



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 3

Week 2

22th July 2021

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the move to Level 2 restrictions we have had a very smooth start to Term 3. Thank you to all members of our community for your support in following the current guidelines.

For the benefit of community members who are not on our mailing list, this week's principal's report will contain the contents of the email that was distributed to parents and carers on Sunday 11th July. This information is correct as of 5:00pm Sunday (11/7/2021).

The NSW DoE has worked closely with NSW Health to develop a framework for COVID-19 response settings for schools. This framework includes 4 levels of restrictions:

Level 1: *Students learning at school, with all activities occurring in a COVID-safe way*

Level 2: *Students learning at school, with non-essential visitors restricted from school sites, and certain activities modified to be COVID-safe; masks recommended indoors for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply)*

Level 3: *Students learning at school, with non-essential visitors restricted from school sites, reduced mingling between student and year cohorts and restrictions on activities; masks mandatory for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply)*

Level 4: *Students learning from home, but schools open for students and their families who need it. For those on school sites, masks mandatory for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply).*

*Gresford PS is returning to school in Term 3 under **Level 2** restrictions.*

I will endeavour to provide answers to Frequently Asked Questions below:

- ◆ Mask wearing is recommended (not required) indoors for staff. It is required for visitors.
- ◆ All staff and visitors must scan Service NSW QR codes on arrival.
- ◆ Scripture, ethics, external service providers (e.g. speech pathologists, occupational therapists), canteen workers, uniform shop volunteers, maintenance/building contractors are all able to come on site if following COVID Safe practices.
- ◆ Unfortunately, other volunteers (i.e. reading groups) are unable to enter the site.
- ◆ Assemblies will continue, visitors are unable to attend at this time.
- ◆ Only excursions in our Local Government Area are permitted and only if certain criteria are met.
- ◆ The Zone Athletics Carnival will proceed with one spectator per family (Week 3).
- ◆ Education Week community events will be postponed (previously planned for Week 3).
- ◆ Canberra Excursion postponed to Term 4 (previously planned for Week 7).
- ◆ Gresford PS has plentiful supplies of PPE, cleaning and hygiene products.
- ◆ Enhanced cleaning (including that of touch points during the day) will continue.
- ◆ There are no changes to group work, sharing items etc. However, students will be regularly reminded of hand hygiene.
- ◆ Community use of facilities (e.g. OHSC) outside of school hours can continue with COVID Safe practices.
- ◆ Parents/carers may enter the site for scheduled meetings with staff (following COVID Safe practices), however whenever possible, remote conferencing options will be offered and preferred.
- ◆ Front office procedures regarding students arriving late or departing early will be put into place to limit parents/carers entering site.

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Principal's message continued

- ◆ Students being collected early will be escorted to the office/gate when a parent/carer arrives.
- ◆ Students arriving late go to the office and their reason for lateness recorded, student will continue to class on their own.
- ◆ Parents dropping off items (lunchboxes, etc.) for students should visit the front office for instruction.

At pick up and drop off parents and carers should:

- maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates - drop off and pick up on Glendonbrook Road please
- remain outside of school grounds
- follow mask-wearing requirements and sign in both the visitor log and the Service NSW QR code if required to enter the school.

I remind our community that students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Although at the moment we are fortunate to be operating under Level 2 restrictions, all schools are working on contingency plans. Therefore, a survey will be sent to families next week to gather up to date information about access to technology for learning, supervision at home and likelihood of school attendance if it becomes necessary to move to Level 4 restrictions.

Congratulations to Ms McAlister on the birth of her son Clancy over the holidays. We would like to welcome Mrs Kylie Saxby to Gresford PS. She will be teaching 1/2 for the remainder of the year while Ms McAlister is on leave.

The School Infrastructure works have now been completed. The old roof tiles have been removed, and replaced with colour bond roofing. There are new ceilings in the 3/4, 5/6 classrooms and computer room. There are new LED lights and fans in both classrooms. The air conditioner in 5/6 has been replaced. New blinds will be put in both classrooms.



The school has new gardens near the Drop Off/Pick Up gate on Glendonbrook Road and near the Office building. Thank you to Mr Collier for his hard work in planting hundreds of bulbs. These will look great as we head into Spring.

This term the school is trialling Maths Groups on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This is to tailor to students' needs. The groups will be flexible depending on topics and areas that different students need more support in. The teachers are working collaboratively across all groups to plan and teach focus areas.

Gresford PS has made it into the Game Changer competition. They will be competing shortly in virtual heats. The team will pitch their ideas live to a judging panel using a design thinking approach to solve complex problems. We wish the students competing great success.

This term Gresford PS has introduced the Attendance House. Each week any student who has been at school for the entire week will put a ping-pong ball into the house. If the school reaches the predetermined line by the end of term there will be a class prize for one afternoon. This is to promote attendance. We are currently at 92.6% and are aiming for 95%.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jody Kilpartrick

AWARDS



SCHOOL MERITS

Lawson. Amelia C, Chilli, Lucy, Ethan

PBL AWARDS

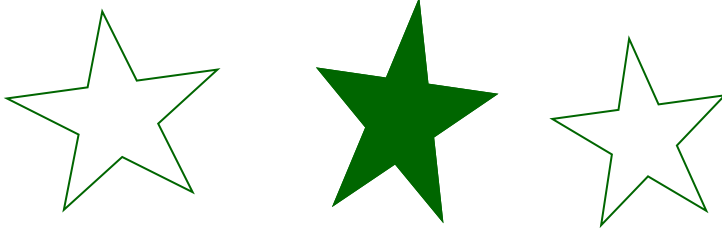
Cherry, Toby, Nate

LIBRARY AWARDS

Jackson

SPORTS AWARD

Bailey G, William



JULY

Friday 30th - Zone Athletics @ Maitland Regional Athletics Centre

AUGUST

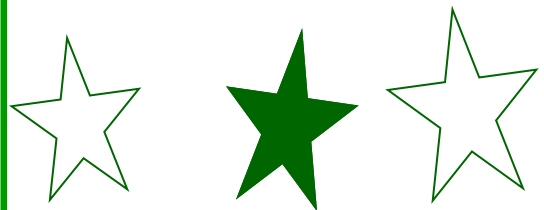
Friday 20th - Regional Hunter Athletics
- P&C meeting
(venue to be decided)

Monday 23rd - Book Week

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 14th - School Photos

Friday 17th - P&C meeting
(venue to be decided)



CANTEEN ROSTER Term 3

Friday 23rd July

Amy Garaty & Samatha Russell

Wednesday 28th July

Tracy Merchant &
Shantelle Turnbull

Friday 30th July

Teena Inkster &
Margaret Watters

Wednesday 4th August

Betty Richardson &
Helen Farley



Tucker Box & P&C News

Our next P&C meeting is on
Friday

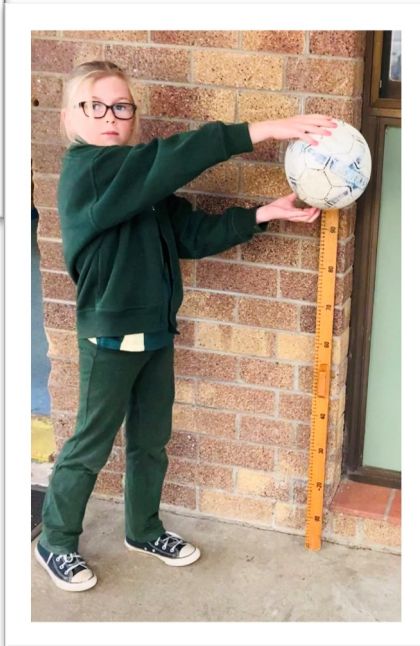
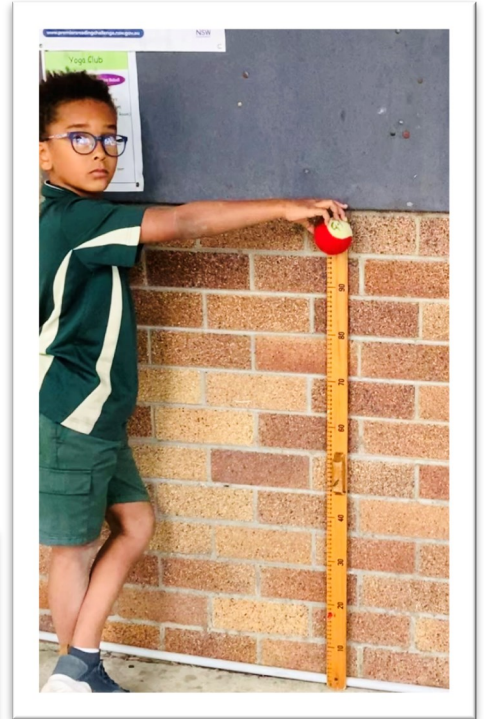
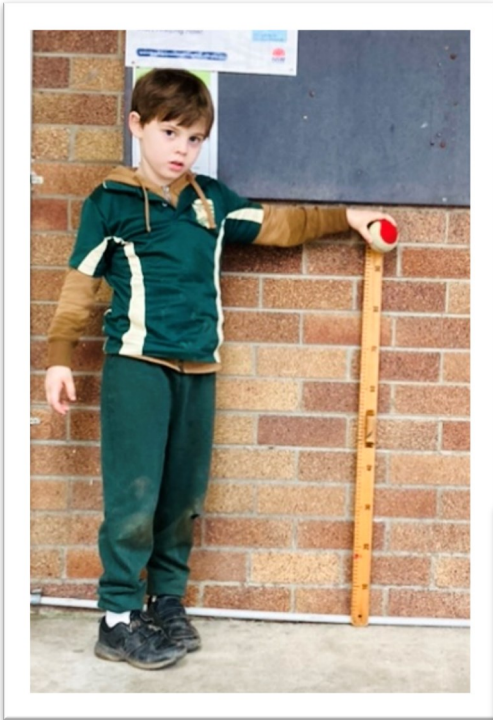
20th August

Venue to be decided



3/4 News

Class 3/4 have been studying forces and the properties of materials. This week we had some clever scientists testing how elastic different sports balls are by measuring how high they bounced. Students recorded this using slow motion videos.





Gresford Public School

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22nd July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Skool Loop Notifications

It has come to my attention that some families are not receiving notifications on the Skool Loop app.

There are often a few reasons that phones do not receive the alert.

1. If you are in the app when the notice is sent, it does not want to send an alert as you are already in the app to see the message that has been sent.
2. If the app or the user's phone is not up to date, then you may not receive the notice as the phone's current software cannot handle the request.
3. The user's phone may have notifications switched off. To fix this go into settings - Apps/notifications - and choose to allow.
4. The Phone may be too old. Some phones such as the iPhone 5 are now too old to receive push notifications as the software that the app runs on is newer than what is available for that phone.
5. To join a group in notices - go into the notices tile on the interface of your school app and touch the three small bars on the top right-hand side, this will show you the groups the school have made.

Please feel free contact me if you have any queries.

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School Administrative Manager



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Gresford Outreach 2021



When: Monday
7th June,
9th August,
6th September
Time: 10am - 12pm

Do you need help?

What can we help you?
Centrelink advice,
Emergency relief,
Budgeting advice,
Child, Youth and Family support.

Where: School of Arts Hall
42 Park St, East Gresford.

For more information please call: 4992 1133 or email
karyn.m@dsc.net.au

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2021

Term 2
19th April
24th May

Term 3
26th July
23rd August

10.30pm - 12.30pm

DO YOU NEED HELP?

What can we help you with?

**Centrelink advice,
Emergency relief,
Budgeting advice,
Child, Youth and Family support.**

**We will be at: Lostock Dam Caravan Park,
1823 Paterson River Rd
Lostock**

Services provided by:



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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. Also please wear a mask.



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.

June/July School Holidays

TENNIS CAMPS

Club Professional Coaching
For ages 4-14 at Gresford Tennis Courts



Heaps of fun for beginners and experienced players

Camp includes stroke development, drills, point and game play. You will also play a mix of cricket, soccer and t-ball to help develop hand-eye coordination. With prizes and competitions!

CAMP 1: July 1, 2	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 9-10am Time: 9-12noon
CAMP 2: July 8, 9	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 9-10am Time: 9-12noon

Bookings essential!
Call Chris on 0400 331 553 for details and bookings

