



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 1 ~ Week 10

1st April 2021

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that this is the last week for Term 1. As the saying goes 'time flies when you are having fun'. This is exactly how it has been at Gresford Public School. I would like to thank all the staff and students for their commitment to learning this term. I would also like to thank all the parents, caregivers and community members who continue to support the endeavours of the school. As I say 'it takes a community to raise a child' and we all need to be in it together.

The Student Representative Council were awarded their badges at assembly. Congratulations to Sophie, Eliza, Myles, Toby, Kimberley, Ryan and Ewen. The students were chosen by their classmates and will represent the student voice in SRC meetings.

Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 open on Tuesday 20 April and close Friday 7 May 2021. Parents apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selectivehigh-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> . All applicants are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held on Wednesday 21 July 2021. The Department has introduced a new application system that will give parents a more interactive experience. The new system enables parents to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents can also communicate directly with the Team through the system's new 'messages' feature. Anyone experiencing difficulty completing or submitting an application, can contact the Team on 1300 880 367 or email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au Keep updated on the opportunity class placement process at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Last week the Speaking Competition was conducted by Years 3-6. Mr Taylor and Mrs Rubeli were impressed by the quality of the speeches including reasoning, range and depth of persuasive language. A lot of it came down to voice projection and engaging the audience.

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Historic opportunity for students to influence school and education policies in NSW

Students in public schools now have a unique opportunity to help shape and influence inclusive and positive change in NSW by becoming a member of the Education Minister's Student Council.

The first council of 24 students from throughout the state is now being formed, and applications are open for students from Year 6 to Year 11 until Wednesday, 05 May 2021.

Members will have direct input and influence on education and school policy through discussion and consultation with the Minister and key NSW Education stakeholders.

A diverse range of student voices and experiences is being sought to contribute to the council's directions and operations.

The council, known as DOVES (Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools), will meet virtually twice each term, with the Minister invited to attend.

Students decide the exact setup of council meetings, the issues to be discussed and what the NSW Government can do to make our state the best education system in Australia.

To apply for council membership, students are asked to submit a one to two-minute video, saying who they are, what they are passionate about in schooling and education, and why they want to be part of DOVES.

More information about DOVES and the application process is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/student-voice/minister-s-student-council/apply-to-be-involved#Video1>

Please remember, applications close Wednesday, 05 May 2021.

Thank you to all parents with your patience and understanding about drop off and pick up on Glendonbrook Road. The council should have the signs in place before Term 2 starts.

It was great to see parents back at school for the Easter Hat Parade and PBL Assembly. The new rules state that parents are allowed on site. They must sign in and keep their distance from other adults. Singing is allowed again and no restriction on dancing. Please be advised this may change over the holidays with COVID outbreaks and the school will keep you up to date at the start of Term 2.

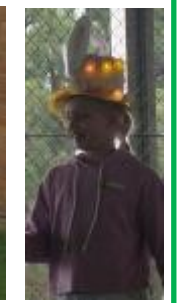
I wish everyone a lovely Easter break and hope the Easter Bunny finds all students. We look forward to welcoming all the students back on Tuesday 20th April.

Kind regards,

Jody Kilpatrick



Easter Hat Parade



Winners of our Hat Parade





SCHOOL MERITS

Bailey G, Jake O, Ryan T

PBL AWARDS

Charlize N, Myles Y, Harley P, Ewen M

LIBRARY AWARDS

Lucy P

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS

SPORTS AWARDS



April

Thursday 1st - Last day for Term 1

Friday 2nd - Good Friday

Monday 19th - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 20th - All students return for Term 2

Friday 23rd - Maitland PSSA Cross Country

May

Thursday 6th - Zone Cross Country
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Tuesday 11th - NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

Wednesday 12th - NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

Thursday 13th - NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

Friday 14th - Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 21st - P&C meeting

- School excursion to
St Annes Church

Friday 28th - Musica Viva - 2pm



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 21st April

Betty Richardson & Helen Farley

Friday 23rd April

Katherine Hodges &
Teena Inkster

Wednesday 28th April

Tracy Merchant &
Shantelle Turnbull

Friday 30th April

Kim Booth & Natalie Barnett



Tucker Box & P&C News



Please note that the canteen
will be open on the
first week of
Term Two

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.

Visiting school grounds

If you are visiting the school grounds for any reason please ensure you come to the front office to sign in on the visitors registry and scan in using the school's QR code.



WHAT DO THESE ROAD SAFETY SIGNS MEAN?



Hours of operation may apply to some signs.
This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.

LATE ARRIVAL



If for any reason you need to drop your child off after 9:00am please walk them to the office. You need to sign your child in and the office staff will walk them to their classroom.

HATS



Don't forget a sun safe hat everyday for outside play and daily fitness. Please ensure your child's first and last name is clearly labelled on all items of clothing including hats, jumpers, shirts and shorts.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE UPDATE

There are still spots available for before and after school care for 2021. We currently have no permanent bookings for Fridays. If this continues to happen in 2021 Fridays will no longer be available. Enrolment forms are available from the school's front office.

Contact OOSC on 0447 504 978 for further details or Maitland Head Office on 02 4934 6725.



In partnership with Arts Upper Hunter, we're bringing our exciting new regional arts initiative to Dungog!

Tantrum Outpost School Holiday Program



What: A 2-week drama program for young people aged 13-17 from the Dungog area to direct and perform in their own DIY production of *When the Leaves Fall* - a fresh new play written by teenagers. No experience required!

When: 6 - 18 April 2021 during school holidays. See Tantrum website for specific dates and times.

Where: James Theatre, 6 Brown St, Dungog

Cost: Highly subsidised - \$50 per participant for the whole program

TANTRUM

arts UPPER HUNTER



Story
FACTORY

BELVOIR

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER AT
WWW.TANTRUM.ORG.AU/WORKSHOPS/OUTPOST

Paterson Gallery Art Space

Sunday 11th April - 11am-2pm

"Festival of Place"

Welcome to our Open Day with free art activities and displays, part of the NSW government movement to bring people back to local business in our post pandemic phase.



For more information: facebook.com/PatersonGallery 0447 584 595

#TheFestivalOfPlace #LoveThePlaceYouLive #SummerFund
www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/festivalofplace

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 (Lettuce, Grated Carrot, Cheese, Cucumber & Tomato)	\$3.50
~Add Chicken Tender, Ham, Roast Chicken, Roast Beef or Boiled Egg	ea. \$1.00
Ceasar Tub or Wrap (Ham, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Egg, Croutons, Cheese, Ceasar Dressing)	\$3.50
~Add Chicken Tender or Roast Chicken	ea. \$1.00

EXTRAS	
Sauce ~ Tomato, BBQ, Mayo, Aioli Sweet N Sour, Sweet Chilli, Ceasar	\$0.30

something small....

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



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 Milo	\$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

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