

### **Gresford Public School**

**Newsletter Term 3** Week 8 ~ 11.09.2025

### Principal's message

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

### Year 6 "Try-a-High-School" Day at Dungog High School

Our Year 6 students recently attended a special "Try-a-High-School" day at Dungog High School. They joined in lessons, met teachers, and explored what they'll be learning when they start high school next year. It was a fantastic opportunity to get a taste of what's ahead, and they came back excited and full of enthusiasm!

### **Maitland Zone Public Speaking Finals**

Congratulations to Patrick, Elora, Lucy, Tyler, Wyatt, Oliver, and Annabelle who represented Gresford Public School at the Maitland Zone Public Speaking Finals. We are so proud of their courage and confidence in presenting their speeches in front of a large audience — they represented our school wonderfully!

### Father's Day Stall - A Huge Thank You to the P&C

A big thank-you to our amazing P&C for organising the Father's Day stall and providing such

thoughtful gifts. A special mention goes to Amy and Sam, who put in so much effort to make this possible. Your hard work and generosity are greatly appreciated by our school community!

### Stage 2 Excursion to Barnyard to Bakehouse

Our Stage 2 students had a wonderful day at Barnyard to Bakehouse! They worked alongside high school students, helped care for the chickens and lambs, made buttermilk and butter, and even baked their own biscuits. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that combined science, agriculture, and cooking — and the students had a fabulous time!

### Year 5 & 6 RYSTEM Science Activities

Year 5 and Year 6 students attended RYSTEM in Dungog, where they took part in exciting science-based challenges and activities. They worked in teams to solve problems, test ideas, and learn more about STEM. It was a great opportunity for students to explore science in a fun and interactive way.



### **RU OK? Day - A Conversation Can Change a Life**

Today we recognised RU OK? Day, with students wearing yellow to show their support for mental health and wellbeing. RU OK? Day reminds us of the importance of starting conversations and checking in with those around us by simply asking, "Are you OK?" A small chat can make a big difference. You can learn more at www.ruok.org.au.

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### **Musica Viva Performance - Water Rhythms**

This Friday, our school will be visited by Musica Viva, who will present their interactive performance Water Rhythms. Students will experience an engaging blend of music, percussion, storytelling, and movement inspired by the sounds and rhythms of water. A huge thank-you to our P&C for substantially funding this performance, giving our students an exciting cultural experience.

### Reptile Park Excursion - Monday 15 September

Next Monday, our students will visit the Australian Reptile Park for an exciting day of learning about wildlife, habitats, and conservation. **Please remember we will be departing school at 8:00 am sharp**. Students should bring their hats, packed lunch, water bottles, and wear full school uniform.

### School Photos - Tuesday 16 September

A reminder that school photos will be taken next Tuesday. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform, looking neat and ready for the day. If you would like to order photos, please use the links provided on the photo information page. (page 4)

### **Certificate of Excellence**

Last week, we were honoured to welcome our Director, Mr. Ben Higginbottom, to Gresford School as he presented an Award for Excellence to our incredible SLSO, Mrs. Kathy Gillies.

This recognition celebrates Mrs. Gillies' outstanding dedication, passion, and impact on our students and school community.

Congratulations, Mrs. Gillies – a truly well-deserved honour!

### Thank you

Thank you to our wonderful families and P&C for your continued support of our students and school. We've had such a busy and exciting term, filled with learning, achievements, and community spirit. Together, we're making Gresford Public School a fantastic place to learn and grow.

Have a great week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jody Kilpatrick



### PBL Student of the Month





Congratulations to Lilah who received Student of the Month for August. Lilah is receiving this special award for being a responsible, respectful and resilient learner at Gresford Public School. She is a wonderful role model for her class mates, showing kindness and fairness both in the classroom and on the playground. Lilah always follows school rules and makes thoughtful choices, setting a great example for others. She approaches her learning with enthusiasm and determination. Her positive attitude, growing resilience and love of learning shine through each day, making her a valued and admired member of our school community.

### Get to know our student of the month.

### What is your favourite thing to do at school?

To play on the equipment in the playground.

### What do you like to do at home for fun?

Invite my friends over for a play date.

### What would you like to do when you grow up?

Become a vet.

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

A puppy because they are so cute.

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

That I am a good sharer.

### Do you have any pets?

I've got puppies and lots of dogs and five horses.

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

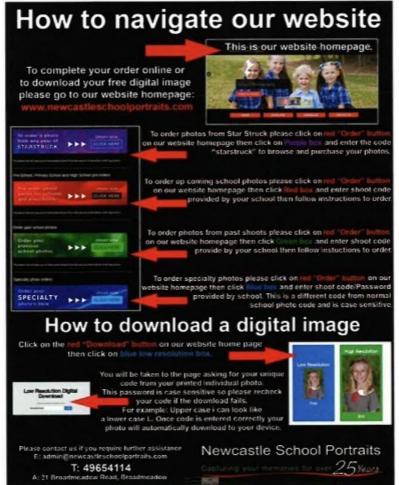
Bluey because she is so much fun!

### What is your favourite game to play?

Hide and Seek!

### **PHOTO DAY - Tuesday 16th September**





### 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
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	September 16th  Photo Day - full summer uniform	September 17th	September 18th	September 19th
Week 10	September 22nd	September 23rd On Country	September 24th	September 25th	September 26th PBL Assembly Last day Term 3



### **SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS**

Hazel, Cooper, Charlize, Sienna, Emersyn

### **PBL AWARDS**

Georgie-Mai, Hamish, Rylee-Grace, Cherry, Alf, Campbell

### LIBRARY AWARDS

Patrick, Maisy

### **GOOD LISTENER AWARDS**

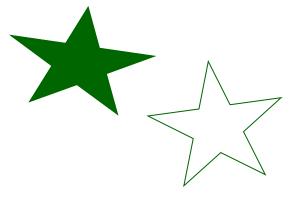
Georgie-Mai, Zenayah, Alayna

### **GOTCHA AWARDS**

Oliver, Rylee-Grace, Hallie

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Lilah





### **Assembly Award Recipients**







### TERM 3 ROSTER

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



## **SUMMER 2025**

## Something small....

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

\$1.50 \$1.50 \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.50 \$4.00

Cheese

fresh/toasted SANDWICHES-

Vegemite or Jam

Salad sandwich Egg, Lettuce & Mayo Ham & Cheese

Ham or Chicken & salad

\$4.50

Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, & Cucumber



## Something to drink....

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



## Something cool....

Ham or Chicken tender salad Tub

\$4.50

Cucumber & Tomato)

(Lettuce, Grated Carrot, Cheese,

Ham, lettuce, grated carrot, cheese

cucumber tomato, mayo

Tomato, BBQ, Mayo

\$0.40

Salad Tub SALADS Bread Roll or Wrap

\$1.00

\$0.30 \$0.50

\$4.00

Cheese Slice

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

FROM THE OVEN	
GarlicBread	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese Toasty Pocket	\$2.50
Butter Chicken Toasty Pocket	\$4.00
Crumbed nuggets GF	ea.\$0.50
Sausage Roll	<b>\$</b> 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	
ALOHA 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	<b>\$</b> 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	<b>\$</b> 0.30

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### **Gresford Public School**

### **Uniform Order Form**

Student:				Class:									
Parent's Name:				ontact f	Phone N	lumbe	r:						
Item:	Price:	Size: 4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Total QTY	TOTAL \$\$\$			
Girls Summer Tunic	\$50.00												

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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						

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: -

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- 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.

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Prices current as of 17/03/2025

Greetings Gallery artists, friends, and art lovers,

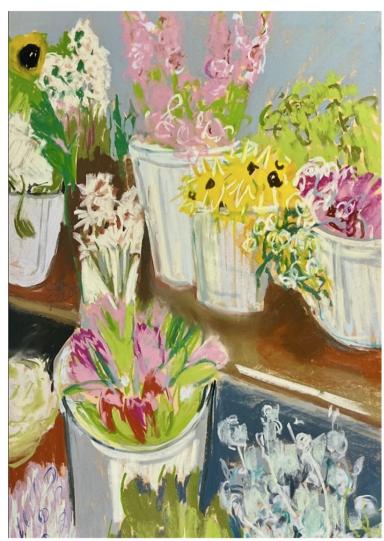
The Gresford Community Gallery committee would like to invite you to join them at the opening celebration for the

### SPRING EXHIBITION – FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 2025 On SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER Time: 2-4pm

Gallery at 12 Park St. East Gresford (next to Arboretum /park. Entrance at ramp.)

All are welcomed to attend the event; refreshments will be served. Official Opening by Newcastle Artist and writer Gavin Fry.

Drop by to view a stunning showcase of Hunter Valley artists' painting, drawing, sculptures, ceramics, photography, fibre art, glass and jewellery. The fabulous sculpture Grevillea Meadow by Michael Ferris is now installed in the park next to the gallery.









### GRESFORD COMMUNITY GALLERY

### SPRING EXHIBITION

FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Officially Opened by Gavin Fry
SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2-4pm.

12 Park St. East Gresford



### **EVENT BACKGROUND**

Dungog Pedalfest started back in 1996 when a few cycling locals decided that they really should start sharing their Cycling Paradise with everyone. With Dungog's quiet roads, stunning scenery and easy enough grades, it is also the perfect place for first time riders to realise the joy of cycling and to get more people on bikes.

The event has had up to 600 riders at a time in the past, and with floods and pandemics behind us, now is the time to build up this terrific event again with a few new twists and turns.

This year not only celebrates our annual family charity rides, it will also see the crowning of the NSW Penny Farthing and Footbike State Champions as well as the anointing of the 2025 National Dandy Horse Champions! There will be a repeat of the hilarous Mini-Dandy Horse Derby from last year too, where Young vs Old.

Fun for everyone.

### FUN FITNESS FAMILY RIDES KIDS RIDES COMPETIVE RIDES

Loan bikes available on the day - junior penny farthings, balance bikes and footbikes - by donation.

\$10-\$20 per ride

(unless stated otherwise)

Ride - Spectate- Volunteer

Enter online or on the day

THEME: GREEN

Bookings and information











**2025** @ @ --





Monday 15th
September
at
The Hotel Beatty
7.00pm



### ASTRONOMY NIGHT

### FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF GRESFORD AND VACY

LEARN ABOUT THE WONDERS OF
THE NIGHT SKY, SEE OUR GALAXY
TAKE PHOTOS WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE
THROUGH DUSTIN BRADFORD'S TELESCOPES

CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

NUMBERS LIMITED.

PHONE 0428924800 NOW TO RESERVE A TICKET

SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER FROM 6PM GRESFORD SPORTS GROUND PARK STREET EAST GRESFORD

GRESFORD PS WILL BE SELLING
DELICIOUS HOT FOOD AND DRINKS

THIS EVENT SUPPORTED BY

GRESFORD COMMUNITY GALLEY and GRESFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY GROUP



# @ THE BEATTY Op Shop Ball 18th Oct 6pm

We're having a Ball to raise money for Ovarian Cancer Research as part of Frocktober. Dig out your old Frocks and Suits or go and support your local Op Shop, buy the most hideous, ugliest, funniest formal attire you can find. Crowning of the King & Queen of the Ball along with other prizes for Fancy Dress. There will be an Auction and raffles on the night. Your ticket includes a band, Entrée & Main Meal.

Prock up.
Raise Funds.
Frock Cancer.

\$60 Inc Entrée de Main Mea

**Tickets @ The Beatty**