

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The beginning of Term Two seems like a long time ago. It has been a very demanding term for all involved. I would like to thank the parents, teachers and students for their resilience throughout this term, moving from at home learning and the transition to full school attendance. I would also like to acknowledge the extraordinary work the school staff has done over the term to support our students, with continuous change and learning platforms to cater for all students. The dedication to our students' learning is what makes our school great.

This week Nicole Carter was presented an Excellence Award for her outstanding contributions to our school community. She has served our school as School Learning Support Officer and is now our current School Administration Manager. Her dedication, qualities of compassion and integrity, patience and genuine care make her a great asset to our school. Her service to students, staff, parents and visitors is obvious to all who visit the school. Congratulations Nicole.



Tomorrow will be our last day to order from the CROSSROADS Café for lunch orders. We have appreciated having access to this during Term 2. Canteen will be operating in Term 3 on the Wednesday and Friday of each week.

Many students are still arriving at school without jumpers on. The temperatures have been around five or six degrees on average in the morning. It will be quite cool when we return next term. Please ensure your child is warm enough for the playground. Please also ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name. We have a great deal of unnamed lost property at the moment.

The Digital Citizenship Passports are due tomorrow. If students have not returned their signed passport, they will not be allowed to access any digital technology at the school at the start of next term. This includes computers, iPads and internet.

I hope you get a chance to have a good break during the holidays and get to spend time with your family. Please be aware of the limitations around visiting Victoria during this time. It is important we keep our students safe, and healthy whilst at school.

I look forward to greeting the students back on Tuesday 21st July.

Please be aware that the school grounds are off limit during the school holidays and out of school hours to everyone due to the COVID19 rules.

Kind regards,
Jody Kilpatrick





SCHOOL MERITS

Zara Mutton, Zaiden Apthorpe, Chelsea Crow, Tillie Parish

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Aiden Caukwell, Otaki Ropata, Pearl Ropata, Bella Sellens

PBL AWARDS

Rylee-Grace Walters, Lexie Hill, Zoe Watters, Ewen Mitchell

LIBRARY AWARDS

Jackson Wells

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS

Eliza Mitchell, Jackson Wells

SPORTS AWARDS

Bailey Garaty, Pippa Merchant, Cullen Williams, Piper Conn

JULY

- Friday 3rd - Last day for Term 2
- Monday 20th - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 21st - All students return
- Friday 24th - S.R.C. Fundraiser Day
Book Sale
Any Coin donation
- Thursday 30th - Waste Free Lunch

AUGUST

- Tuesday 18th - Whole school excursion to the Wetlands Centre
- Friday 21st - P&C meeting

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 16th - School Photo Day

Tucker Box & P&C News

The Tucker Box will re-open on

Wednesday 27th July, 2020

Term 3 Roster is included in this newsletter.

Please note all orders from the CROSSROADS Shop will cease after tomorrow 3rd July.

Happy holidays everyone!



THE TUCKER BOX



CANTEEN ROSTER * Term 3

CANTEEN OPERATION HOURS 9AM – 2.30PM

Lunch 11.00am – 11.35am
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 Samantha Russell 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

Effective February 2020



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

Wed 22/7 Betty Richardson Helen Farley	Fri 24/7 Jane Maroulis Margaret Watters	Wed 29/7 Serena Nunns Sharon Hill	Fri 31/7 Tracy Merchant Shantelle Turnbull
Wed 5/8 Joanne Kinsley Sylvia Lawrence	Fri 7/8 Amy Garaty Samantha Russell	Wed 12/8 Mary Horn Joleen Pittman	Fri 14/8 Katherine Hodges Nadia Kraefft
Wed 19/8 Elise Chesworth Alice Ropata	Fri 21/8 Kimberlee Booth Natalie Barnett	Wed 26/8 Felicia Redhouse Illanda Ellis	Fri 28/8 Rebecca Marsh Amy Garaty
Wed 2/9 Sylvia Lawrence Samantha Russell	Fri 4/9 Tracy Merchant Shantelle Turnbull	Wed 9/9 Joanne Kinsley Helen Farley	Fri 11/9 Katherine Hodges Nadia Kraefft
Wed 16/9 Serena Nunns Sharon Hill	Fri 18/9 Illanda Ellis Amy Garaty	Wed 23/9 Rebecca Marsh Felicia Redhouse	Fri 25/9 Kimberlee Booth Natalie Barnett

Illanda Ellis 0459418746
Katherine Hodges 0427850469
Rebecca Marsh 0468570904
Kimberlee Booth 0429930932
Sharon Hill 0409939737
Nadia Kraefft 0410537629
Felicia Redhouse 0407492616
Margaret Watters 0422899747
Amy Garaty 0438654125
Joanne Kinsley 0491121455
Serena Nunns 0423894610

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

Please note: All volunteers must report to the school's office and sign a new visitor form as a COVID19 direction.

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



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

High Potential and Gifted Education Policy

The high expectations for learning at Gresford Public School are being recognised in our participation in a special project this year. Dungog Community of Schools is one of only four schools and networks selected across the state to trial the brand new High Potential and Gifted Education Policy.

The banner we received from Parramatta Head Office reminds our staff, students and families to look for and nurture the potential in each person every day. For our students this includes high potential demonstrated in Physical, Creative, Academic and Social-Emotional areas of school life.

We are trialling best practice methods for identifying, tracking and supporting all our students to develop their personal talents. A broad range of programs to challenge our students includes our innovative Morning Fitness program run by Stage 3 students, an active Student Representative Council K-6, Film by the Rolling Hills, Children's University, Game Changer, Junior and Senior School Choir, the Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition, Enrichment Literacy and Maths classes and of course access to the latest digital technology programs in weekly STEAM with Mrs Manning, to name a few!



Stay posted for the application dates for Aurora College distance opportunity classes offered at Dungog HS for Year 5 families wishing to apply for Year 7.

BUDDING WRITERS

Stage 3 Enrichment Literacy group have been very hard at work on an Envirostories project run by Hunter Local Land Services.

Mrs Rubeli is very proud of all the students who have taken part and the tremendous effort they have put in over the past ten weeks. "We started the project during lockdown when students were learning from home and finally they are past the winning post. As well as polishing their narrative writing skills they have discovered the care and attention that goes into creating an engaging book complete with illustrations." said Mrs Rubeli.

One story from each participating school will be chosen by the Envirostories panel to be published as an educational booklet. It will be printed and distributed around schools and showcased on the Envirostories website.

Whichever story is chosen, our Gresford writers can be very proud of their quality work. Copies of your stories will be placed in our school library for readers to enjoy next term.

Helen Rubeli

Classroom Teacher, High Potential and Gifted Education Co-ordinator
Gresford Public School
Honour and Friendship

I acknowledge and give respect to the Traditional Owners of the lands I live and work on,
the Wonnarua and Worimi Nations.

Learning Chess

The children are loving our giant chess set!



Assembly Awards

We are pleased to be able to hold our Friday whole school assemblies again.
Hopefully soon parents will be able to join us.



Lost Property

We have large amounts of unnamed lost property. Please make sure all jumpers, hats, lunch boxes and personal items are clearly labelled to prevent expensive losses.



2020 Community Choices Champion

Congratulations to the Gresford and District Community Group for being a 2020 Community Choices Champion.

The group is receiving a grant of \$2500 based on the 1227 community votes submitted by local residents.

The money will be used for murals in the Gresford Arboretum .

Thanks to all who voted.

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.

Gresford Vacy Football Club July Newsletter

Playing Dates

The clubs season is well underway with training started and a return to play now confirmed by Northern NSW football to be Fri 3rd / Sat 4th July.



'TeamApp' is used widely listing all the GVFC teams fixtures and we encourage everyone to download this valuable resource.

GVFC are pleased to advise that the club is doing everything we can to be ready for the season start.

Covid-19

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

Please work with your club, coaches and managers to abide by the guidelines imposed for the season. Inform your children of the rules and do your collective best to have a fun, healthy and safe season.

HVFA and NNSW Football has guides and resources being made available for training and return to play to assist players, parents and coaches gain an understanding of what's required. Please see the following link for further information: <https://northernnswfootball.com.au/return-to-play-portal/>

Volunteers

The club needs volunteers to assist with Covid-19 safe operations on home games days, so please respond to the below contacts to advise your availability to help the club and our teams.

Womens World Cup 2023

Exciting news that the joint bid by Australia and New Zealand was selected by FIFA to host the cup in 2023 across both countries and their major cities, inclusive of Newcastle !

This is a significant event for Australia, NZ and Womens sport with the worlds focus on our great countries for the tournament. No doubt this will inspire more young scorpions to participate in the coming years and I'm sure there will be a number of our club members attending the games during the period.

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 in the very near future.

For more information or help contact:

Club President Jim Doyle M: 0407 307 800 -- Club Secretary Jack Cowled M: 0427 385 603