Principal’s message

We farewelled our Year 6 students in style last night with an excellent evening’s entertainment at the Gresford Bowling Club. The night was hosted by our Year 5 students and their parents who did a great job of organising the event, decorating the club and acting as comperes for the night. Special thanks go to Leanne Atkins and Elly Turner for their coordination of the whole evening and to the P&C for their financial support.

Year 6 worked hard last Friday to wash 15 cars as their last fund raising activity for the year. All hands were ‘on deck’ including Mrs. Craig and Mr. Taylor and a mighty effort was put in by Janette Crouch who supervised and did most of the vacuuming. Proceeds for the year’s fund raising will go to the restoration of our school bell. Well done Year 6 for a great team effort.

Our prospective captains and prefects for 2016 have delivered their speeches and voting has taken place. Captains will be announced in this Friday’s assembly. Well done to all candidates.

Our new Kinders are enjoying their sessions at ‘big school’ and their parents had an opportunity to hear about the academic year in Kindergarten and were able to find out about and order new uniforms. Thanks go to Lyndell Osmond and her ‘super models.’

Next Tuesday, we invite candidates for the John Lill Scholarship to apply for this prestigious prize which provides a $300 music scholarship donated by the world acclaimed concert pianist, John Lill. Children will be supported in writing their applications and the winner will be announced on Presentation Night.

Kind regards,
Pauline

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School Planning Snippets

Today, the staff worked on a time line for next year’s phase of the Strategic Plan. Time was spent evaluating progress on the Strategic Plan thus far and a milestones timeline was drawn up for 2016. We will now match our budget to our milestones plan and will be ready to start on Day 1 next year. Progress and plans will be set out in the Annual Report which is due to be produced in Term 1, 2016.
VALUES
Ebony Briggs, Miles McFadyen, Paige McFadyen, Ewen Mitchell, Daniel Craig, Bria Hooper, Brooklyn Bidner

SCHOOL MERITS
Piper Conn, Mathilda Joliffe, Kaitlin Horn, Hayden Gardiner, Ebony Simpson, Bryson Snell, Oscar Wyvill, Alysha Cowley

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS
Lucia Merchant, Dylan Gardiner, Lara Silver, Alysha Cowley, Brooklyn Bidner

SPORTS AWARDS
Layla Turnbull, Bailey Conn, Connor Scott, Josie Hodges, Amber Smith, Shaelyn Crouch

LIBRARY AWARDS
Verity Spinks, Monica Lawrence

LITERACY CHAMPIONS
Lara Silver, Toby Mead, Liza Kelehear, Kayden Atkins, Hamish Mead, Daniel Abra, Katharina Lawrence, Hayden Gardiner

DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 2nd
Kinder Orientation

TUESDAY 8th
Parent/Teacher evening

WEDNESDAY 9th
Whole school excursion to Newcastle Museum

THURSDAY 10th
Parent Helpers Morning Tea

FRIDAY 11th
Gold Day

TUESDAY 15th
Presentation Night

WEDNESDAY 16th
NO CANTEEN
Last day for students
Reports distributed

WITH today’s newsletter there is an order form for the school’s summer uniform. If you require some new shirts etc please fill out the form and return to school 2nd December so that the orders can be filled promptly.

Don’t forget that the Tucker Box Christmas lunch (orders had to be in by 23rd November) is on tomorrow. All children who have placed an order are eligible to win a prize.

Good luck everyone.
Music Lessons
We have begun 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

Library Books
Could all library books please be returned to school as the end of year approaches.
Many thanks,
Mrs McCabe

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.

Our last Orientation session is scheduled for:
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 11.35am.
Please contact the office to make your Best Start interview appointment before Friday 4th December.

Donations for a Gift for Dr. Wright
Each year, Dr. Wright gives of her time and expertise to teach science to all classes on a weekly basis. We are now collecting for a gift to present to her as a token of our gratitude. We are asking for families to place their donation in a sealed marked envelope and return to school as soon as possible. We thank you in anticipation.

Science with Dr Wright

STOP PRESS
Gresford Public School Facebook page is now up and running.
Farewell Year 6

Wishing you all the best in whatever the future may bring.

Year 6 Car Wash Fundraiser Day