With our term almost halfway through, teachers are preparing end of year assessments to assist in report writing. Reports will be issued on the last day of term, 16th December.

Our P&C Bi-Annual Ball was held in “Las Vegas” a fortnight ago and was a fun time for all who attended. Congratulations to the Ball Committee and all those who helped out in the preparations. Decorations were splendid and the food was beautifully prepared. Thanks also to all who attended and helped with our fund raising efforts.

It’s “Halloween Day” at the canteen tomorrow and children may come dressed to suit the occasion. Our canteen coordinators work very hard to make our special days exciting. We welcome our preschool visitors tomorrow who are coming for their first visit to ‘big school’ for the year.

Well done to all who entered the Talent Quest last week. We had brave and talented entrants and the judges had a hard job. Thanks to all grandparents, grand friends and parents who attended. We hope you were entertained by the Gresford talent. Special thanks to the guest artists, Juliette Taylor, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Taylor.

Parents are also welcome to attend our last Musica Viva performance for the year on Monday 2nd November at 12.00. The visiting group is called Pastance and they perform Celtic music which should prove to be wonderful. Please send in your child’s entry fee of $7.50 if you haven’t already done so. Parent entry is free.

Professional learning for staff this week has focused on literacy, speech and student well being.

Kind regards,
Pauline

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”

School Planning Snippets
Target 3 of the school’s strategic plan focuses on improving parent/school communications and in response to parent requests for more information about their child’s progress, we are organising a Parent/Teacher Evening on Tuesday, 8th December from 5.30pm-7.30pm. If you would like a short, informal chat about your child’s learning, mark this date in your calendar.
VALUES
Verity Spinks, Josie Hodges, Amber Smith, Leila O’Connor, Tillie Parish, Will Thiecke, Katharina Lawrence, Carl Thompson

SCHOOL MERITS
Jonah Swenson, Harrison Sellens, Hayden Wilson, Brodie Huckstadt, Lacey Hoffman, Darcy Locke, Oscar Wyvill, Billy Huckstadt

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS
Joey Galvin, Ryan Skolyszewski, Paige McFadyen, Dylan Gardiner

SPORTS AWARDS
Ethan Crouch, Chase Hoffman, Katie Curtin-Edwards, Leila O’Connor, Lacey Hoffman, Miles McFadyen, Jack Hodges

LIBRARY AWARDS
Amber Smith, Jack Laurie

SPELLING CHAMPIONS
Kammi Conn, Bailey Conn, Will Mitchell, Carl Thompson, Joey Galvin, Charlie Tucker, Jack Hodges

NOVEMBER
MONDAY 2
Musica Viva
TUESDAY 10
Dentist visit/talk 12.45pm - 1.20pm
WEDNESDAY 11
Remembrance Day
WEDNESDAY 18
Kinder Orientation
WEDNESDAY 25
Kinder Orientation

DECEMBER
TUESDAY 2
Kinder Orientation
Year 6 Farewell
TUESDAY 8th
Parent/Teacher evening
WEDNESDAY 9
Whole school excursion to CSIRO
THURSDAY 10
Parent Helpers Morning Tea
FRIDAY 11
Gold Day
TUESDAY 15th
Presentation Night

CANTERBURY ROSTER
FRI October 30
Kristy Duncan & Sylvia Lawrence & Christine Vigar
WED November 4
Mary Horn & Y & C Scott
FRI November 6
Lyndell Osmond & Amanda Davis
WED November 11
Catherine Smith & Emma Simpson
FRI November 13
Ang Kelehear & Jo Locke

The P&C would like to thank every single person who played a part in making the recent fundraising ball a huge success. The numbers have been crunched and the final fundraising figure is a staggering $7500 which will go directly to educational programs and equipment for our kids. For those who supported the event by buying/selling raffle tickets, donating items, decorating the venue, catering, attending on the night and cleaning up the next day, know that your efforts are helping to make Gresford Public School even greater.

NEXT P & C MEETING: Friday 20th November 10.00am
2016 Kindergarten Orientation

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2016. Please collect your enrolment package at the office if you have not already done so.

Orientation sessions are scheduled for:

**Wednesday, 18th November 9:30am – 11.00am**

**Wednesday, 25th November 9:30am - 11.00am**

**Wednesday, 2nd December 9:30am - 11.00am**

New Kinders are welcome to stay on to have lunch with the other students from 11.00am to 11.30am.

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A reminder for outstanding school fees!

There are still significant fees outstanding for text books, swim school and class resources. The school has paid for these and needs reimbursing so that budgets may be replenished for next year. Invoices have been sent home to those with outstanding fees. Thanks to those who have settled their account.

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**Art Work from our Gifted and Talented Artists**

*Hayden Gardiner, Jack Laurie & Alysha Cowley*
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age. A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.