We were very proud of our children’s participation in the Remembrance Day Service at the Gresford Cenotaph yesterday. As always, their behaviour was exemplary and our Ensemble sang beautifully. Many compliments were received from the community. Thanks you to all parents who sent in flowers which were made into four beautiful wreaths, one for each class to present. Hazel Craig’s skills were obvious in the quality of the wreaths.

All who attended the Musica Viva concert last week would agree that it was most enjoyable. The Celtic music played by “Pastance” was delightful and children had opportunities to perform with the group. The musicians commented on the excellent rhythmic skills of our students.

Everyone should now be cleaning their teeth for 2 minutes after an informative visit from a dental hygienist and a dental nurse from Happy Tooth Singleton on Tuesday. Demonstrations were given on the correct technique for teeth cleaning, what to expect when visiting the dentist and most surprising of all, the amount of sugar in some of our food and drinks. Did you know there are 9 teaspoons of sugar in a can of Coke?!

As the end of the year approaches, we are again collecting food for the Samaritans Christmas Hamper Appeal. Christmas is a time of giving and it is a worthwhile experience for children to practise giving as well as receiving. To quote the Samaritans, “Families are very appreciative and a lot of people have a much happier Christmas Day because of such generosity.” We will start collecting tinned and packet food immediately. Please check the expiry date of products sent in. Final date for collection is the last week in November.

Kind regards,

Pauline

“We be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

Mother Teresa

School Planning Snippets

Target 3 of the school’s strategic plan focuses on improving parent/school communications. To this end, we have employed Julie Hartigan in a part time capacity as a Community Liaison Officer. Julie, with her journalistic skills, has been able to freshen up our school handbooks and stationery and will be preparing slide shows of school happenings to be displayed on a new TV screen which will be set up in our front entry. Please see Julie if you have any ideas for school promotion.
VALUES
Blake Wilson, Shannon McFadyen, Jack Laurie, Alana Page, Lucia Merchant, Lucas Hill, Liza Kelehear, Kayden Atkins

SCHOOL MERITS
Monica Lawrence, Chase Hoffman, Paige McFadyen, Carl Thompson, Bella Sellens, Sophie Davis, Dylan Gardiner, Brooklyn Bidner

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS
Lara Silver, Paige McFadyen, Ryan Creak, Dylan Gardiner

SPORTS AWARDS
Mia Wilton, Mary Briggs, Katharina Lawrence, Carl Thompson, Kammi Conn, Toby Mead, Taylah Joliffe, Hayden Gardiner

LIBRARY AWARDS
Lacey Hoffman, Daniel Craig, William Craig

SPELLING CHAMPIONS
Ebony Simpson, Rose Kelehear, Taylah Joliffe, Cooper Curtin-Edwards, Verity Spinks, Jaxon O’Connor, Ryan Creak, Jack Hill, Brodie Huckstadt

NOVEMBER
MONDAY 16
Applications close for Selective High for Yr 5 students going into Yr7 in 2017

WEDNESDAY 18
Kinder Orientation

FRIDAY 20
P & C meeting 10.00am

WEDNESDAY 25
Kinder Orientation
Year 6 Farewell

DECEMBER
TUESDAY 2
Kinder Orientation

TUESDAY 8th
Parent/Teacher evening

WEDNESDAY 9
Whole school excursion to CSIRO

THURSDAY 10
Parent Helpers Morning Tea

FRIDAY 11
Gold Day

TUESDAY 15
Presentation Night

P&C NEWS
With today’s newsletter is an order form for the Tucker Box Christmas luncheon on Friday 27th November 2015.

‘All orders have a chance of winning a prize’.

Please return your child’s order no later than November 23rd 2015.

Our next P & C meeting will be on Friday 20th November at the old time of 10.00am in the school library.

Hope to see you there.

Regards,
Ang Kelehear
P & C President

NEXT P & C MEETING: Friday 20th November 10.00am
**PBL Update**

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our values survey last term. Our PBL team has been busy collating all of the data from our surveys and we have decided on the 3 values for our PBL framework. They are:

- Be Respectful
- Be Resilient
- Be Responsible

Recently, we ran a competition among the students to decide on a mascot for our PBL framework. The beautiful King Parrots that frequent our school were the winning choice and Hayden in Year 5 is currently working on drawing our mascot that will be the face of PBL at Gresford PS.

Stay tuned for more PBL news!

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**Dentist visit Gresford Public School**

A big thank you to the dentists at *The Happy Tooth Singleton* for their educational talk with our students on Tuesday. All of our students will be bringing home a bag filled with goodies to help them remember to look after their teeth.

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**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.

Letters have gone home to families regarding Kindergarten Orientation. Please call the office if you have not received yours.

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**SAFETY FIRST!**

For the safety of your children please park on Glendonbrook Road if you are collecting children in the afternoon. Children are walked by a teacher to the Glendonbrook Rd gate.

It is very congested on Durham Rd, especially around the bus area and some children are crossing dangerously to get to parents’ cars parked across the road or parked near the bus stops.

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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.
Music Lessons

Last week we began Music Theory thanks to the kind sponsorship of the P & C in supplying our Glockenspiels. The Drum Shop in Newcastle generously supported our programme by making each instrument available for $29. If you wish to purchase one for home we can order them at this price or if you mention in store our school you will also receive the same discount. The programme is ongoing in primary, the instruments are robust no batteries needed and doesn’t have a screen! Great Christmas presents. Regards, Megan Edwards

ANGLICAN PARISH OF GRESFORD PATERTON

We would like to invite you to something new in Gresford Paterson Anglican Parish

a new style of church service
a new time slot

We hope that the starting time of 5pm may fit in with your family life.

Our plan is for a light and easy type of church service, for all ages, followed by a free BBQ, and finishing by 7.30pm.

The Parish’s existing traditional services will continue. **ALIVE AT FIVE** may be repeated in 2016.

Hope to see you on Sunday 22 November!

**ALIVE AT FIVE**

Contemporary church service at St Paul’s Anglican Church, Paterson on Sunday 22 November 2015, 5pm

BBQ to follow

This is our parish’s first modern and more informal worship service – for all age groups.

We hope you can come and share in this service, which will be followed by a BBQ get-together (**food and drinks provided**).

RSVP (for catering purposes):
Mary - 4931 7124 or Coleta - 4938 8301

SRE Teacher Anglican Parish of Gresford Paterson

**ndis**

What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

**Visit us**

Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

**Rutherford Marketplace**
18th November & 9th December

**Lake Macquarie Fair**
25th November & 16th December

**Phone**: 1800 555 727  [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)

**Musica Viva comes to Gresford**

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