

Principal's message

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Robocup

Our robotics team recently attended Newcastle University to compete in the Robocup competition. Congratulations to Annabelle and Cherry who achieved an impressive 3rd place – a wonderful achievement and a reflection of their hard work and teamwork.

Zone Athletics

Students from Gresford represented our school at the Maitland Zone Athletics Carnival. They showed great enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and gave their best in every event. Well done to all participants.



Garden Project

Our garden project as part of our clubs, continues to flourish. Students have been working together to maintain and improve the playground space, and if you have any plants to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Book Week

This year's Book Week theme is *Reading is Magic*. Students are invited to dress as their favourite book character on **Tuesday, 20 August**. Our Book Week parade will begin at **10:30pm** in the COLA – families and community members are warmly welcome to attend.

P&C News

The next P&C meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday, 25 August** at 7:00pm at The Beatty.

Red Day orders for next Wednesday's canteen are due **tomorrow** – please ensure your order is in.

Parent helpers are needed for the rodeo canteen. If you can spare some time, please return your note to the school. Even a small amount of time makes a big difference.

Education Week – “Ignite Your Potential”

Congratulations to:

- **Annabelle** – Student Leadership Award
- **Mr Oliver Holt** – Supporting student learning
- **Mrs Kathy Gillies** – Teaching and classroom support
- **Mrs Robyn Porter** – School community contribution
- **Gresford PS Grow Your Own Teacher Program** – Supporting staff to build expertise.

Our dance group also gave a fantastic performance of *Hair Up* at Dungog High School as part of the Education Week presentation evening.

Game Changer Challenge

Our students have worked hard on their “nude food” sustainability plan and are ready to submit it for the challenge. We wish them the best of luck!

Jump Rope for Heart

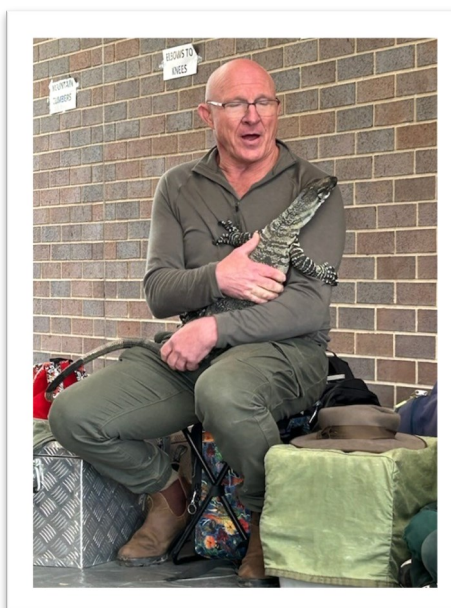
This is the final week to gather sponsors before our Jump Off event next **Friday, 22 August**. Thank you for supporting this great cause.



Science Week Excursion

Students enjoyed a full day of hands-on science and environmental activities. They investigated how our water system works, tested the pH levels of water from the local river and examined fascinating water bugs from a nearby dam. Koala education sessions deepened their understanding of local wildlife and they even made lip balm using bush resources. A wildlife expert introduced students to goannas, frogs, and possums creating an unforgettable close-up experience.

It was a day filled with curiosity, discovery and appreciation for our environment. Thank you to Local Land Service, Hunter Water, NSW National Parks & Wildlife, Awabakal, Clarence Town Public School, Mrs Manning and all the organisers who made this event possible.



Farewell and Welcome

We thank **Mr Holt** for his dedication and contribution to our school. He will be missed by staff and students and we wish him the very best for the rest of the year. We warmly welcome **Mrs Carisa Mitchell** who will be joining us next Monday.

Stay Connected

This term is a busy one with many exciting events. Please keep up to date by checking the school portal regularly. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Have a great week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jody Kilpatrick

PBL Student of the Month



Congratulations to Amelia C who received Student of the Month for July. Amelia is a conscientious and dedicated student who consistently approaches her learning with focus and enthusiasm. She comes to class prepared, listens carefully to instructions, and completes all tasks to the best of her ability. She has shown a strong growth mindset throughout the year, embracing new challenges in a range of activities. Amelia is a kind and supportive classmate, always willing to help others in class or on the playground. Amelia is polite, respectful and consistently upholds our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. She is a valued member of our school community.

Get to know our student of the month.

What is your favourite thing to do at school?

Hang out with friends at playtime.

What do you like to do at home for fun?

Ride my quad.

What would you like to do when you grow up?

Join the army.

If you could be an animal, which one would you be and why?

A fox because they can blend in.

What is the most important thing you want others to know about you?

That I like art.

Do you have any pets?

Yes a rat and a sheep.

If you could meet someone famous, who would it be and why?

Sandra Bullock because she is a strong woman.

What is your favourite game to play?

Roblox.



Getting ready for Year 7 2026

Try a High School Day

Tuesday 2 September, 2025

Try a High School Day is designed as a fun introduction to the high school environment.

Students will participate in a number of learning activities in areas such as Science, PE and HSIE.

Parent Orientation Evening

Tuesday 28 October, 2025

An information evening for parents and carers to find out more about the school and to meet key staff members who will support Year 7 in 2026.

Information will be provided about uniforms, transport, communication channels, key policies, technology, wellbeing, and school facilities and programs.

Orientation Day

Tuesday 2 December, 2025

Orientation Day is an important opportunity for incoming students to explore the school, find out about classes and subjects, learn about school processes, and meet staff, peer mentors and fellow students.

First day of school

Monday 2 February, 2026

Year 7 students will meet at the MPC (access via Hooke Street), for a 9am roll call.

Uniform & Books

Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes Raymond Terrace. Aboriginal polos can be purchased from school.

Book packs can be purchased online from our school supplier. Details will be provided by the school separately.

Communication

Visit our school **website** for key information about starting Year 7: www.dungog-h.school.gov.au

Join our **Facebook** page for news and achievements: www.facebook.com/DungogHighSchool

Download the **Compass School Manager** App for attendance, pay course contributions, event permission, timetables, news (log in details will be provided Term 1, 2026).

Aboriginal Student Transition Days

Tuesday 21 October, 2025

Tuesday 25 November, 2025

Students will participate in a number of mini 'taster' lessons and cultural activities at Dungog High School, as well as an on-country experience.

Year 7 Camp

More information will be sent home early Term 1, 2026.

Travelling Australia or Overseas?



If you are..



Travelling for 10 weeks or more - up to 1 school year (200 Days), then stay enrolled with your current school, whilst accessing learning and attending through Distance Education.

Learning Together!

DISTANCE EDUCATION



The New South Wales Department of education has a Public School Service to be there on the journey with you and your children.



NORTH EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

We provide learning designs for students on the move. The programs are personalised to suit your child's learning needs, your supervision & management of the learning and your travelling context & environment.



North East Public School of Distance Education | School Street | PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444
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Next
P&C meeting
Monday 25th August
At the
Beatty Hotel
7.00pm
Come and join us !!



TERM 3 CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	July 21st Staff Development Day P&C meeting 7pm @ Hotel Beatty	July 22nd All students return for Term 3	July 23rd	July 24th	July 25th Social Media Expo @ Tocal - Yrs 3-6 8.45am - 11am
Week 2	July 28th Hunter Dance Festival	July 29th	July 30th	July 31th	August 1st Canteen open Scripture starts
Week 3	August 4th	August 5th	August 6th	August 7th Dungog Education Week Awards @ Dungog High Open Day @ Gresford P.S. Book Fair 11.35am	August 8th
Week 4	August 11th Game Changer opens	August 12th	August 13th Zone Athletics	August 14th Science Day @ Clarencetown P.S. Yrs 3-6	August 15th
Week 5 Book Week	August 18th	August 19th	August 20th Book Week Parade	August 21st Game Changer closes	August 22nd Jump Rope for Heart
Week 6	August 25th P&C meeting @ Hotel Beatty 7pm Stage 3 excursion to Canberra	August 26th Stage 3 excursion to Canberra	August 27th Stage 3 return from Canberra	August 28th	August 29th
Week 7	September 1st	September 2nd Try a High School Yr 6 @ Dungog High	September 3rd	September 4th	September 5th
Week 8	September 8th	September 9th	September 10th	September 11th. R.U.O.K. Day	September 12th Musica Viva
Week 9	September 15th Reptile Park whole school excursion P&C meeting @ Hotel Beatty 7pm	September 16th Photo Day - full summer uniform	September 17th	September 18th	September 19th
Week 10	September 22nd	September 23rd	September 24th	September 25th	September 26th Last day Term 3



SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS

Lachlan R, Oliver B, Cherry, Izayah, Milo, Bailey

PBL AWARDS

Patrick, Wylee, Sienna

LIBRARY AWARDS

Lucy, Logan

GOOD LISTENER AWARDS

Byron, Blayke, Lucy

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Byron, Harry W

SPORT AWARDS

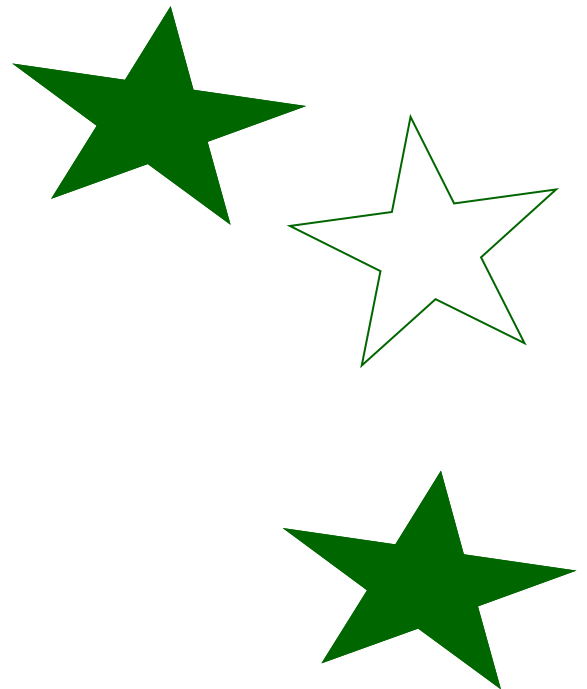
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GOTCHA AWARDS

Maisy, Alf

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Amelia C



Assembly Award Recipients



THE TUCKER BOX TERM 3 ROSTER

Monday	Wednesday 23/7 Sharon Hill – Megan Barnett	Friday 25/7 Amy Garaty
Monday 28/7 Kim Moore	Wednesday 30/7 Kate Gehrig	Friday 1/8 Alyce Williams – Paul Williams
Monday 4/8 Robyn Porter	Wednesday 6/8 Sam Russell	Friday 8/8 Beth Dark
Monday 11/8 Sam Russell	Wednesday 13/8 Sharon Hill	Friday 15/8 Louise Ward
Monday 18/8 Robyn Porter	Wednesday 20/8 Amy Garaty – Stacey Garaty	Friday 22/8 Kim Booth – Sheridan Richardson
Monday 25/8 Elise Chesworth	Wednesday 27/8 Megan Barnett	Friday 29/8 Alyce Williams – Paul Williams
Monday 1/9 Robyn Porter	Wednesday 3/9 Bec Montgomery	
Monday 8/9 Stevie Walters	Wednesday 10/9 Amy Garaty – Stacey Garaty	
Monday 15/9 Robyn Porter	Wednesday 17/9 Sheridan Richardson	
Monday 22/9 Amy Garaty – Sam Russell	Wednesday 24/9 Elise Chesworth	

CANTEEN OPERATION HOURS 9AM – 2.30PM

Lunch 11.00am – 11.40am

Recess 1.20 – 2pm

PLEASE PLACE ORDERS INTO CANTEEN BY 9AM

Please Note – Children arriving at school after 10am or those that have forgotten their lunch will be offered a sandwich as time does not allow other food to be prepared. Thank you.

Gresford Public School welcomes any new parents or friends of the school thinking about volunteering a day in the canteen. It's a great way to meet other parents and the kids get a buzz out of seeing you working there too. Please come and see our Canteen Supervisors Samantha Russell or Amy Garaty if you are interested.

Our canteen complies with the NSW Healthy Schools Canteen Guidelines.

The Tucker Box

Special day Menu

Wednesday 20th August - Book Week Parade Day

Please write your name, class & orders onto lunch bags & return menu selections & money to school by Friday 15th August

Make any of the below selections for either lunch or recess.

MENU

Hotdog- \$3.50

Fish Fingers- 50c each

Mini vege spring rolls- 50c each

Chicken & Gravy Roll- \$3.50

TREATS

Ice cream & milo \$1.20

Iced donut-\$2.50

Mini Fruit Skewer- \$2.00

Jelly tub- \$1.50

Milo Balls - \$80c

We thank you for supporting our canteen.

THE TUCKER BOX MENU



SUMMER 2025

Something small....

Fruit Salad Snack Tub	\$1.50
Chocolate Mousse cup	\$0.80
Pikelets & Jam ~ 2 per serve	\$0.50
Fresh Popped Popcorn ~ small bag	\$0.50
Assorted 3.5 STAR or above packet varieties	\$1.20
Fruity Bites ~ 10 per serve	\$0.50



Something to drink....

Water 600ml	\$1.00
Chill J Sparkling Drink	\$2.00
100% Orange / Apple Juice	\$2.00
Slushie	\$2.00
Chocolate / Strawberry Milk	\$2.00
Hot or Cold Milo	\$2.00

Something cool....



Frozen Orange Piece	\$0.20
UFO (frozen pineapple ring)	\$0.50
Vanilla Ice cream cup GF	\$1.00
Frozen Yoghurt assorted flavours	\$2.00
Juicy Tube	\$1.50
Chocolate Moose	\$1.50
Quelch fruit stick	\$1.00

SANDWICHES - fresh/toasted

Vegetable or Jam	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.50
Ham	\$2.00
Ham & Cheese	\$2.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50
Salad sandwich	\$4.00
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, & Cucumber	
Ham or Chicken & salad	\$4.50

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Beetroot	\$0.30
Cheese Slice	\$0.50

Bread Roll or Wrap

\$1.00

SALADS

Salad Tub (Lettuce, Grated Carrot, Cheese, Cucumber & Tomato)

\$4.00

Ham or Chicken tender salad Tub
Ham, lettuce, grated carrot, cheese, cucumber, tomato, mayo

\$4.50

SAUCES

Tomato, BBQ, Mayo

\$0.40

FROM THE OVEN

Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese Toasty Pocket	\$2.50
Butter Chicken Toasty Pocket	\$4.00
Crumbed nuggets GF	ea \$0.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Pie	\$3.50
Lasagne	\$4.00
Butter Chicken w/rice GF	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets	ea \$0.50
PIZZA ~ Hawaiian ~OR Ham & Cheese	\$2.50
Chicken Tender	\$2.00

BURGER'S, WRAP'S

ALOHHA CHICKEN Burger ~ Chicken Breast, Lettuce, Pineapple, Cheese & BBQ sauce

\$5.00

CHICKEN or BEEF SALAD BURGER ~ Chicken Breast or beef patty, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Cheese & mayo

\$5.00

CHEESY BEEF Burger ~ w/tomato sauce

\$4.00

Chicken tender wrap with lettuce/ mayo

\$3.50

Sweet chilli chicken tender wrap with lettuce, cheese & mayo

\$4.00

SPOONS & LUNCH BAGS

\$0.30

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Uniform Order Form

Student: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Item:	Price:	Size: 4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Total QTY	TOTAL \$\$\$
Girls Summer Tunic	\$50.00									
Girls Winter Tunic	\$50.00									
Girls Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeve Blouse in Lemon	\$17.00									
Girl's Hallam Green Pants	\$24.00									
Green and Lemon Polo Shirt Long Sleeve	\$28.00									
Green and Lemon Polo Shirt Short Sleeve	\$27.00									
Cultural Shirt Short Sleeve	\$35.00									
Boys Green Gabardine Cargo Pants Long	\$21.00									
Boys Green Gabardine Cargo Shorts	\$17.00									
Boys Green Sports Shorts	\$11.00									
Girls Green Gabardine Skort	\$19.00									
Unisex Sports Shorts	\$20.00									
Girls Green Pleated Sport Skort	\$18.00									
Green Track Pants Microfibre	\$23.00									
Polar Fleece Vest Green	\$16.00									
Fleecy Zip Jacket in Green (Tracksuit Fabric) Cunningham	\$20.00									
Micro Polar Fleece Zip up Jacket (Polyester mesh Lining) Ellery	\$25.00									
Girls green winter stocking tights	\$10.00	Age of child.	4-6	7-10	11-14					
School Hat	\$10.00	Hat Sizes:	S/M	M/L						
Total:										

Put the required number of each item in the size column / add up the total cost.

Fill out your details (It is important to leave a contact number in case there is a problem with your order).

Payment of your order is only by Direct Deposit: -

- Gresford Public School P&C
- BSB: 646-000 Account No: 100099691
- Please use the reference UNIFORM and your name.
- Please include your receipt number on the form.
- Receipt Number: _____ Date Paid: _____
- Orders will be sent home when paid in full.

Second-hand uniforms are available at no cost.

If you are unsure of sizes, a set of uniforms is available to try on at the Uniform Shop.

If you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact Shantelle Turnbull 0428 389 424.

Gresford Public School P & C

Prices current as of 17/03/2025

CARTOONING & DRAWING FOR KIDS AND PARENTS

Like to draw or learn some drawing skills and have FUN?

Artist Ric Woods is conducting monthly sessions for school age kids both primary and secondary. You can follow Ric step by step to create characters and learn some tips, or do your own thing with some guidance from Ric.

Held Monthly and its FREE/Donation Event

When: 4th Wednesday each month commencing from

Time: 4pm - 5pm

Where: Gresford Congregational Church 30 Durham Road East Gresford

Cost: Free or make a donation for materials

What to Bring: Drink bottle and your favourite pen or pencil, a sketch book if you like, but not required. Blank paper, felt pens and drawing board will be supplied. Sorry NO eating on the premises. Ric has a Working With Children Check but a parent or supervising adult need to attend. See Rics' Art work at www.hospitalmurals-rickwoods.weebly.com

Bookings essential. Phone Ric on 0493248301 (business hours only)

