assists busy and working parents. Remember subsidies apply for working parents. Please see the list of fees below. Enrolment forms are available at the school.

## Outside School Hours Care

### OSHC Fees & Subsidy Rates

#### Fees

Normal Rates:

Morning Session (7.00am – 8.45am) \$20.00 per child/session  
Afternoon Session (3.00pm -5.30pm) \$30.00 per child/session CCS Applies

Casual Rates:

Morning Session (7.00am – 8.45am) \$25.00 per child/per session  
Afternoon Session (3.00pm - 5.30pm) \$35.00 per child/per session CCS Applies

#### Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy is a payment made directly to child care providers to be passed on to families. To make Child Care Subsidy claims and view the status of their claims, families will be able to go to [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) and sign in to access their Centrelink online account.

Upon enrolment, the parent and child's Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) must be added onto the enrolment form for this subsidy to apply to your child's fees.

Under the Child Care Subsidy, the percentage of subsidy a family is entitled to is based on their combined annual income, with more financial support available to lower income families. This table shows the percentage of child care fees or the relevant hourly rate cap (whichever is lower) the Government will contribute based on a family's combined income:



Combined annual family income	Subsidy rate
Up t \$66,958	85%
Over \$66,958 to under \$171,958	Gradually reducing to 50
\$171,958 to under \$251,248	50%
\$251,248 to under \$341,248	Gradually reducing to 20%
\$341,248 to under \$351,248	20%
\$351,248 to more	0%

**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.**