



Gresford Public School

Newsletter Term 4

Week 10 ~ 14.12.2023

Principal's message

Dear Parents, Caregivers,

This is our last newsletter for the year. What an amazing adventure 2023 has been, with so much happening in our school for our students – excursions, sport, music, public speaking, dance, cultural activities, colour run, recognition assemblies.....we've been pretty busy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff at Gresford Public School. Every day every one of them comes with enthusiasm and wanting to create the best opportunities for the students. I'm amazed by their energy and willingness to do the extras. From the front office, in the classrooms, to the playground and everywhere in between – our staff are here, there and everywhere!

This week's Presentation Evening was held at school and was a wonderful celebration. We acknowledge all student's efforts and commitment throughout the year and are proud of every single student at our school. Thank you to the families who attended our evening to recognise our students achievements.

Last day for students is FRIDAY 15th December. Staff continue with professional development before finishing on Tuesday 19 December. All students Years 1-6 return to school in 2024 on THURSDAY 1 February and Kindergarten start on MONDAY 5 February.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I hope you are all able to enjoy time with your families.

Gresford Public School Highlights of 2023

The students participated in many different activities over the course of the year. Two students worked in distance education for the opportunity class in Mathematics and Science.

Students performed speeches across the school and some were selected to participate in the Maitland Zone.

The school implemented the new Mathematics and English syllabus in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. NAPLAN was in March and new analysis categories were introduced.

All students had the opportunity to work with robotics and coding with the help of Mrs Manning. This led to students taking part in Robocup, RYSTEM, Game Changer and Robotics in Dungog.

There were representatives in zone and regional sport for swimming, cross country and athletics. Students in Years 5 & 6 made it to the finals in Small School's Soccer in Sydney. They came home as the runner up team playing with great sportsmanship.

With help from the P&C, students were able to enjoy visiting performances from Musica Viva, Bell Shakespeare and excursions to Canberra, Mr Stink at Civic Theatre and Wellbeing programs for Years 2-6 and going to Intensive Swimming lessons.

The school had a colour fun run and the money raised, paid for the Planetarium to visit the school so the students could see the stars and learn about space.

The students in 3-4 went on an excursion to Singleton to see the Spirit of Place exhibition.

All the school participated in Jump Rope for Heart and Beach Surf Day at Nobbys Beach.

Each term students from Gresford attended other schools in the Dungog Community of schools to participate in Cultural Days learning about aboriginal culture and making friends across the schools.

In Term 4 Gresford Public School won Best Documentary, Best Production Design and Best Sound at the Rolling Hills Film Festival.

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There were many more exciting and fantastic things that were completed during the year, that are not listed.

The staff were very busy learning new pedagogy with the new syllabus K-2 implementation and are getting ready to implement new syllabus for 3-6 next year. They completed a course on Aboriginal 8-ways of learning during Term 3 and through the High Potential and Gifted Education, focussed on the physical and emotional domains.

The school was lucky to be a part of Unique Settings. This had a focus on Writing and how to improve writing across the school. Teachers completed professional development on writing processes and implementation strategies.

The teachers are also using latest research on Explicit Instruction and this will be implemented during 2024.

The school is successful due to the support of parents who continually help us make it a better place, helping in classrooms, fundraising and canteen.

A big thank you to the community who have helped the school over the year. Scripture and Ethics volunteers who come every week to guide our students. All your time is valuable to our students.

Farewell Year 6

Wishing our Year 6 students all the best for the coming years. We will miss you!



Lastly I would like to wish everyone a great Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jody Kilpatrick
Principal



Presentation Night Award Winners

Junior Literacy Award	Lawson
Senior Literacy Award	Annabelle Ch
Junior Encouragement Award	Hallie
Senior Encouragement Award	Pearl
Junior Mathematics Award	Tyler
Senior Mathematics Award	Cooper Ch
Citizenship	Bridie
Bruce Capp Memorial Science & Technology Award	Isaac
Dr Wright Science & Technology Award	Bridie
Vicki Wells Memorial Public Speaking Award	Oliver B
Junior Science & Technology Award	William M
Junior Creative & Performing Arts	Ava
Senior Creative & Performing Arts	Kim
John Lill Music Scholarship	Nyah
Darcy Bogan Memorial Dux 2023	Ebony Y

SPECIAL AWARDS

Kindergarten

Academic - Sophie
Encouragement - Hazel
Citizenship - Campbell

Year 1-2

Academic - Annabelle Cr
Encouragement - Sophie
Citizenship - Harry R

Year 3-4

Academic - Annabelle Ch
Encouragement - Elsie
Citizenship - Harry Cr

Year 5-6

Academic - Ebony Y
Encouragement - Isaac
Citizenship - Nyah

2024 School Captains

John & Nyah

2024 School Prefects

Otaki, Pippa & Charlotte



DECEMBER

- Friday 15**
- PBL Assembly 11.30am followed by the
 - Talent Show
 - Canteen **Red** Day
 - Last day for students

Monday 18th - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 19th - Staff Development Day

JANUARY

Tuesday 30th - Staff Development Day

Wednesday 31st - Staff Development Day

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st - Students Years 1 to 6 return to school

Monday 5th - Kindergarten start



CANTEEN ROSTER Term 4

Friday 15th December
Amy Garaty & Sam Russell
Canteen **Red** Day

Last day of school !!

Hip Hip Hooray!



Tucker Box & P&C News

**Thank you to all our
wonderful canteen helpers.
You really help make a difference!
Wishing everyone a safe and happy
Christmas and New Year.**



2023 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Dungog Youth

(12yrs-17yrs)

Summer

2024

School

Holiday

Program

WHAT'S ON?

11th Jan: Gaming & Laser Tag, excursion to Timezone, Stockland Greenhills

18th Jan. Movies, Reading Cinemas, Maitland (includes popcorn, choc top and drink)

25th Jan: Maitland Regional Art Gallery (art & games) & visit to Miss Lilly's Lolly Shop, Morpeth (includes \$10 spending in shop per child)

Costs: Free - coach transport, lunch, snacks, drinks, spending money at Miss Lillys Lolly shop, & all entry fees provided.

Sign up now. Limited numbers.

Enquires to: Max or Mish @ Dungog Youth & Family Services

E: michelle.m@dsc.net.au / Mob: 0435 685 179

E: max@dsc.net.au

Dungog Shire Community Centre
103 Dowling St, Dungog NSW 2420
Ph: 49921133



PLEASE JOIN GRESFORD RFS
FOR THE ANNUAL

SANTA RUN

2PM AT LOSTOCK

2:30PM AT MOUNT RIVERS

3PM AT ST-MARY-ON-ALLYN CHURCH

3:30PM AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

3:45PM AT GRESFORD FIRE STATION

4PM AT ORANA PARK

4:30PM AT BRECKIN CLOSE



23 DECEMBER 2023

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BRIGADE SECRETARY
GLENN WALL ON 0428 389 462



Invites you to...

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

25th Dec 2023 | 11:30am - 1:30pm

Where: 9 Chapman St, Dungog NSW 2420
DUNGOG PUBLIC SCHOOL
Reserve a seat now - www.eventbrite.com.au
For more information or help with transport or your free ticket call
DSCC - (02) 4992 1133

FREE LUNCH



Meet Santa!

We're coming to your community



Our Mobile Service Centre is coming to Paterson

Thursday, 21 December 2023
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bringing NSW Government services to you.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au
to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to
change at short notice, we strongly recommend
you check on the day.



Find us at:

Duke Street



**Service
NSW**



SWIMVAC 2024

Enrol your kids for summer!

SwimVac is targeted at children from 6 months to 14 years of the age with the aim of getting as many children as possible to the 6 to 12 year-old national benchmark for swimming and water safety.

Program Dates 

8 January to 19 January

at Tocal Pool

Bookings Open 

1 October 2023



ROYAL LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES

**Swim
and
SURVIVE**



drowningprevention.org.au



(02) 9634 3700



swimandsurvive@royalnsw.com.au



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)	\$50.00									
Girls Winter Tunic (True t Size)	\$50.00									
Girls Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeve Blouse in Lemon	\$17.00									
Girl's Hallam Green Pants	\$24.00									
Green and Lemon Polo Shirt Long Sleeve	\$28.00									
Green and Lemon Polo Short Sleeve	\$27.00									
Boys Green Gabardine Cargo Pants Long	\$21.00									
Boys Green Gabardine Cargo Shorts	\$17.00									
Boys Green Sport Shorts	\$11.00									
Girls Green Gabardine Skort	\$19.00									
Girls Green Pleated Sport Skort	\$18.00									
Green Track Pants Micofibre	\$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	\$10.00	Size is in age of child	4-6	7-10	11-14					
School Hat	\$10.00	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.

Hunter Kids Paterson

Vacation Care Booking Form

December 2023 – January 2024



Fees Per Day:

Service Based \$71.00

Excursion/Incursion \$81.00

CONDITIONS

1. All fees need to be paid seven days after invoice. Fees are payable for days booked, irrespective of attendance. We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the program commences.
2. New enrolments will be required to pay the first week in advance at full cost. Child care subsidy will be applied and any credits will be refunded.
3. No swapping of days once program has commenced, only adding on days is allowed.
4. Our service is open daily from 7:00am - 6:00pm. We are unable to provide care outside of these hours. A late fee of \$5 per 15 minutes or part thereof per child will apply for children collected after 6:00pm.
5. Excursions. Staffing will be based on risk assessment. In the event the activities are cancelled, service-based activities will be offered.
6. Hunter Kids does not accept any liability for personal injury, property damage, personal items (including jewelry, glasses, and electronic devices) or any loss sustained by any child when attending the Vacation Care Program due to any cause whatsoever unless this has been caused by proven negligence of by the Approved Provider.
7. I have read, understood, and approved the information, policies and procedures on this form, the enrolment form, family handbook and centre policies and procedures.

Family/Guardian Name: _____

Family/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone Number Mobile: _____ Date: _____

Bookings (please tick the box each day the child will be attending)

CHILD 1:		Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 18/12	TUES 19/12	WED 20/12	THURS 21/12	FRI 22/12	ALL
DATE:	MON 08/01	TUE 09/01	WED 10/01	THUR 11/01	FRI 12/01	ALL
DATE:	MON 15/01	TUE 16/01	WED 17/01	THUR 18/01	FRI 19/01	ALL
DATE:	MON 22/01	TUE 23/01	WED 24/01	THUR 25/01		ALL
DATE:	MON 29/01	TUE 30/01	WED 31/01			ALL

What do children need each day?

1. Ensure each child has a complete lunchbox with snacks and lunch. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea is provided as per the menu.
2. Dress children in appropriate clothing & footwear for activities and bring a broad brimmed hat. No hat, no play!
3. Bring a water drink bottle every day or even two on hot days.

Return completed Booking form to:

Elaine McCourt

Hunter Kids OSHC or
hunter20kids@gmail.com

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CHILD 2:		Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 18/12	TUES 19/12	WED 20/12	THURS 21/12	FRI 22/12	ALL
DATE:	MON 08/01	TUE 09/01	WED 10/01	THUR 11/01	FRI 12/01	ALL
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CHILD 3:		Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 18/12	TUES 19/12	WED 20/12	THURS 21/12	FRI 22/12	ALL
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Please provide a hat, full lunch box, drink bottle, closed in shoes every day.

(Child Care Subsidy will apply to all fees)

Service cost, Incursions, Excursions: \$81.00 (Transport, admission fees included)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday 18th December, 2023	<u>CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP</u> Choose your christmas friend, build it and take it home ready for your christmas celebrations. MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HUNTER KIDS 	\$81.00	In Service
Tuesday 19th December, 2023	 <u>CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> Come along to the Hunter kids Christmas party full of Christmas fun and activities.	\$81.00	In Service
Wednesday 20th December, 2023	 <u>BRICKS 4 KIDZ</u> Come and have a Brick-tacular time at the Bricks 4 Kidz Christmas themed workshop building models of Santa and his helpers direct from the North Pole plus much more. 	\$81.00	Excursion held at Coal Point Public School
Thursday 21st December, 2023	 <u>WONKA LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER</u> Watch the new Wonka movie. Enjoy a little nonsense. Experience something good. Watch a good deed shine. Chocolate extravaganza	\$81.00	Excursion to Reading Cinemas Maitland
Friday 22nd December, 2023	<u>WATER PLAY</u> Splash around in the water castles. Experience fun filled activities with water play, don't forget your towel, hat, sunscreen and spare clothes. 	\$81.00	In Service



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Monday 8 th January, 2024	 <u>THE BALANCING MAN</u> Learn a variety of skills that develop your concentration and self-belief. The balancing man will wow you with his gravity defying moves, then engage with the balancing world workshop.	\$81.00	Excursion held at Coal Point Public School
Tuesday 9 th January, 2024	<u>GRAVITY X</u> Experience the thrill and freedom to soar through the air, twisting and flipping, as you explore your trampolining potential in the massive trampoline arena.	\$81.00	Excursion to Gravity X Maitland
Wednesday 10 th January, 2024	 <u>NINJA WARRIOR</u> Australian Warrior Fitness (AWF) is the best Ninja Training Facility on the Central Coast. Catering for all levels, from beginners to elite champions, can you be the next Ninja Warrior.	\$81.00	Excursion to Australian Warrior Fitness Gosford
Thursday 11 th January, 2024	 <u>FRENCH CUISINE</u> Take a trip to the French Cannes Film Festival learn about the French culture and taste their fantastic cuisine.	\$81.00	In Service
Friday 12 th January, 2024	<u>DIGITAL DISCOVERY</u> Bring your hand-held devices and enjoy a day with your electronic devices, challenge your peers and share the company.	\$81.00	In Service







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Monday 15th January, 2024	<u>TREETOPS NETWORK</u> Explore the Treetops Network on the Central Coast. Bounce, play, discover and explore an exciting new world, high up in the treetops in a world of fun. 	\$81.00	Excursion to Treetops Wyong
Tuesday 16th January, 2024	 <u>MY PET DINOSAUR</u> Meet the dinosaurs. Touch and feel fossils learn interesting facts about dinosaurs and enjoy the activities.	\$81.00	Incursion with Baimax in service
Wednesday 17th January, 2024	<u>UNDERGROUND ARCADE</u> Explore the virtual reality rooms with over 50 games and enjoy the retro arcade games. 	\$81.00	Excursion to Underground Arcade Toronto
Thursday 18th January, 2024	 <u>HUNTER VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK</u> Learn about living things, the environment, aussie animals, exotic animals and let your mind be inspired by the animals.	\$81.00	Excursion to Hunter Valley Wildlife Park
Friday 19th January, 2024	<u>PJ & MOVIE DAY</u> Wear your favourite PJs and watch movies. Everything is better in pyjamas! Come along and join us for our fantastic pyjama movie party. 	\$81.00	In Service



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Monday 22 nd January, 2024	<u>CAMP CONQUER II</u> Return for round 2 of camp conquer. Two team will challenge for the immunity idol. Get you challenge on. 	\$81.00	Excursion to Coal Point Public School
Tuesday 23 rd January, 2024	 <u>GYMNASTICS & ROCK CLIMBING</u> Enjoy the art of gymnastics and trampolining. Climb your way to the top at PCYC Cessnock.	\$81.00	Excursion to PCYC Cessnock
Wednesday 24 th January, 2024	<u>INFLATABLE WORLD</u> Jump and jive on the inflatable world at Charmhaven. Watch out for the Educators they may challenge you to a hoop!! 	\$81.00	Excursion to Inflatable World Charmhaven
Thursday 25 th January, 2024	 <u>SLOTIES</u> Hobby time. Encourages skill building, connection with automobiles, pick your car, pick your lane and enjoy the drive.	\$81.00	Excursion to Sloties Charmhaven
Friday 26 th January, 2024	<u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED</u>	Nil	CLOSED



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Monday 29th January, 2024	<u>BOWLING</u> Time for a game of ten pin bowling. Spare or a strike count them up and take on your peers. 	\$81.00	Excursion to Dullboy's Rutherford
Tuesday 30th January, 2024	 <u>CAMP CONQUER III CAPTAINS CHALLENGE</u> Who will it be Jila or Waru!!! See which team can take it to the end.	\$81.00	In Service
Wednesday 31st January, 2024	<u>FIGHTER WORLD</u> Fighter World is a totally 'hands on' experience. Exhibited in two hangars, visitors can walk-around, touch and look into the cockpits of such iconic aircraft the first Vampire jet built in Australia. 	\$81.00	Excursion to Fighter World Williamtown

CONTACT OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELAINE at
hunter20kids@gmail.com OR 0410 647 153

Hunter Kids must have an enrolment form on file for each child to attend.

Includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea.

Hours of operation

7.00am-6.00pm

Excursion days there will be strict drop off times, details will be sent via email the day before.