National Science Week has been a great culmination to our science unit for the term which has focused on the national theme, "Making Waves: the Science of Light." We had two interesting presentations from astronomers, an excellent video conference and fantastic shows from the Newcastle Museum visiting science team. Again we have had wonderful support from Dr. Wright who comes each week with a range of experiments to arouse curiosity and promote scientific investigation.

The selection panel for the teaching position to commence at our school next year is pleased to announce that the successful candidate is Miss Elise Lord, a recent graduate from Newcastle University. Miss Lord was an outstanding candidate and has a range of skills which she will bring to our students.

We are also pleased to advertise an Internet Safety Awareness Workshop run by Cybersmart Outreach for parents to help their children stay safe online. The presentation will be held on Monday, 7th September from 5.30 to 7pm in the 3/4 classroom. This workshop comes highly recommended and is free of charge. Babysitting and refreshments will be provided. Children and staff will also be participating in relevant workshops. A flyer is included with this newsletter.

Of similar importance is a parent online survey which we are hoping all will participate in to give us your opinions and ideas for inclusion in the running of our school. Further details are also included in this newsletter.

I will be taking a period of long service leave for the last 4 weeks of term and Mrs Naomi Mrljak, an experienced principal will be relieving in my absence.

Kind regards,

Pauline

“Mistakes are the portraits of discovery.”

James Joyce

School Planning Snippets

One of our three strategic directions is to improve communication with our school community. As part of this, Mr. Taylor and I attended a professional learning course last week aimed at giving us a range of strategies to assist us in our plan. One such strategy is setting up a school Facebook page to keep the community informed and regularly updated on school happenings. We aim to have this operating next term.
VALUES
Lara Silver, Rose Kelehear, Charlie Tucker, Alana Page, Lacey Hoffman, Sophie Davis & Oscar Wyvill

SCHOOL MERITS
K/1 – Acacia Galvin, Layla Turnbull
1/2 – Daniel Abra, Josie Hodges, Lucas Hill
3/4 – Tess Hartigan, Jack Laurie
5/6 – Hayden Gardiner

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS
Lucia Merchant, Amber Smith, Lacey Hoffman, Paige McFadyen

SPORTS AWARDS
Bella Sellens, Daniel Abra, Katharina Lawrence, Brooklyn Bidner, Lara Silver, Jaxon O’Connor, Liza Kelehear, Kayden Atkins

LIBRARY AWARDS
Kaitlin Horn, Verity Spinks

SPELLING CHAMPIONS
Miles McFadyen, Paige McFadyen, Alysha Cowley, Daniel Craig, Tess Hartigan

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

SEPTEMBER
Thursday 3
Father’s Day Stall

Friday 4
Book Club due

Monday 7
Cyberbullying

Friday 28
Gresford Rodeo – volunteers needed

Friday 18
Last day for Term 3

OCTOBER
TUESDAY 6
All students & Staff return for Term 4

CANTEEN ROSTER
FRIDAY August 21
Tracy Merchant & Christine Vigar

WEDNESDAY August 26
Angela Kelehear & Sarah Reynolds

FRIDAY August 28
Lyndell Osmond & Amanda Davis

WEDNESDAY September 2
Catherine Smith & Joleen Pittman

FRIDAY September 4
Kristy/Sylvia & Christine Vigar

P&C NEWS
Behind-the-scenes preparations for the P&C's biennial fundraising ball are continuing and the exciting prize pool is growing. The What Happens in Vegas ... ball will be held at Gresford School of Arts from 7pm on October 17. Major supporters of the ball are MicroScooters who have donated an MX trixx scooter worth more than $200. Check out all of the great Micro gear at www.microscooters.com.au, Heritage Retreat is also on board with a gift voucher for two nights' accommodation at its boutique accommodation on the edge of the Allyn River, The Good Guys East Maitland has donated a 32-inch television and Maitland Tennis Centre has donated a tennis racquet. In order to reach the fundraising target. The P&C is looking for more sponsors
If you, or someone you know, is able to donate a prize or gift voucher for the event, please contact the school on 4938 9304.

NEXT P & C MEETING: Friday, August, 21 10am-noon
Tucker Box News

RED DAY

Fast approaching is our next Red Day!

We will be celebrating Father’s Day.

This is scheduled for Friday 4 September, 2015.

The order bags are included with this newsletter.

If you somehow fail to receive one please find more available at the school office.

We wouldn’t like you to miss out.

Enjoy your happy and healthy eating.

Sylvia and Kristy

Gresford District Junior Cricket Club

We are now taking registrations for Junior Gresford cricket teams for ages 8 – 14 to be entered into the Maitland District Junior Association 2015/2016 season. The season will commence Saturday 10/10/15. Games begin at 8.30am and run for 1 ½ hours for under 10 and finishing by 11.30am for the older teams.

Registration fees are $120 plus game day fees. The club will provide game day shirts and hats.

After running many successful years of The Milo Cricket Program our co-ordinator will no longer be available to run the Milo Cricket program on Friday afternoon for children aged 5-8 due to commitments to the emerging under 10 team. We are seeking a new co-ordinator to take over the weekly sessions to keep the program running. They will be fully supported by the Junior Cricket Committee with step by step session guides available.

For registration details or further information please contact
Stuart Craig – 0418 898 360 scraig@smartline.com.au
Hazel Craig – 0405 417 900 hazel.craig@hotmail.com

5/6 Excursion to Canberra
Professional Learning for staff has been in the areas of gifted and talented education, positive behaviour for learning, Literacy, Language and Learning (L3), special education, leadership and quality teaching.

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.

MORE HELP NEEDED
More volunteers are needed to help run the canteen at Gresford Rodeo & Campdraft between 6pm and 9pm on Saturday, August 29.
If you can help, please contact the school on 4938 9304.

CWA International Day
Congratulations to the students of Kindergarten and Year1 for their wonderful Italian dance ‘La Tarantella’
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PARENTS and CARERS
Tell us what you think!
It is that time of the year when Gresford School seeks input from parents and carers to plan for future learning.
This year we have moved to an online survey system. If you click the link below and answer the questions about our school community we will really appreciate the feedback and ideas. It is all totally anonymous and easy.
If internet access is an issue for you, feel free to come into Mr Taylor’s classroom anytime and complete the survey on one of our ipads or computers. Year 5/6 students will look after your every need.
Our goal is for every family to have a say in our future.

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