



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

December	
Friday 7	School Extravaganza \$5 per family at the door
Tuesday 11	Swimming Carnival Kurri Kurri Swimming Pool
Thursday 13	Presentation Day 9:30am Morning Tea 11am
Friday 14	School reports home
Monday 17	Class Parties \$5pp due 3/12
January 2019	
Wednesday 30	Year 1-6 First Day 2019
Wednesday 30	Kindy 2019 Best Start
Thursday 31	Kindy 2019 Best Start
February 2019	
Friday 1	Kindy 2019 First Day
Friday 22	Surf School Stockton Beach

Canteen Helpers

Monday 10/12	Alyssa & Josh
Thursday 13/12	Loren — Lunch Only (Presentation day)
Monday 17/12	NO CANTEEN

P&C Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12/2/19	P & C Meeting @ 7pm
Sunday 9/12	Volunteer Appreciation Night—Vacy Store

A message from the Principal

Congratulations to all of our students who attended the swimming school program this year on your improved swimming skills and your manners and behaviour. It is always nice to hear from others in our community that our students are a credit to their school.

This week Mrs Babic has finalised our swimming carnival arrangements. If your child is not attending the day, please note that they are required to be at school as this is an excursion that should be participated by 100% of students unless they have a good reason for their absence. We cater for all levels of ability at our carnivals and we never make any of our students swim or run unless they are confident enough too. We do however, expect that if they are not participating in a race they will be there to cheer on their fellow House members when they do.

Our Extravaganza Night is fast approaching so keep an eye out for the final note going home that contains important information about the event such as what to bring.

Next Thursday morning is our 2018 Presentation Day. This is a special time when we recognise the achievements of our students in all aspects of their school life. After the formal proceedings, we would like to invite you to stay and join us for a special morning tea to show our gratitude for the support you have given the school during 2018. The morning tea will be provided by our staff.

Kind regards,

Karen Fonti

Relieving Principal

Please Note — there has been some changes on the canteen roster.

1/2 Class News

This week is the last week that I will change home readers. Please return any home readers and also library books next week. Some of the students who are in Year 1 and will turn 8 next year have been invited to attend the swimming carnival. Please note that it is only students who can **confidently swim 25 or more metres** that are allowed to go. If this relates to your child, please ensure your notes are in so that they are able to attend. Also if they wish to order lunch please adhere to the time lines on the note as late orders make organisation difficult and may not be able to be accommodated. We are all busy practising for our play at the extravaganza and can not wait to perform for you. Hope to see you there.

Regards,
Maree Greaves

Art Exhibition at Gresford School

Premier's Debating Challenge

Congratulations to our 2018 Debaters, Lucy, Madison, Izzy, Ursula and Lincoln who will be receiving their participation certificates at our assembly **this Friday**.

Sue Graham



2/3G News

Due to Swim School, our normal routine has changed. I would like to finish up the home reader program so please assist your child to return outstanding readers. I would still encourage the children to read and record their reading in their home reading diary. Could you also check for any library books that will need to be returned to school before the end of the year. Our end of year Extravaganza is fast approaching and we are busy perfecting our roles. Year 2 are joining with 1/2G to present a Christmas play while Year 3 students will be performing a separate (and very noisy) skit. Year 2 students should have brought home some lines to learn, so please encourage them to practise. No costumes are required for any of the students.

Ms Graham



Swimming Carnival Reminder

Our Swimming Carnival for 2019 is taking place this Tuesday, 11th December at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre. We are leaving school at 9:15am with the hopes of our first race starting at 10:00am. Family members are welcome to attend the event, however students need to sit with their designated sport houses.

What to bring:

- **2 towels – 1 to use at the poolside through the day and 1 to dry at the conclusion of the carnival**
- **A plastic bag for wet costumes and towels**
- **Recess, a drink (preferably water) and snacks**
- **Lunch (if not ordered from the pool)**
- **Underwear to put on at the end of the day**
- **Best cheering voice, posters red/blue t-shirts etc. (NO crepe paper streamers)**

Students may go home with their parents but they will need to be signed out by their teacher before they leave. Parents are not permitted to take other people's children home unless a written note is provided to their students class teacher.

We're looking forward to a fun and exciting day!

Jamie Babic
Class Teacher

Thank you!

We (Ivy, Emily, Izzy and Alec Grainger) started recycling bottles at home for a bit of pocket money earlier this year. We came up with the idea to collect the milk bottles from the school canteen and encourage all the kids to help recycle. We, with help from Kodie Knox, collected bottles from a local group and then donated the money we made back to the school to help pay for the new play equipment. With help from these groups, the school bottles and our own, we have donated \$100 to the school. We have enjoyed our adventures putting bottles through the recycling machine and often had fun racing each other. We plan to keep doing it as long as mum will drive us in.

The Grainger children.



Christmas Card Design Competition

There are many individuals that our school needs to thank at the end of the year and one way that is more meaningful, is to send a Christmas card designed by one of our students. This year, like last, we are asking our students to send in a design on A4 paper that they think would be good for the front cover of a Christmas card. **Please note: the drawing needs to be done in crayon for ease of printing.**

All entries will need to be **submitted to the office by Monday 10th December** then Mrs Fonti and the staff will chose the winning entry to be used. A special prize will be given to the winning entry.

So get busy over the weekend and remember.. You've got to be in it to win it!



Swim School

We had a great swim school once again this year. The children all improved considerably and it was wonderful to watch their confidence and skills develop over the ten day program. I was very proud to have both the instructors and the bus driver comment on how well behaved our students are. I'd like to congratulate our students on their excellent behaviour and participation during our 2018 Swim School. I have included some photos of our last day where we had our treat lunch, participated in safety activities and of course our play on the splash pad.





Outside School Hours Care

Hunter Mobile Preschool/OSHC is a non-profit service, which provides quality care for school aged children during the hours before & after school.

Before and After School Care is a relatively new part of our service. We have been running our OSHC program at Gresford Public School since term 4 2017. This program has become an important part of the Gresford school community.

We aim to continue providing the OSHC service with many aspects to remain the same. There will be a few changes. Some of these are mentioned below.

Once the New Year begins, an updated Information book will be provided to all families.

Hours & Days

OSHC will operate Monday to Friday of the school terms.

OSHC will not operate on public holidays & pupil free days

The OSHC hours will remain as they are now.

Morning session 7.00am – 9.00am

Afternoon session 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Staff

Hunter Mobile Preschool/OSHC Coordinator: Sarah Spinks

Vacy OSHC Certified Supervisor: Tammy

Vacy OSHC Staff: Lorraine & Rachael

Fees

Normal Rates:

Morning Session (7.00am – 9.00am)	\$20.00 per child/session	
Afternoon Session (3.00pm -6.00pm)	\$30.00 per child/session	CCS Applies

Casual Rates:

Morning Session (7.00am – 9.00am)	\$25.00 per child/per session	
Afternoon Session (3.00pm -6.00pm)	\$35.00 per child/per session	CCS Applies

All absences must be paid for. You are entitled to receive CCS for 42 absence days per child each financial year. Fees should be paid on a weekly/fortnightly basis. Direct Deposit (Internet Banking) is the preferred method of payment.

Casual days will be invoiced.

Child Care Subsidy is a payment made directly to child care providers to be passed on to families. To make Child Care Subsidy claims families are able to go to my.gov.au

Upon enrolment, both the parent and child's Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) must be included on the enrolment form for this subsidy to apply to your child's fees.

Programs

Our service provides programs that are planned to accommodate the needs, interests, and ideas of the children enrolled. The program includes experiences that allow children quiet indoor play, active outdoor play, and individual or group play. The program is evaluated; this information is used when planning future experiences. Programs are displayed, as we value your ideas & feedback to help us maintain a safe, enjoyable and stimulating environment.

We look forward to working with the staff, children, their families, and the school community.

Sarah Spinks

New Enrolment form for OSHC can be found on the Vacy School, skoolbag App.