What a great Education Week we had! Our celebrations on Open Day were great fun with the guest appearance of the maddest hatter, as our compere, being a highlight. All the Alice in Wonderland characters looked amazing thanks to the creativity of parents. Our canteen workers are to be congratulated for the sumptuous tea party spread and thanks go to all who made our Book Fair so successful. A record amount of $1766.50 was spent on books.

The Education Week Presentation at Dungog High was again a night of celebrating school and individual successes. Special mention must be made of all students who represented the school in the Ensemble. Mr. Taylor and I were very proud of their performance. We are also very proud of our award recipients: Kaitlin Horn for her dedication to the school’s music program and her all round excellence as a student; to Sylvia Lawrence and Kristy Duncan for their continued service to students through the provision of a nutritious canteen menu and exciting gastronomic experiences on our canteen special days; to Miss McAlister for her dedication to the learning of her students and for her contributions to whole school programs; to Mrs Carter for her high quality delivery of customer service; and for our school’s history program which focused on the commemoration of the Great War.

Well done also to our athletes who competed at the Zone Athletics last Friday. Competition at this level is always tough but our students were great school representatives.

All classes were involved in a video conference this week focusing on the geology lessons presented by Mr Wright last term. Children asked insightful questions and were intrigued by the information presented on volcanoes. We have another one coming up next week on ‘Light’ which is the topic we are studying this term.

Kind regards,

Pauline

“People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing.”

Andrew Carnegie

School Planning Snippets

Teachers have been working hard to improve their lesson delivery through a professional learning program called Quality Teaching. This initiative is included in our school plan and involves teachers attending four afternoon sessions of professional learning as well as critiquing each others’ lessons. We have been invited to participate in a Newcastle University Research Project aimed at refining this program for introduction across the state.
VALUES
Ebony Briggs, Ebony Simpson, Harrison Sellens, Kaitlin Horn, Tillie Parish, Jaxon O’Connor, Brooklyn Bidner

SCHOOL MERITS
K/1 – Blake Wilson, Verity Spinks
1/2 – Mathilda Joliffe, Chase Hoffman, Lucus Hill
3/4 – Bria Hooper
5/6 – Shaelyn Crouch, Carl Thompson

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS
Kaitlin Horn, Will Mitchell, Ebony Briggs, Dylan Gardiner

SPORTS AWARDS
Bella Sellens, Lucas Hill, Amber Smith, Brodie Huckstadt, Tillie Parish, Daniel Craig, Ella Osmond, Brooklyn Bidner

LIBRARY AWARDS
Tillie Parish, Lucia Merchant

SPELLING CHAMPIONS
Darcy Locke, Chelsea Abra, William Craig, Hamish Jupp

AUGUST
Friday, 7
Stage 1 Public Speaking @ Tenambit PS

Monday, 10
5/6 excursion to Canberra

Tuesday 11
K/1 Performance @ CWA International Day Astronomer visit

Monday 17
Astronomer visit

Wednesday 19
Science of Slime show for Years K-2 - 11.45am
Light Fantastic show for Years 3-6 - 11.45am

Friday 21
P & C meeting from 10.00am
All welcome!

P&C NEWS
We would like to express our extreme gratitude to all those involved in our amazing ‘Mad Hatters Tea Party’ last Wednesday. From all the helpers we had preparing food, decorating, making tea and coffees and to all those dressed up in fun and ‘mad’ characters and costumes. What a great day it was and all your participation really showed how wonderful our school community is.

Last Thursday night at the Education Week Awards at Dungog High School, we were surprise recipients of an award for ‘outstanding contribution by a school community member’. To be acknowledged and recognised by the school community was both humbling and heart warming and really reinforces what we do in such a positive way. The award is as much for us as our valued and dedicated volunteers. You all turn up with smiles on your faces and enhance what we do in the canteen. Without you we would not have a canteen and we can’t thank you enough.

Look out for our next red day - we will be celebrating Father’s Day.
Happy and healthy eating. Regards, Sylvia & Kristy

NEXT P & C MEETING: Friday, August, 21 10am-noon
Gresford District Junior Cricket Club

This season Gresford Junior Cricket is proud to announce we are entering an under 10's team in the Maitland District Competition.

We are also looking for expressions of interest in forming an under 12’s Gresford team.

With the coordinator of the Milo Cricket program moving on to coach the under 10’s team we will need a new volunteer coordinator to continue to run the Milo Cricket program in Gresford for age groups 5-7. You will have the full administrative support of the current junior cricket committee and be provided with session by session guides to run the 10 week program.

If interested please contact:

Stuart Craig – scraig@smartline.com.au 0418 898 360
Hazel Craig – hazel.craig@hotmail.com 0405 417 900

PET SHOW COMPETITION 10.30 to 11.30am

Small size domestic pets
(eg: dog, cat guinea pig, mouse etc)

In conjunction with the Gresford District Historical Society
at
Gresford Community Market on Sunday 16th August.

Entries taken on the day. Showing at bottom of Park Area, below the large fig tree, top side of Butcher shop.

Please note: Your pet must be properly contained.
National Science Week 2015
Week 6
“Making Waves: The Science of Light”
Astronomical lectures
14th, 17th August
Science Show 19th August
Parents welcome.

Notes Sent Home
Canberra Itinerary
CWA
P & C Rodeo
Yr 6 Survey Information
Science Shows
Video Conference Years K to 4

We have been fortunate to be included in a specialised Speech and Occupational Therapy program whereby we will have specialist therapists working with identified K-2 students over a period of 8 weeks.

Breakfast Club will now be operating every morning thanks to Amanda Sellens and Emma Simpson offering their time to help each week. Thank you to Amanda and Emma from all the kids and teachers at GPS.

Also, a big thank you to the student volunteers who turn up every morning to help, Hayden Gardiner and Alana Page. Congratulations on your dedication and enthusiasm!

If you are thinking of helping with this valuable and fun program, please contact Donna Tucker or Nicole Carter.

Regards,
Donna