



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 4

Week 2

14th October 2021

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Greetings parents, carers and community members!

Welcome back to our final term of the 2021 year! I trust you all enjoyed some downtime with your children and a good two week break from remote learning. This is an eleven-week term which concludes on Thursday 16 December for students and Friday 17 December for staff.

Our students have been expected back for face-to-face learning from day 1 of Term 4. The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we have looked forward to welcoming back all of our staff and students.

As a reminder, here's what our families and students can expect when returning to school sites under COVID-safe Level 3 conditions:

- ◆ Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- ◆ Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check in and wear masks at all times. They will also show their double vaccination certificate to enter the school site.
- ◆ Canteens are open with appropriate hygiene measures in place.
- ◆ Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds, follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups.
- ◆ There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.

We have worked closely with NSW Health in developing our return to school roadmap and COVID-safe school plan. NSW Health will continue to monitor vaccination rates and transmission levels in our LGA and will advise us if settings need re-evaluation.

We are continuing to work closely with NSW Health and other relevant authorities to support our school staff to receive two doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 8 November. This will help protect our staff and students and we encourage our entire school community to also get vaccinated as soon as possible.

All students are expected - and will be supported - to return to school for face-to-face learning. I encourage you to get in touch with us directly and visit the Wellbeing for students and families page for support materials.

Cyber Safety Support

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has a series of webinars coming up (Term 4) to support parents navigate the online world. They are aimed at different age-based audiences so check which is best for you. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars> eSafety's parent guide to digital technologies and mental health (register by accessing the link above)

This Term 4 webinar will provide parents and carers with strategies to help young people and their mental health when they are online. It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 10–18. It will cover:

- ◆ what do to about accidental exposure to content about suicide, self-harm or eating disorders
- ◆ using games, apps and social media to support mental wellbeing

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- ◆ the pros and cons of digital mental health platforms
- ◆ strategies for young people to support friends online.
- ◆ eSafety's parent guide to online gaming

This Term 4 webinar will provide parents and carers with an understanding of the benefits and risks of online gaming. It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8–13. It will cover:

- ◆ eSafety's State of play research
- ◆ the games young people are using and how they are engaging with them
- ◆ the benefits of gaming and how to mitigate risks
- ◆ practical strategies to use at home and where to find help and support if things go wrong.

Refunds

Due to the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to cancel the Year 5 and Year 6 camp planned for this term. The Department of Education has put all overnight excursions on hold.

Funds can be used to pay outstanding fees, eg: textbooks or any other term fees. Alternative funds can be kept in fees in advance to be used for any future excursions or fees. If you would prefer this option please advise the school by indicating on the refund form which is attached.

Refunds are available through the front office - where possible please complete the form, scan and send it through to the school email gresford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au .

It would be appreciated if forms could be completed and returned as soon as possible for processing.

Multicultural Speech

Congratulations to Toby who spoke very well at the Multicultural Speeches conducted via Zoom this week. He performed his speech and was given an impromptu topic with only five minutes to prepare for the panel. Great job Toby!

The School Gardens

A big thank you to Keith Collier, and parents, Serena Nunns and Brooke Burrell. Keith has refurbished some gardens around the school and everyone has returned to flowers blooming everywhere. It was a great sight. Serena and Brooke helped Keith by taking away all the dead trees and wood that was in the school playground. Several trailer loads later, we have most of the rubbish removed.

Attendance Matters

The staff have had new training on Attendance in Schools. There are updated procedures for students who are absent and parents must inform the school if their child is away from school. Medical certificates are required for students who are sick for more than two days. Students who are consistently absent will be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer and students with attendance below 85% will be referred to The Child Wellbeing Unit for Educational Neglect. These are new requirements for the Department of Education.

Kind regards,
Jody Kilpatrick



Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun


Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight** = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

(Visual: A 2x6 grid of days with the 2nd day of the first week crossed out)

1 day per **week** = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

(Visual: A 2x6 grid of days with the 2nd day of the first week and the 5th day of the second week crossed out)

AWARDS



SCHOOL MERITS

Braeden, Zoe, Lara

PBL AWARDS

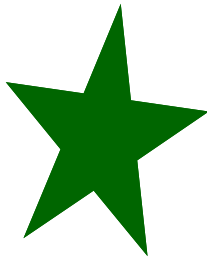
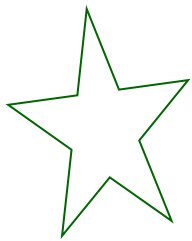
Valerie, Kurtis J, Charli B

LIBRARY AWARDS

Year 1/2

SPORTS AWARDS

Pearl, Amilia G, Oliver B



October

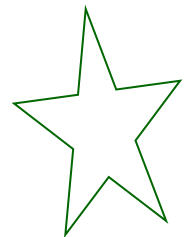
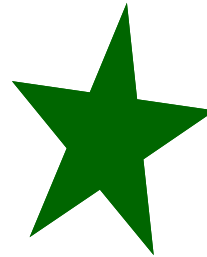
Friday 22nd - P&C meeting
9.30am at the
Twins River Cafe

November

Tuesday 16th - Photo Day

Wednesday 17th - Kindy Orientation
9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday 24th - Kinder Orientation
9.30am to 11.00am



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 15th October

Kate Young & Katherine Hodges

Wednesday 20th October

Tracy Merchant &
Shantelle Turnbull

Friday 22nd October

Elise Chesworth &
Margaret Watters

Wednesday 27th October

Rebecca Marsh & Karen Ramm



Tucker Box & P&C News

Next P&C meeting

is on

Friday 22nd October

at

The Twin Rivers Café

9.30am

(Please note new time)

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 (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Beetroot & Cucumber)	\$3.00
Salad with Ham, Chicken or Roast Beef ~EXTRAS	\$4.00
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
Caesar Tub or Wrap (Ham, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Egg, Croustons, Cheese, Caesar Dressing)	\$3.50
~Add Chicken Tender or Roast Chicken	ea. \$1.00
EXTRAS	
Sauce ~ Tomato, BBQ, Mayo, Aioli Sweet N Sour, Sweet Chilli, Caesar	\$0.30

something small....

Fruit Salad Snack Tub	\$1.00
Muesli & Yoghurt	\$1.00
Custard Cup	\$1.50
Pikelets & Jam ~ 2 per serve	\$0.50
Cheese & Crackers ~ 4 crackers	\$0.50
Fresh Popped Popcorn ~ small bag	\$0.30
Popcorn Bag	\$1.00
Grainwaves	\$1.00
Fruity Bites ~ 10 per serve	\$0.20
Raisin Toast	\$0.50
Deal ~ Raisin Toast & Warm Milo	\$2.00



something to drink....

Water 300ml	\$1.00
Chill J Sparkling Drink	\$1.60
100% Orange / Apple Juice	\$1.60
Chocolate / Strawberry Milk	\$1.60
Warm Milo	\$1.60
Slushies	\$1.50



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
Moose	\$1.00

something hot....

Cheesy Garlic Bread	\$1.20
Ham & Cheese Toasty Pocket	\$2.00
Butler 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

3/4 are studying how the sun affects things on earth. We looked for clues in the school grounds and found many examples including a sundial, solar panels, bee hives, rainforest, weather station, shade cloths and animal clues.





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Gresford Public School 2021 School Photos

2021 School Photos can be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit

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and enter your code.

School Photo Day

Tuesday 16th

November

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.

Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

Qty Ordered	A Pack		Class Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$65	<p>Portraits included: Colour 1- (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets with an extra set in DW & a 3x12" Enlargement & Free for us Digital Image of individual.</p> <p>5x10cm Album 8x10" 30 page to store many years of photos</p>	
Qty Ordered	B Pack		Class Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$45	<p>Colour 1- (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets with an extra set in DW & a 3x12" Enlargement & Free for us Digital Image of individual.</p>	
Qty Ordered	C Pack		Class Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$38	<p>1- (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets</p> <p>Free for us Digital Image of individual.</p>	
Qty Ordered	D Pack		Class Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$26	<p>There are no individual photos in this package.</p>	
Qty Ordered	E Pack		Class Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$22	<p>1- (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets & Free for us Digital Image.</p>	
Qty Ordered	F Pack		Class Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$65	<p>Portraits included: Colour 1- (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets with an extra set in DW & a 3x12" Enlargement & Free for us Digital Image of individual.</p> <p>Hardcover Book includes The Page Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo Principals Message & Autographs Page.</p>	
Qty Ordered	Photo Album		8x10" 30 Page Photo Album
	\$25	<p>A great way to store your child's photos over the years.</p> <p>Photo Album is available for purchase without purchasing a photo pack. These albums contain no photos.</p>	

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Qty Ordered	Family A Pack	
	\$25	<p>1- (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets & Digital Image of individual.</p>
Qty Ordered	Family B Pack	
	\$35	<p>1- (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets & 3x12" Enlargement & Digital Image.</p>

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Name of the person requesting the refund: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode _____

Student's first name: _____ Student's last name: _____

Class: _____ Scholastic Year: _____

Original payment for: _____

Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Receipt number: _____

Original payment method: POP EFTPOS Cheque Cash

Reason for refund: _____

Refund method*: POP EFTPOS EFT

If EFT, Bank: _____ Account name: _____ BSB: _____ Account number: _____

* These are currently the only refund methods available. Use EFT instead of cheque or cash.

Parent/carer signature: _____

Date: _____

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Request for refund approval by: (Name) _____ (Title) _____ Date: _____

Approved By Delegated Officer: (Name) _____ (Title) _____ Date: _____

Processed in ebs4 Cash Desk by: (Name) _____ (Title) _____ Date: _____

EBS4 Refund Receipt Number R _____ Quickmatch Refund Receipt No. _____ (if applicable)