

Principal's message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NAPLAN Online

This week, the students in Years 3 and 5 begin their 2023 NAPLAN assessments. These will be conducted online over the next two weeks. Although it is important for every school day, please ensure that the students get a good sleep and a healthy breakfast to set them up for success with NAPLAN. I wish our students all the very best as they demonstrate their learning via NAPLAN over the next two weeks.

Unexplained Student Absences

Department of Education policy requires that parents explain the absences of their children from school promptly. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence. The school will call if an explanation hasn't been given within 3 days.

At Gresford Public School, SMS messages are sent each morning alerting parents that their child is absent from school. Parents and carers can explain their child's absence by replying to the SMS message. Please do not think that receiving this SMS message is in any way a reproach from the school, it is a simple and convenient tool to alert you to the absence and remind you to explain the absence to the school.

When responding to the SMS please give a brief reason for the absence such as sick, specialist medical appointment, general medical appointment or travelling away so that the absences can be recorded accurately on your child's attendance records. If responding to the SMS is not convenient, completing an e-form on Skool Loop, emailing or calling the school is still perfectly acceptable.

Harmony Day

Friday 24 March is earmarked as Harmony Day at Gresford Public School. The students are encouraged to wear orange T-shirts or a splash of orange (eg orange socks or scrunchie) or traditional dress. Remember – Everyone Belongs! We are incredibly lucky to have special guests to talk to the students about their country of Afghanistan.

Zone and Regional Swimming Carnivals

The Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Maitland Swimming pool on Friday 3 March. Ebony and Elsie represented Gresford Public School with pride and are commended for their behaviour and participation on the day.

Elsie qualified for 8 years girls freestyle and travelled to The Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre to compete in the Regional Swimming Carnival. Elsie came 5th overall and improved her time. This is an outstanding achievement.



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Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2024

Parents will need to complete an expression of interest for Year 6 to 7 transition if they would like their child to attend a government high school in 2024, The expression of interest lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

Most NSW Government schools have local enrolment areas with geographical boundaries. Your child's permanent residential address determines which high school's boundary they fall within. After you submit this expression of interest and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a government high school.

Please note: The last day for submission of EOI's is 31 March 2023.

You can register your child for Year 7 via this link <https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=2083>

NSW Curriculum Reform

The NSW education system is in the process of reforming the curriculum which will be taught in all classrooms from Kindergarten to Year 12.

The new curriculum, as part of the NSW Curriculum Reform, will give students more time to focus on key learning areas so that they can acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts. It will ensure students develop strong foundations for learning, life, and work in a complex and fast-changing world.

This reform has been informed by extensive and ongoing consultation with teachers, parents, and education experts, and is underpinned by extensive research.

Curriculum reform involves change that spans many aspects of schooling, including teaching, learning, assessment, and reporting to parents. New syllabuses provide schools with a unique opportunity to re-focus and place curriculum at the heart of school planning. Key curriculum changes that impact our school include:

- new English and mathematics syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 2 - implemented from this year
- new English and mathematics syllabuses for Year 3 to Year 10 - implemented from 2024
- new science, HSIE, PDHPE and creative arts syllabuses for K-10 - implemented from 2025

All teaching staff are engaged in professional development to ensure that these new syllabuses are implemented effectively. This includes several planning days scheduled throughout the year so teams can collaborate in developing, adjusting, and evaluating units of work.

We will continue to keep the community up to date with key changes as new documents are released.

Easter Hat Parade Invitation.

An invitation is extended to our school community to join us for the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 6 April 2023. The parade will be held on the hard court beginning at 10am.

We are all excited and looking forward to this special event with you once more and seeing the fantastic hats the students produce at home.

Gresford Show

What a great show! The students really enjoyed going to the show on Friday. Thanks to Gardner Buses for transporting us there and back. They watched their friends on horses and walked through the pavilions. It was fantastic to see the students' work on display from both school and home. The vegetables grown at the school were also on display and won awards. The junior cattle judges did well with Lawson winning his section and Myles placing as well. Thanks to Ben Emery and family from Kirala Stud for their supporting the junior cattle judges.

A big thank you to the parents who were able to help over the weekend with the canteen and show.



Kind regards,
Mrs Kilpatrick



AWARDS

SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS

Tyler, Jake, Sophie, Bridie

PBL AWARDS

Lucy, Annie, Jaxson, Mia, Pippa, Campbell, Valerie, Charlotte

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

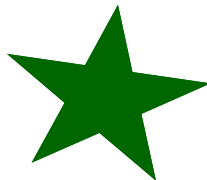
Oliver, Amelia

LIBRARY AWARDS

Wyatt, John

SPORTS AWARD

Kimberley, Bailey, Kurtis J



MARCH

Wednesday 15 to Monday 27
- NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5

Friday 24 - Harmony Day

Friday 31 - Combined church service @ St Anne's
- PBL Assembly



APRIL

Wednesday 5 - Whole school excursion to
Botanical Gardens @ Heatherbrae

Thursday 6 - Easter Hat Parade

Friday 7 - Good Friday

Monday 24 - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 25 - ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26 - All students return for Term 2
- School ANZAC Service

Friday 28 - School Cross Country



MAY

Monday 8 - Musica Viva performance 2pm

Friday 12 - Zone Cross Country

CANTEEN ROSTER Term 1

Friday 17 March
Rebecca Montgomery & Laura

Wednesday 22 March
Sam Howard & Karen Ramm

Friday 24 March
Elise Chesworth &
Sheree Graham

Wednesday 29 March
Kate Gehrig & Kate Young

Friday 31 March
Jody Turner & Beth Dark



Tucker Box & P&C News

Our next
P&C
meeting is on next
Monday 20th March
at
7.00pm
in the school library



Maitland Zone PSSA Soccer Trials

Well done to our 4 students John, Otaki, Tom and Jake who represented Gresford Public School at the Maitland Zone PSSA soccer trials on Tuesday 7 March. They gained valuable experience and had a great time.



Gresford Show Entries

Below are some picture of the fantastic work from some of our wonderful students.

Well done everyone!



PBL Student of the Month



Congratulations to Sophie who received Student of the Month for February. Sophie is a kind and compassionate student who quietly helps other students whenever she can. She displays impeccable manners and always shows respect, resilience and responsibility.

Get to know our student of the month.

What is your favourite thing to do at school?

Helping people and doing some easy homework.

What do you like to do at home for fun?

I like playing with my dog and doing gymnastics.

What would you like to do when you grow up?

I would like to be a teacher or gymnastic teacher.

If you could be an animal, which one would you be and why?

I would be a sausage dog because they have cute faces and I have one at home.

What is the most important thing you want others to know about you?

I'm kind.

Do you have any pets?

Yes I have a sausage dog.

If you could meet someone famous, who would it be and why?

Taylor Swift. My mum and sister went to her concert and brought home a book and I liked looking at the pictures.

What is your favourite game to play?

Playing with my sausage dog.

THE TUCKER BOX MENU 2022



Something small....

Fruit Salad Snack Tub	\$1.00
Yoghurt squeeze assorted flavour's	\$1.30
Custard tub	\$1.50
Pkalets & Jam ~ 2 per serve	\$0.50
Cheese + Crackers	\$1.00
Fresh Popped Poppom ~ small bag	\$0.20
Assorted Grain waves, poppcom, veggie straws, pretzels	\$1.00
Fruity Bites ~ 10 per serve	\$0.30



Something to drink....

Water 600ml	\$1.00
Chill J Sparkling Drink	\$1.70
100% Orange/Apple Juice	\$1.70
Slushie	\$1.70
Chocolate / Strawberry Milk	\$1.70
Warm Millo	\$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
Moosie	\$1.00

SANDWICHES - fresh/toasted

Honey, Vegemite or Jam	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.50
Ham	\$2.00
Ham & Cheese	\$2.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$2.50
Salad sandwich	\$3.00
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Beetroot & Cucumber	
Ham, Chicken or Roast Beef & salad	\$4.00

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Beetroot	\$0.30
Cheese Slice	\$0.50

Bread Roll or Wrap

\$0.50

SALADS

Salad Tub

(Lettuce, Grated Carrot, Cheese, Cucumber & Tomato)

\$3.50

Ham or Chicken salad Tub

Ham, lettuce, grated carrot, cheese, cucumber, tomato, mayo

\$3.50

Caesar salad Tub

Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Egg, Croutons, Cheese, Caesar Dressing

\$3.50

~Add Chicken Tender or Roast Chicken

ea. \$1.50

SAUCE'S

Tomato, BBQ, Mayo, Aioli, Sweet Chilli, Caesar

\$0.30

FROM THE OVEN

Cheesy Garlic Bread	\$1.20
Ham & Cheese Toasty Pocket	\$2.50
Butter Chicken Toasty Pocket	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Large Pie	\$3.00
Lasagne	\$3.00

Chicken Nuggets

ea. \$0.50

PIZZA ~ Hawaiian ~ Meaty BBQ or Cheese

\$3.50

BURGER'S, WRAP'S, HOT ROLL'S

ALOHA CHICKEN Burger ~ Chicken Breast, Lettuce, Pineapple, Cheese & BBQ sauce

\$4.00

CHICKEN SALAD BURGER ~ Chicken Breast, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Cheese & mayo

\$4.00

BEEF SALAD Burger ~ Beef Pattie, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Cheese & BBQ sauce

\$4.00

CHEESY BEEF Burger ~ w/tomato sauce

\$3.50

Chicken tender wrap
Chicken or Beef & gravy roll

\$3.50
\$3.00

SPOONS & LUNCH BAGS

\$0.10

GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL



SEASON 2023 WINTER COMPETITION

Eligible kids play

FREE!

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

Gresford Vacy Football Club

Catering for players of all ages, levels and abilities

Teams from Under-6s (players turning 5 or 6 in 2023) to All-Age Men and Women

Junior mixed and girls-only teams available

Register and pay online at: playfootball.com.au



>> All players receive a free playing shirt <<

>> All NEW players also receive free socks, shorts & dress shirt <<

>> All juniors receive a free training ball <<

Category	EARLYBIRD Rego Fee	Less \$100 Active Kids Voucher	GVFC Game Fees	Total EARLYBIRD cost for the season
Kick-off (preschool)	\$50	N/A	nil, zero, zilch, nothing (included in rego fee)	Only \$50 rego – no game fees
Miniroos 5-7 years	\$100	\$0	nil, zero, zilch, nothing (included in rego fee)	Nothing if using Service NSW \$100 Active Kids Voucher (otherwise \$100)
Miniroos 8-11 years	\$120*	\$20	nil, zero, zilch, nothing (included in rego fee)	Only \$20 if using Service NSW \$100 Active Kids voucher (otherwise \$120)
Interdistrict 12-18 years	\$170*	\$70	nil, zero, zilch, nothing (included in rego fee)	Only \$70 if using Service NSW \$100 Active Kids voucher (otherwise \$170)
Senior amateur	\$250*	N/A	Saturday & Sunday: \$100 upfront or \$10/game Friday nights: \$130 upfront or \$13/game	Saturday & Sunday: \$350 (rego + game fees) Friday nights: \$380 (rego + game fees)

* 'Eligible Kids Free' are school-aged children aged 5 – 7 years who register using their Service NSW \$100 Active Kids Voucher

* Earlybird prices valid until February 28, 2023. Regular registration fees are \$140 (8-11 years), \$190 (12-18 years), \$270 (seniors)

* All registration fees to be paid online at time of registering

* Voucher information available at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

For more information contact:

Club president Jim Doyle on 0407 307 800 or Club secretary Jack Cowled on 0427 385 603

Web: www.scorps.com.au

Email: gresfordvacyfc@outlook.com



Gresford Public School

Uniform Order Form

Student: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Item:	Price:	Size: 4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Total QTY	TOTAL \$\$\$
Girls Summer Tunic (True to Size)	\$45.00									
Girls Winter Tunic (True to Size)	\$45.00									
Girls Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeve Blouse in Lemon	\$15.00									
Girl's Hallam Green Pants	\$24.00									
Green and Lemon Polo Shirt Long Sleeve	\$28.00									
Green and Lemon Polo Shirt Short Sleeve	\$27.00									
Boys Green Gabardine Cargo Pants Long	\$21.00									
Boys Green Gabardine Cargo Shorts	\$17.00									
Boys Green Sports Shorts	\$11.00									
Girls Green Gabardine Skort	\$19.00									
Green Track Pants Microfibre	\$23.00									
Polar Fleece Vest Green	\$16.00									
Fleecy Zip Jacket in Green (Tracksuit Fabric) Cunningham	\$20.00									
Micro Polar Fleece Zip up Jacket (Polyester mesh Lining) Ellery	\$25.00									
Girls green winter stocking tights (80%cotton 20%spandex)	\$10	Size is in age of child.	4-6	7-10	11-14					
School Hat	\$10	Hat Sizes:	S/M	M/L						
Total:										

Put the required number of each item in the size column. Add up the total cost.

Fill out your details (It is important to leave a contact number in case there is a problem with your order).

Payment of your order is only by Direct Deposit: -

- **Gresford Public School P&C**
- **BSB: 932-000**
- **Account No: 500 029 167**
- **Please use the reference UNIFORM and your name.**
- **Please include your receipt number on the form.**
- **Receipt Number: _____ Date Paid: _____**
- **Orders will be sent home when paid in full.**

Second-hand uniforms are available at no cost.

If you are unsure of sizes, a set of uniforms is available to try on at the Uniform Shop.

If you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact Shantelle Turnbull 0428 389 424.