Principal’s message

With Term 1 almost halfway through, we are pleased to have our programs of learning well established and children happily at work and play. Congratulations to our new Kindies for settling so quickly.

Swim School commences next week and all payments need to be finalised by tomorrow. This is a vital life saving skill for our children and we hope all our potential swimmers will be attending. We will have the morning’s literacy and maths lessons and will leave school at 12.15 returning in time for the buses at home time. Please pack normal recess and lunch for your child. There will be no canteen during Swim School. All items of clothing should be labelled. We are very grateful to Dave Latham from Better Pool & Irrigation Supplies for his generous donation of a pair of goggles for every swimmer.

We are also grateful to Emma Simpson and Mel Thiecke for running Breakfast Club for us this year. Those children who come to school without breakfast have a much more productive morning of learning thanks to these generous volunteers. If you can spare 45 minutes a week to help, please contact the school.

Don’t forget our P&C Annual General Meeting tomorrow at 10 am in the library where another group of generous volunteers will plan a year of fundraising and fun for our children. Our school would not be so well equipped or our children provided with so many enriching experiences were it not for our enthusiastic band of P&C workers.

Kind regards,

Pauline

“The money saved for a rainy day now buys a smaller umbrella.”

School planning snippets

With the first year of our Strategic Plan concluding, the staff has been using a Departmental tool called the School Evaluation Framework to map progress on our milestones to date. This has allowed for professional discussion and reflection resulting in a yearly action plan which will guide us in the organisation and presentation of another year of engaging learning experiences for our children. This plan will be tabled at the P&C AGM.
PBL AWARDS
Hamish Mead, Ebony Simpson, Ella Osmond, Alysha Cowley, Jonah Swenson, Jaxon O’Connor, Chelsea Abra & Katharina Lawrence

SCHOOL MERITS
Kate Smith, Dan Abra, Darcy Locke, Paige McFadyen, Ryan Thiecke, Lacey Hoffman, Sophie Davis, Jack Hill

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS
Joey Galvin, Dylan Gardiner, Ben Abra & Tess Hartigan

SPORTS AWARDS
Maclaine Spinks, Bella Sellens, Jack Laurie, Leila O’Connor, Jack Simpson, Miles McFadyen, Toby Mead & Carl Thompson

LIBRARY AWARDS
Leila O’Connor, Samuel Field & Blake Wilson

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

CApiteEN ROSTER

Friday, February 19
Emma Simpson & Alissa Abra

Wednesday, February 24
CLOSED Swim School

Friday, February 26
CLOSED Swim School

Wednesday, March 2
CLOSED Swim School

Friday, March 4
CLOSED Swim School

Wednesday March 9
Catherine Smith & Jane Maroulis

FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 19th
P&C AGM & Ordinary meeting

MONDAY 22nd
Swim School begins

WEDNESDAY 24th
5/6 Transition evening @ D.H.S

MARCH
TUESDAY 2nd
Bell Shakespeare Company performance 10.00am to 11.00am. Parents welcome free of charge!

FRIDAY 4th
Last day of Swim School
Clean Up Australia Day
P & C Disco 6.30pm - 9.00pm

FRIDAY 11th-12th
Gresford Show: Volunteers needed to help the P&C run the canteen. More details to come soon.

MONDAY 21st
Harmony Day

FRIDAY 25th
Good Friday

SATURDAY 26th
Gresford Billycart Derby: Volunteers needed to help the P&C run “Pony Pat Lotto”. More details to come soon.

P&C News

The first meeting of Gresford Public School P&C Association for 2016 is this Friday, February 19th (tomorrow) 10.00am in the library.

The meeting will be the AGM, immediately followed by an ordinary meeting. Please consider showing your support for your school by joining the P&C and working with like-minded people for the benefit of the entire school community. Meetings are held once a month (during school terms only) and NEVER go for more than two hours.

Please consider joining Gresford Public School P&C Association. It’s amazing what can be achieved by working together.
Save the Date!
Want to learn more about helping your child at home with literacy? Then come along to our Parent Literacy Information Evening on Tuesday, 8th March at 3.45pm in the library. Babysitting and refreshments provided.

“To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.”
Victor Hugo

Congratulations to our new Student Representative Council members and Sports Captains for 2016. These students were presented with their badges at last week’s assembly.

SRC representatives are:
Kindergarten- Mac Spinks
Year 1- Layla Turnbull
Year 2- Chase Hoffman
Year 3– Daniel Craig
Year 4- Ella Osmond
Year 5- Paige McFadyen
Year 6- Jada Laurie

Our Resource Allocation Model has provided funding for all staff to improve their professional learning.

Today, teachers have been released to evaluate our strategic plan and plan for continual improvement; to finalise the content of our whole school continuum of learning in English, History, Geography and Science; and to plan a new approach to track student learning in Mathematics. Other professional learning for teachers this fortnight has been in the areas of Gifted and Talented Education, technology and assessment. K-2 teachers have commenced their training in the L3 Literacy, Language and Learning Program which has been so successful in the past.

PBL News
We have had some positive feedback on our new GAA’s. Thank you to all of our families and students for completing and returning GAA’s.

Sports Captains are:

Allyn
Captain
Katharina Lawrence
Vice Captain
Paige McFadyen

Paterson
Captain
Jack Hill
Vice Captain
Liza Kelehear
Eggs For Sale
Gresford Public School now has eggs for sale
$4.00 per dozen

2016 Registration
Paterson River Netball Club still has positions available in most teams,
Especially 12, 13, 14.
All playing abilities are welcome
Net Set Go (5-10) years $120
Juniors (11-17) $135
Seniors (18+ years) $160
For more information please ring Jess on 0497498654 or contact us at Facebook Paterson River Netball Club

Child Dental Benefits Schedule
An Australian Government Dental Scheme
YES WE BULK BILL!!
Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive 1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.
For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!