



# Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 2 ~ Week 8

18th June 2020

## Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of Term 2, I am pleased to inform our community that school life continues its steady return to normal. The students were very excited with the Musica Viva performance on Monday. Learning about many different instruments and how they contribute to a show was very interesting.

The students will continue to regularly wash hands, avoid sharing food and every student must bring their own water bottle to school and fill up rather than using the bubblers.

Students who are unwell, are still asked to remain at home until they are better. This includes temperatures, coughs, runny noses or colds. Please let the school know about why your child is not at school.

Parents are still required to adhere to physical distancing and are not permitted on school grounds or assemblies as yet. A big thank you to the parents at pick up who are carefully adhering to the 1.5 metre distancing. Due to no visitors on the school site, the P&C Meeting will be held at the Twin Rivers Café at 10am on Friday 19th June (tomorrow).

From the start of Term 3 many activities for the school will return. The school will have assemblies on Fridays, Scripture will resume, sporting activities and inter-school events will be organised and choirs can recommence. For now, excursions must remain on hold and any interstate excursions at this stage have been cancelled. The PSSA state sporting carnivals have also been cancelled for the remainder of year.

The office is still collecting a lot of lost property. Please make sure your child's name is written on their clothing for easy return.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any issues, please contact Nicole to arrange a meeting with me.

Kind regards,

Jody Kilpatrick



4938 9304



[www.gresford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gresford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## 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.



## Rescheduled School Photo Day

**Wednesday 16th September**

If you have already paid all money will be honoured.



### *Before and After School Care*



**Hunter  
Mobile  
Preschool**

*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



**P&C  
meeting tomorrow**

**19th June**

**at the**

**Twin Rivers Café**

**10.00am**

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

# The supercar race

It was on 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 that I woke up early in the misty, cold morning ready for my most important qualifying lap. I started up my mustang. I heard the roar of a really loud thumping V8 engine.

Driving out to the track I felt confident to begin and I **was** the fastest driver which put me into the top ten shoot out. I was stoked. I set the fastest lap in Bathurst racing history. I started first on the starting grid. We took off. I heard all the other supercars roaring at the starting line. I skidded around hell's corner and felt like I was on a roller coaster. I was still holding first place.

When we got up the top of Mount Panorama Tim Slade crashed on the first lap, wiped out into the gravel. As the 159 laps went by, I couldn't believe we were on the second last lap. Wincup was right behind me. He stopped into the pits to refuel my team was super excited as all my fans were cheering madly and I was about to get the checkered flag and I came first place and we celebrated for ages.

By

Will Thiecke



# MUSICA VIVA Fun!

The children enjoyed the Musica Viva virtual time-machine. They learnt about Appalachian dance music, some unusual instruments and composed song lyrics with the band members.



## ~~School Band Goes Viral~~ FAKE NEWS

A school teacher has just admitted to a local man that he is in a school band with a group of teachers. It's going viral across the web. The leader of the group is Mr. Taylor from Gresford Public School. We already know he is one of the best musicians in the world. This band will rock the world. Investigators were on the scene and have previously found the undercover teacher band. Mr. Taylor hasn't even been fired because the government was in on it too. They were supplying instruments. How is this possible? To hear more about the band check out their TikToK or find them at #teacherlegends.

By Monica Lawrence

## 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.



# 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](https://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 Team<sup>1</sup>.

#### Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450  
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

#### Please Note:

<sup>1</sup>In 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

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