

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gresford Public School held an assembly on Remembrance Day to pay respects to all men and women who served their country during war. The students took time to reflect and to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.



During NAIDOC Week, Gresford students, teachers and invited guests celebrated the opening of our meeting place; Yimmaang. This was opened by our local elder, Aunty Sandy Griffin, who had a special welcome to all families and she talked about country. The meeting place is nestled in the rainforest and has totems for Worimi, Wonnarua and Gringai to celebrate the gathering of the tribes.



Very exciting news for our Game Changer students. They have made it to the grand final which will be broadcast on 1 December. They are the last seven primary schools in the state still part of the competition. The efforts of our students were amazing, and their collaboration, innovations and commitment showed throughout the whole process. We can get behind our students and vote for the People's Choice award. Voting closes on Wednesday 25 November. Click on the link and you can see all the pitches and vote.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/game-changer-challenge/grand-final>

Swim school has been very successful. The students have made progress in their lessons and had fun jumping in the pool with their clothes on and learning the survival strokes for safety lessons.

Kindergarten Orientations started this week. We welcomed the new students for 2021. They were very excited to be at their new school.

Kind regards, Jody Kilpatrick





SCHOOL MERITS

Bailey Garaty, Lexie Hill, Jackson Davis, Amilia Gillies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Zara Mutton, Kayla Townsend, Egidy Temba, Tillie Parish

PBL AWARDS

Kobi Bytheway, Otaki Ropata, Brodie Monger, Luca Kraefft

LIBRARY AWARDS

Rylee-Grace Walters

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS

Cullen Williams, Harry Crouch

SPORTS AWARDS

Eliza Mitchell, Charlotte Marsh, Chilli Bynon, Ethan Crouch



NOVEMBER

Friday 20th - P&C meeting

Wednesday 25th - Kinder Orientation

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Gymnastics

Thursday 3rd - Gymnastics

Tuesday 8th - Gymnastics

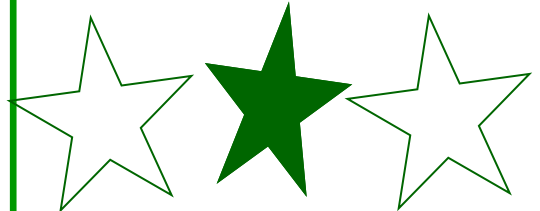
Wednesday 9th - Presentation Day

Thursday 10th - Gymnastics

Friday 11th - Canteen Red Day

Monday 14th - Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 16th - Students last day



Tucker Box & P&C News

Post Cutting Day that was to held
on 28th November

has been cancelled due

to unforeseen circumstances.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Come to our next

P&C meeting tomorrow to find out more!



Pauline Mitchell

Principal, Gresford Public School

11 November 2020

Pauline Mitchell has been an outstanding principal at Gresford Public School for over 15 years.

During this time, she has acted with high levels of honesty, compassion, loyalty and trust.

Her ability to empower and encourage her staff to always act in the best interest of students, parents and community has been seen in many ways. From the school's 150th anniversary celebration to the award-winning pedagogical approaches in her school, her integrity has been well noted.

This ability to bring others along with her has also been evident in her work in the Dungog District Learning Community where her clear expectations, consistent manner and vibrant leadership set the standard for others to follow.

All school-based decision-making processes are completed with the whole staff, often producing robust conversations, and always achieving consensus and commitment which reflect a common set of values. This was clearly seen in the recent External Validation process in which the whole staff engaged in authentic self-assessment and produced perceptive and future focused directions.

Pauline is always truthful and respectful. She stands up for students and their learning, values collaboration and empowerment and insists on recognising the importance of all stake holders having the right to have a voice.

Continually striving for excellence, having a fine eye for detail, a strong work ethic and always living the values inherent within Public Education, Pauline personifies integrity of purpose, integrity of action and integrity of intent.

Her career has been outstanding, her achievements many and her legacy long lasting.

Thank you Pauline, for your service to students, service to staff and service to the community.

John Millburn

Director, Educational Leadership

Hunter Network



Before and After School Care



Our Before and After School Care Service is now available 5 days a week.

Mornings: 7.00am to 8.45am and

Afternoons: 3.00pm to 5.30pm.

All casual bookings for Friday MUST be made by 5.00pm THURSDAY

Gresford Phone No: 0447 504 978.

Rebates and casual vacancies available. Enrolment forms available at the office.

Please support this excellent service.

Outside School Hours Care

Do you have games or equipment you no longer need? Please donate to Gresford Before and After School service.

Contact Joyce or Kathy on 0447 504 978

Enrolments for 2021

Do you know anyone with a child starting school in 2021?

We are always keen to take new enrolments. Please encourage any prospective families to contact the school on 4938 9304.



Supervision of Students

A teacher is on duty from 8.30am each school day to supervise students before lessons begin. If your child needs to be at school before 8.30am or after 3pm you are welcome to book them into Before and After School Care which operates from 7am each morning and till 5.30pm each afternoon.

Casual vacancies are available by ringing 044 750 4978. Enrolment forms are available at the office.



School Banking



Woof!

Wednesday
is School Banking day.

VOTE FOR YOUR TEAM

Our Game Changer 2020 team won their Regional Final competition on Monday 9th November and are through to the NSW Junior State Final. The overall winning team will be announced on 1st December. The team had to come up with a new digital invention that would make someone's life better and connect them to their community. Congratulations to Kammi Conn, Winnie Maroulis, Lara Silver, Benji Spencer and Egidy Temba for representing our school responsibly, coming up with creative designs, great planning and fantastic teamwork. Their invention was the (DTF) Digital Travel Friend, a portable, electronic, interactive pet dolphin designed to reduce anxiety in older people when travelling long distances to visit relatives. The judges enjoyed the Gresford team's innovative pitch where they used drama skills and "show not tell" to get their message across. Our team said they most enjoyed the rainbow thinking part of the day. Please vote for your team by clicking on this link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/game-changer-challenge/grand-final> by Wednesday 25th November.



Having Fun at Swim School



OSHC Positions Vacant

We are seeking enthusiastic and motivated people to join our team of Educators at our Outside School Hours Care service at Gresford and Vacy Public Schools.

The successful candidates will need to have knowledge of the My Time, Our Place Framework and have experience with school age children, preferably OSHC experience.

Both positions will be on a job share basis at the 30 place services.

Position 1 is two permanent afternoon shifts available at Vacy OSHC per week (Thursday and Friday 2.30pm – 6pm).

Position 2 is four permanent afternoon shifts available at Gresford OSHC (Monday – Thursday 2.30pm – 6pm) per week with the possibility of the Friday afternoon dependent on bookings.

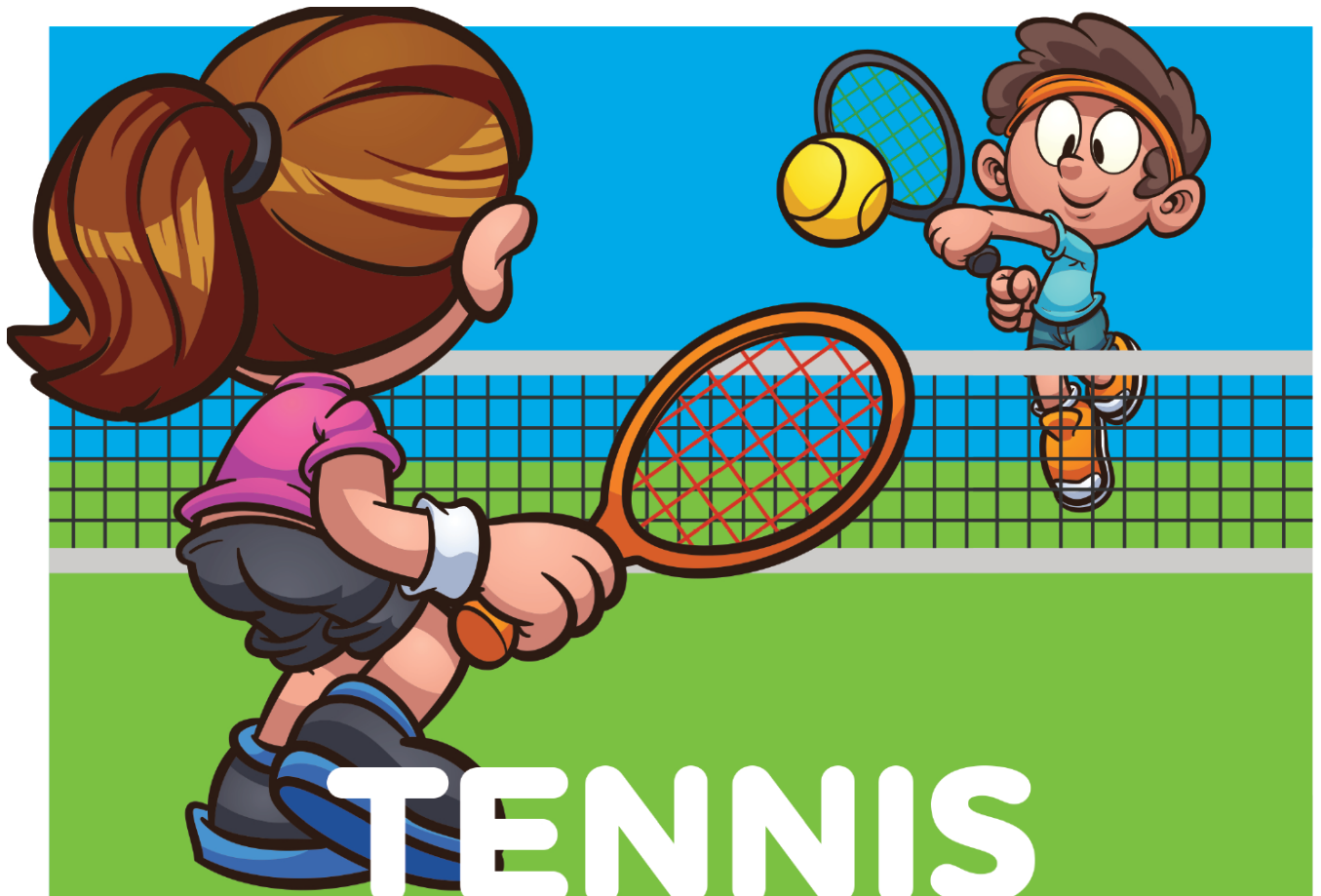
Ideally the successful candidates for both positions will have the flexibility to be available to be the second staff member if required and the flexibility to be on call to fill in other shifts as needed across both OSHC services.

Employment will be permanent part time, term-time only as under the Children's Services Award 2010, including allowances.

To apply for this opportunity, please email your resume and cover letter, indicating which position you are interested in to lhactivityvan@bigpond.com. Only applicants who address the criteria below in their application will be considered.

Required Skills and Experience

- Working With Children Check (valid for paid employment)
- Current First Aid, CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma Management Certification (or willingness to obtain immediately)
- Child Protection Training (CHCPRT001 - Identify and respond to children and young people at risk, or the willingness to complete immediately - course is available online)
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work as part of a team and autonomously
- Experience in OSHC is preferable



TENNIS COACHING

with Chris Herden - Tennis Australia Club Professional

**For ages 4 -16 during school term
at Gresford Tennis Club**

Perceptual Motor Program (4-5 yrs)

An introduction to basic tennis techniques to develop and improve perceptual motor skills in a fun, play based way.

Tennis Australia ANZ Hot Shots (5-11yrs)

Hot Shot red, orange and green balls offer players a progressive pathway through stroke production, court positioning and tactics. Teaching the framework of key skills "first" allows more intricate skills to fall into place. Match play available.

Leader System

The Leader System program covers a wide range of basic personal development disciplines from sportsmanship, self-esteem and decision making to nutrition.

All levels of high school programs and competition squads also available

**Call Chris on 0400 331 553
for details and bookings**



THE TUCKER BOX



CANTEEN OPERATION HOURS 9AM – 2.30PM

Lunch 11.15am – 11.50am
Recess 1.20 – 2pm

PLEASE PLACE ORDERS INTO CANTEEN BY 9AM

Please Note – Children arriving at school after 10am or those that have forgotten their lunch will be offered a sandwich as time does not allow other food to be prepared. Thank you.

Gresford Public School welcomes any new parents or friends of the school thinking about volunteering a day in the canteen. It's a great way to meet other parents and the kids get a buzz out of seeing you working there too. Please come and see our Canteen Supervisors Sylvia Lawrence or Kristy Duncan if you are interested.

Our canteen complies with the NSW Healthy Schools Canteen Guidelines.

Canteen Co-ordinators

Sylvia Lawrence 49317145 or 0427281172
Samantha Russell 0421187087



Please note that is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to do your rostered canteen day.

Katherine Hodges 0427850469
Rebecca Marsh 0468570904
Kimberlee Booth 0429930932
Sharon Hill 0409939737
Samantha Russell 04211870087

Wed 14/10 Betty Richardson Helen Farley	Fri 16/10 Mary Horn Joleen Pittman	Wed 21/10 Nadia Kraefft Kate Young Rebecca Marsh	Fri 23/10 Tracy Merchant Shantelle Turnbull
Wed 28/10 Sharon Hill Serena Nunns	Fri 30/10 Amy Garaty Sam Russell	Wed 4/11 Jane Maroulis Elise Chesworth	Fri 6/11 Margaret Watters Katherine Hodges
Wed 11/11 Amy Garaty <i>Recess Only</i> <i>Swim School</i>	Fri 13/11 Sam Russell <i>Recess Only</i> <i>Swim School</i>	Wed 18/11 Amy Garaty <i>Recess Only</i> <i>Swim School</i>	Fri 20/11 Sam Russell <i>Recess Only</i> <i>Swim School</i>
Wed 25/11 Betty Richardson Helen Farley	Fri 27/11 Tracy Merchant Shantelle Turnbull	Wed 2/12 Alice Ropata Sharon Hill	Fri 4/12 Kimberlee Booth Natalie Barnett
Wed 9/11 Sylvia Lawrence Joanne Kingsley	Fri 11/12 Amy Garaty Sam Russell		

Jane Maroulis 49389556 or 0400509477
Shantelle Turnbull 49389426
Tracy Merchant 0417658307
Betty Richardson 49317133
Elise Chesworth 0428354375
Helen Farley 49317162 or 04107889836
Natalie Barnett 0400988024 or 80048345
Margaret Watters 0422899747
Amy Garaty 0438654125
Joanne Kinsley 0491121455
Serena Nunns 0423894610
Kate Young 0448216614

THE TUCKER BOX *

something fresh...



SANDWICHES	
Spread (Honey, Vegemite or Jam)	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.70
Ham	\$2.00
Ham & Cheese	\$2.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$2.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$2.50
Salad	\$3.00
(Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Beetroot & Cucumber)	
Salad with Ham, Chicken or Roast Beef	\$4.00
~EXTRAS	
Beetroot	\$0.30
Cheese Slice	\$0.50
Boiled Egg	\$1.00
Toasted	\$0.40
Bread Roll or Wrap	\$0.50
SALADS	
Salad Tub	\$3.50
(Lettuce, Grated Carrot, Cheese, Cucumber & Tomato)	
~Add Chicken Tender, Ham, Roast Chicken, Roast Beef or Boiled Egg	ea. \$1.00
Ceaser Tub or Wrap	\$3.50
(Ham, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Egg, Croutons, Cheese, Ceaser Dressing)	
~Add Chicken Tender or Roast Chicken	ea. \$1.00
EXTRAS	
Sauce ~ Tomato, BBQ, Mayo, Aloli	\$0.30
Sweet N Sour, Sweet Chillli, Ceasar	

something small...

Fruit Salad Snack Tub	\$1.00
Muesli & Yoghurt	\$1.00
Custard Cup	\$1.00
Pikalets & Jam ~ 2 per serve	\$0.50
Cheese & Crackers ~ 4 crackers	\$0.50
Fresh Popped Popcorn ~ small bag	\$0.20
Grainwavers	\$1.00
Fruity Bites ~ 10 per serve	\$0.20
Raisin Toast	\$0.50
Deal	\$2.00
~ Raisin Toast & Warm Millo	



something to drink...

Water 300ml	\$1.00
Chill J Sparkling Drink	\$1.60
100% Orange / Apple Juice	\$1.60
Slushie	\$1.50
Chocolate / Strawberry Milk	\$1.60
Warm Millo	\$1.60



something cool...

Frozen Orange Piece	\$0.20
UFO (frozen pineapple ring)	\$0.40
Mousse Cup	\$0.50
Frozen Twisted Yoghurt	\$2.00
Juicy Tube	\$1.00
Mooseie	\$1.00

something hot...



Cob of Sweet Corn	\$0.40
Cheesy Garlic Bread	\$1.20
Cheesy Avocado Bread	\$1.20
Ham & Cheese Toasty Pocket	\$2.00
Butter Chicken Toasty Pocket	\$3.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Large Pie	\$3.00
Lasagne	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets	ea. \$0.50
PIZZA ~ Hawaiian ~ Meaty BBQ ~ BBQ Chicken	\$3.50
ALOHA CHICKEN Burger ~ Chicken Breast, Lettuce, Pineapple, Cheese & BBQ sauce	\$3.50
Chicken TENDER Wrap	\$3.00
CHICKEN SALAD BURGER ~ Chicken Breast, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Cheese & mayo	\$3.50
BEEF SALAD Burger ~ Beef Pattie, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Cheese & BBQ sauce	\$3.50
CHEESY BEEF Burger ~ w/tomato sauce	\$3.00
GRAVY Roll ~ Chicken or Beef	\$3.00
SPOONS & LUNCH BAGS	\$0.10



**GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
FUNDRAISER**

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING
TO TOWN!**

Mini Christmas Photo Sessions
Cost Per Family is \$50

EMILY HOLZ LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER
WILL BE TAKING CHRISTMAS PHOTOS IN
THE VINES

SANTA WILL BE AVAILABLE IF YOU WISH
PLEASE NOTE EACH SESSION WILL BE
ALLOCATED A 20MIN TIME SLOT
2 DIFFERENT SCENES TO CHOOSE FROM
ALL PHOTOS WILL BE EMAILED AFTER
THE DAY

NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020

BOYDELLS VINEYARD

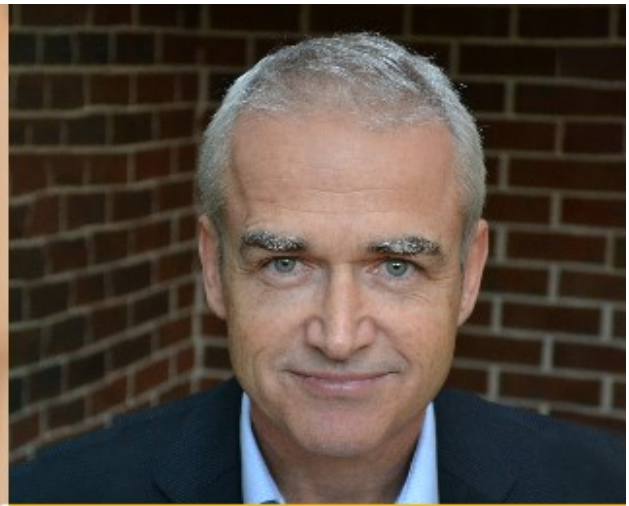
65 Allyn River Road, East Gresford, NSW, 2311

Please contact Tracy for Bookings 0417 658307

Please make payments to

Gresford Public School P&C BSB: 802214 Account: 59043

Please use name as reference



maitland library

city council

The act of storytelling connects us to each other. Stories are important to our lives - they help shape our perspective of the world and help us understand other people and their perspectives. Whether the stories you seek are fiction or real life experience we'll connect you with some great storytellers and stories during November.

Baby Book Club and Storytime



We're happy to announce that the relaxation on COVID-19 restrictions means that we can host more people at our **Baby Book Club** and **Storytime** sessions at all Maitland Libraries. Each session is a mix of stories, songs and rhymes designed to develop language, listening, concentration and creative skills in a fun and relaxed atmosphere for children 0 - 5 years. No bookings necessary.