As Term 3 draws to an end, the students at Gresford Public School remain immersed in rich learning programs and extra curricula activities.

Last week we received a visit from the Roads and Maritime Service. The students thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a water safety workshop where they were taught how to fit and fasten a life jacket properly.

The theme of safety continued when the students, staff and parents participated in a Cyber Smart Cyber Safety talk conducted by the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner. Not only did we all learn some great tips for ensuring we keep our students safe, but it was also surprising to see the content and applications that students are accessing, some long before the recommended ages set by the actual apps. Technology is a wonderful tool that can open another world for our children but with that world comes increased risks and as such we need to be vigilant in understanding what our children are doing online.

We are very proud of the students that represented Gresford Public School at a variety of events recently.

Mr Stewart took a soccer team and a cricket team to play against Paterson Public School last Friday. Although Gresford Public School were beaten comfortably, they had a great day with their peers from Paterson and their sportsmanship and team work did not go unnoticed.

Mr Taylor accompanied the Year 5 and 6 students to the Dungog Science Challenge Day. The students completed a variety of activities including building bridges, channelling water and making catapults. This was a very enjoyable and educational day with Gresford Public School coming fourth overall.

Lastly, Tess, Kayden and Alysha participated in the Premier’s Spelling Bee at King St Public School. Tess and Alysha did a great job making it through to the second round. Kayden had a wonderful day making it through to round 4. Great work!

Thank you for allowing me to share in your beautiful school for the past four weeks. It has been a privilege to be part of your proactive school community that is so passionate about learning.

Naomi Mrljak
Relieving Principal
VALUES
Kammi Conn, Bryson Snell, Jack Hill, Ebony Briggs, Josie Hodges, Amber Smith & Leila O’Connor

SCHOOL MERITS
Hamish Mead, Rhianna Conn, Paige McFadyen, Connor Scott, Rose Kelehear, Cameron Jupp & Alysha Cowley

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS
Joey Galvin & Katharina Lawrence

SPORTS AWARDS
Blake Wilson, Rose Kelehear, Kaitlin Horn, Shaelyn Crouch & Billy Huckstadt

LIBRARY AWARDS
Jaxon O’Connor & Chase Hoffman

SPELLING CHAMPIONS
Shannon McFadyen, Sam Hartigan, Brooklyn Bidner, William Thiecke & Jack Laurie

SEPTEMBER
Friday 18
P & C meeting 10.00am
All welcome!
Fruit and Vegetable Day
Doug the Reading Bug 10am
Assembly 2:20pm
Last day for Term 3

OCTOBER
TUESDAY 6
All students & Staff return for Term 4
FRIDAY 16
School Photo Day
P & C meeting 10.00am
All Raffle tickets to be returned
SATURDAY 17
P & C - Las Vegas night

NOVEMBER
MONDAY 2
Musica Viva
WEDNESDAY 11
Remembrance Day

P&C NEWS
Tucker Box Update
The end of term is already here. What fun we have had this term with our Mad Hatters Tea Party and Father’s Day celebrations. Please find included as a part of this newsletter the new Summer menu for Term 4 and roster. There are few new yummy things to try as the weather warms up.
Tomorrow is Fruit and Vegetable day. We hope to see all the children come at recess and taste some healthy and delicious creations. This is not a substitute for recess, the children will still need to pack their own recess.
Looking forward to Term 4 and all the exciting times that comes with last term.

Happy and Healthy Eating
Sylvia and Kristy

NEXT P & C MEETING: Friday, September 18 -10am-noon
K/1 and Gresford Public School would like to thank Miss Setterfield for spending the past ten weeks on internship with us. The students have really enjoyed learning in your classroom and we wish you all the best for your future career.

Fruit and Vegetable Day Reminder
Tomorrow is Fruit and Vegetable Day. All students are invited to come dressed in the colour of their favourite fruit. They are also asked to bring a home made fruit/vegie character to turn into an animation. All parents are invited to our Fruit and Vegetable Showcase Assembly to be held in the 3/4 classroom at 2:20pm. We look forward to seeing you all then.

PARENTS and CARERS
Tell us what you think and receive a free Freddo frog! 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.

MORE HELP NEEDED
Calling all green thumbs!
With the introduction of our new plants from Bunnings, we are looking for some eager parents to help us maintain our gardens. If you are in a position to help, please see Mrs Carter in the office.

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Year 6 Fundraiser
The Year 6 students organised a very successful out of uniform day and sport/drama afternoon. They were able to raise $107.00 to go towards their gift to the school.

Earn and Learn
Thank you to our families for participating in the Earn and Learn promotion. To guarantee your stickers are counted, please ensure they are received at school by Friday, 18th September.

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.
Dungog Science Challenge

Procedures: Cupcake and Pizza Making