

Principal's message

All the students have settled into their classrooms with eagerness and are getting back to normal routines. The school students have enjoyed being back with their friends. This week the students celebrated Reconciliation Week covering the theme: In this Together.

A big thank you to parents for helping the school move through Phase 3. I understand the complexities of dropping off your child/ren and not being able to take them to the classrooms. This will stay in place until the Department of Education makes the change. At this stage it will be until the end of Term 2.

Welcome to Winter! As the weather starts to cool, students will need to dress in warmer clothes. Please make sure your child's clothes are labelled with their name so that their uniforms can be returned if left in the playground. The school is starting to get a large amount of unnamed clothing in the lost property.

The SRC would like to raise money to help find a cure for COVID-19. They are running a drawing competition with the theme "Winter Wonderland" with an entry fee of \$2. All money raised will be donated to the Maitland Hospital for research.

If you have any concerns with matters in school, please contact me and make an appointment. I would happily meet with you or talk on the phone.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Kind regards,

Jody Kilpatrick



Our Newsletter is going

ECo Friendly

As a commitment to reducing the paper usage at the school, our Newsletter is available via our website:

<https://gresford-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and the Skool Loop App.

No paper copy of the newsletter will be sent home unless requested.



Monday 15th June

Permission and payment due by

Thursday 12 June

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

Tucker Box & P&C News

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Meeting

19th June

More information on time & location to follow.

RED DAY

at the Tucker Box

Red Day order forms were sent home today. All orders must be returned by 12th June.

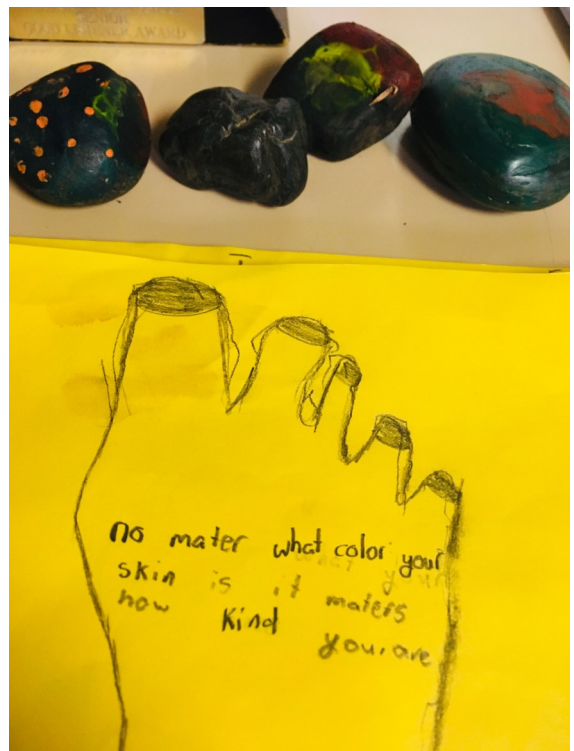
The roster for Term 3 will be sent home soon!!





This week we celebrated National Reconciliation Week. All classes discussed solutions for healing the past and moving forward together. This included learning more about and respecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Here are some of our Story Stones- we painted symbols, colours and pictures that represent harmony between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.



Gresford Vacy Football Club June Newsletter

It is looking increasingly likely that there will be soccer played this season and GVFC are pleased to advise that the club will be doing everything we can to be involved.

In regards to training and games, things won't quite be the same and there will be new rules and regulations to follow to keep community sport in line with the 'New Normal' that is life during and after CV-19.

GVFC has always been committed to providing a fun and safe environment for everyone to enjoy soccer and this year will be no different. The governing body has proposed a full 14 week season for all age groups commencing in early July and concluding in Mid-October.

The club has circulated correspondence to parents and players for their feedback to plan for the remainder of the season.

Please feel free to contact us on the below details if you have any concerns or questions.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Sunscorp Stadium sooner rather than later.

For more information or help contact:

Club President Jim Doyle M: 0407 307 800 -- Club Secretary Jack Cowled M: 0427 385 603
Web: www.scorps.com.au Email: gresfordvacyfc@outlook.com



Winter Wonderland drawing competition

Gresford Public School Student Representative Council is holding a drawing competition to raise money for Maitland Hospital for research.

Entry forms will be available from the SRC.

\$2 per entry

Closes 3rd July



Enrolments for 2021

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

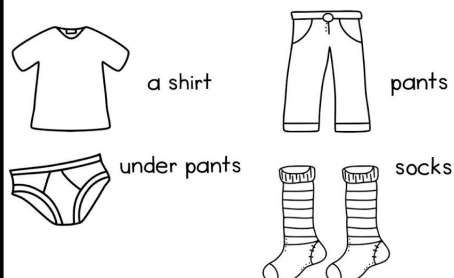
We are always keen to take new enrolments. Please encourage any prospective families to contact the school on 4938 9304.

There will be Kindergarten Orientation mornings and Smart Starters for 2021 Kindergarten students in Term 4. Dates and times to be advised.

Enrol for
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2021 now!

Spare Clothes Needed

We ask parents with children in Kindergarten to Year 2 to please pack spare clothes for their child including undies as the school has a very limited supply.



PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Rescheduled School Photo Day Wednesday 16th September

If you have already paid all money will be honoured.





Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2021**

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2021?

You must apply online at:
[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-5](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5)



Key dates

Application website opens:
Tuesday 9 June 2020

Application website closes:
5 pm, Friday 26 June 2020
You must apply before this deadline

'Test authority' letters sent to all applicants:
Wednesday 2 September 2020

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Wednesday 16 September 2020

Placement outcome information sent overnight on:
Tuesday 1 December 2020

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Note: The information in this document is available in an accessible format on the Department's website.

Parents* should check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5 regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team¹.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

Please Note:

¹In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

*'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'



It's official! All Maitland Libraries will reopen from Monday 1 June.

We're absolutely delighted to open our doors and we promise you a warm welcome. Over the past months, we've received many heart-warming messages about the power of reading to sustain us through uncertain times. We invite you to continue the connection.

There are some changes to our services that we want you to know about. Our services will include:

- Access to library collections
- **Click and Collect**
- Justice of the Peace
- Local Studies
- Printing, scanning and copying

Our **opening hours** look a little different, with no evening hours at this stage. All branches are open:

- Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
- Saturday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Our **Readers Café** at East Maitland Library is open for takeaway and limited dine-in. And there's a great range of fresh produce straight from local growers for sale.

We will be maintaining health and safety protocols in accordance with NSW Health guidelines, including hand hygiene and physical distancing. Some services, such as public access computers and technology assistance, are not available at this stage and continuing restrictions on gatherings and events mean that our public programs are still suspended.

We'll continue to keep you up to date with library services and offerings as restrictions are eased.

Keryl Collard
Manager Libraries and Learning

 02 4933 6952



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

Contact us to register for one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday 3 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Friday 5 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Thursday 11 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 16 June 2020
11.00 am - 12.30 pm
- Wednesday 17 June 2020
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or

Email: betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

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PO Box 785 North Sydney NSW 2059



Newcastle

Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June

Queens Birthday Long Weekend

CARTOONING CAMPS



COVID Safe Program

- Correct social distancing
- Hand washing & sanitising
- Stay at home Zoom classes also offered
- Limited class sizes
- Drop off service



Father & son, Danny & Joel are coming back to Newcastle.

We want to live life again. Children need to play, learn & have fun.

An exciting, fun art & cartooning adventure weekend! Join us or stay home & Zoom in.



Featuring Australia's largest interactive Lego™ Spaceship. It has to be seen to be believed. It's made up of 12 connecting spaceships.



I'm Joel. Join my dad & I at the Newcastle June long weekend Cartoon Camp.

Continued below...



Danny & Joel Cohen (father & son) present
June Long Weekend Cartoon Workshops
 Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June



Note: Children can bring their scooters on Saturday if they want to.



Class 1: Saturday 10am - 2pm

- **Theme:** **Hawaiian.** Wear anything colourful & tropical. Prizes for the best dressed.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 1.**
- **Draw:** A 3D beach tropical landscape.
- **Draw:** Marvel™ characters including Groot™.
- **Science show:** Mad Professor Kuffleblah is back!
- **Play:** The exciting game 'Charge'.
- **Enjoy:** **Tropical fruit mocktails.**
- **Make:** A squishy & play the fun squishy game.
- **Coral reef:** Draw life under the sea.
- **Draw:** Animated fruit & vegetables.
- **Play:** Balloon rob the nest.
- **Challenge:** Make a tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
- **Challenge:** Boys vs girls 'floss' & 'Orange Justice' dance-off for prizes.



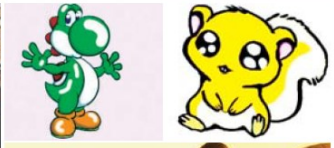
Class 2: Saturday 2pm - 6pm

- **Theme:** **Messy clothes & hair.** Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- **Kids on wheels:** Bring in your scooters.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 2.**
- **Draw:** Popular farm animals.
- **Enjoy:** **Delicious rainbow biscuits.**
- **Treasure hunt:** Find the treasure in the park.
- **Slime:** Make fun green gooey oobleck slime!
- **Play:** The shaving cream battle if you want to!
- **Competition:** Build a creative structure using straws.
- **Draw African animals:** A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
- **Play:** Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia.
- **Make:** Cute clay model food. Prizes for best creations.
- **Pokémon:**™ Draw popular characters & trade your cards. Bring your Pokémon cards.



Class 3: Saturday night 6pm - 9pm

- **Theme:** **Dark clothes for murder in the dark.**
- **Enjoy:** **S'mores chocolate pizza!**
- **Draw:** Cute manga animals.
- **Draw:** Mario™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
- **Play:** Sock wrestling.
- **Play:** Space jump.
- **Gift:** Receive a showbag full of goodies.
- **Design a baseball cap:** We'll supply the caps.
- **Nerf gun battle:** Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle. We will be making cubby houses in the hall.
- **Play:** **Murder in the dark!** An exciting game with balloons.



Class 4: Sunday 10am - 2pm

- **Theme:** **Country show day.** Dress in an animal onesie. Prizes for best dressed.
- **Space trivia:** Everything you know about the solar system is wrong.
- **Draw:** A galactic space scene.
- **Kids in the kitchen:** **Enjoy chocolate fondu.**
- **Draw:** Famous pets - Garfield™ & Snoopy™.
- **Competition:** Draw an amusement park.
- **Draw:** A 3D alien landscape.
- **Draw:** Castles, dragons & beasts.
- **Make:** The worlds best paper plane.
- **Draw:** A kangaroo, koala & an emu.
- **Make:** A cartoon kite.
- **Lego:**™ Competition. Make a mini spaceship.
- **Play:** **Murder in the light!** An exciting game with balloons.



Class 5: Sunday 2pm - 6pm Market Day - the best class!

- **Theme:** **Computer games.** Prizes for the best gaming costumes.
- **T-Shirt:** Design a T-Shirt. We will supply the T.Shirts.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 3.**
- **Draw:** Anime & manga.
- **Draw:** Realistic people.
- **Draw:** 3D dinosaurs.
- **Flour battle:** Join in the fun if you want to.
- **Waterfight:** Weather permitting & if you want to. Bring a watergun.
- **Kingdom markets:** Everyone prepare a shop for Market Day. Make cookies, sell old toys, sell candy bags, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money they have earned over the weekend. We'll give the children \$200 Kingdom dollars.
- **Draw:** Competition. Create your own treehouse. Andy Griffiths Treehouse book will be awarded.
- **Greatest Showman™ talent show:** Singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy, etc... prizes for the best acts.



