



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 2

7th May 2020

Principal's message

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather and the holiday break. I am very excited to start at Gresford Public School and I look forward to meeting all the students and parents as time allows us.

Our school continues to operate on a flexible staffing roster for all staff with only a skeleton staff working onsite. All staff can be contacted by phoning the office or via the school email and we will continue to have check-ins at the regular times.

I would like to thank you for your amazing support of our students and school staff over the past two weeks as we continue to deliver home learning to the students. We all know that we are in this challenge against COVID-19 together for the long haul and I thank parents and carers for your fantastic effort in helping our entire local community with keeping children safe at home during last term and the holidays.

The Deputy Secretary has announced that every child will return to school one day per week, starting Term 2, Week 3 (Monday 11th May). We have developed a timetable and tried to keep families together. Most families have let the school know of their intention to be at school on particular days. If you have not let the school know about your child please make contact by phoning 4938 9304 and letting Nicole know. If your child is absent on their designated day you must notify the school or they will be marked as absent.

Very clear medical advice from the Australian Health Protections Principal Committee (AHPPC) is that a phased return of students to on-site learning is safe. The COVID-19 pandemic will continue for some time so it is important that we adjust the provision of education accordingly. The Department of Education has hygiene supplies, and Personal Protective Equipment for sick bay will be provided. Staff will continue to prompt students to wash their hands with soap, as appropriate, throughout the day.

Phases diagram

Many of the students started the term learning from home and some have been at school. I know all students are engaged in quality learning. For those students who are learning from home, the learning packs will be ready Fridays and completed work returned on that day as well. **Students will need to bring in their learning packs for the day they are at school.** Students attending on Monday will receive their pack on Monday when they come to school. The school will continue with the same learning programs during Phase 1. The school has not been advised when Phase 2 will commence.

Drop Off/Pick Up during COVID-19

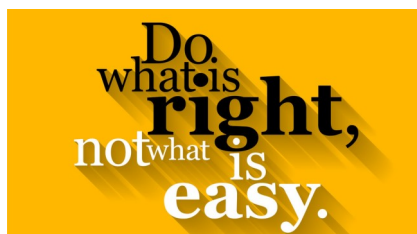
The current concern is around adult to adult transmission. To help keep our staff safe when bringing your child to school, please drop off and pick up at the gate and avoid, as much as possible, entering school grounds. No parents will enter the playground unless there is a need to visit the office.

Remember social distancing requirements when dealing with staff and when you run into other parents at the gate. Please don't be offended if you are reminded to keep a distance by staff, as we need to keep our staff healthy to keep the school operational.

The NSW Department of Education has a vast amount of advice and resources for parents as well as detailed explanations about the decisions we have to follow. I would encourage parents to view this site and to read the information supplied. I think you will find it very informative and will address any concerns and fears parents may have about the return of students to the school setting.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Kind regards,
Jody Kilpatrick



4938 9304



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Catholic SRE Message

The Catholic Parish of St Helen's, Gresford sends its best wishes to the children, families, and staff of Gresford Primary School and community. Simple to follow **Catholic SRE lessons** are available online at the following link: [Catholic SRE Online](https://www.catholiceducation.com.au/online-education/catholic-sre-lessons)

regards,
Mary Hughes



Free online book for kids.

Go to

<https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus-ABookForChildren.pdf>



ANZAC Day

This year we had to do ANZAC Day a bit differently. These photos of our day show our school ceremony that our students at home could share in.





The CROSSROADS CAFÉ has kindly offered their services due to our canteen being closed. Lunches will be available 5 days per week. Please see menu prices below. We thank the Crossroads Café & General Store for their support.

Please send orders written on paper bags with names and correct money.

<u>SANDWICHES</u>	
<u>Honey</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>
<u>Vegemite</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>
<u>Jam</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>
<u>Cheese</u>	<u>\$1.70</u>
<u>Ham</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>
<u>Ham & Cheese</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>
<u>Egg, Lettuce & Mayo</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>
<u>Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>
<u>Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot & cucumber)</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>
<u>Ham or Chicken & Salad</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>
<u>Toasted</u>	<u>50c</u>
<u>HOT FOOD</u>	
<u>Sausage Roll</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>
<u>Large Meat Pie</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>
<u>Chicken Nuggets</u>	<u>50c each</u>
<u>Chicken & Gravy Roll</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>