Principal's Message

Yesterday we farewelled our senior dance group in their tutus, stripey socks and others in striped shorts and braces as they prepared for another performance at the Hunter Dance Festival. This is our third year of participation and the routines and costumes keep getting better and better thanks to the efforts of Miss Corrigan. We are certainly a lucky school to have such an inspiring teacher with talent and skill to burn!

Our junior dance group are sure to entertain when they perform on Thursday evening and we wish them well.

Well done to our debating team who scored a narrow win over Clarence Town in the Premier’s Debating Challenge last week.

Our netballers had an enjoyable day last week when they attended the Gala Day at Singleton on Thursday. They suffered a few loses before finally ending the day with a victory.

A wonderful opportunity for students with an interest in creative arts will be held at Gresford Public School on Wednesday 3, September. With a full-day of workshops including photography with David Oliver the Gresford Art Carnival continues to grow as it enters it’s fourth year. An application form can be obtained by contacting the office.

Thank you to those families who have returned their notes, money and lunch orders for the Commonwealth Games Day being held tomorrow, Wednesday 23 July at Dungog. **This is a full day event and students are encouraged to wear suitable clothing in the colours of their country’s flag to add to the atmosphere.** Students who did not pre-order recess and lunch will need to bring their own recess, lunch and water bottle.

Our Active After-school activities program commences this week and there are still places available for both activities. Dance will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons and Rugby League on Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in your child participating, please contact the office to arrange for an application form to be sent home.

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 29 July and students are asked to wear the newer style of school shirt. Don’t forget to return the notes and enclose the money for your photo order on the day, that is unless you have ordered online.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 August starting at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Thank you to those families who have returned notes and money for the Tony Bones performance to be held on Wednesday 6 August.

Regards,

Graeme
Dates to Remember

July
23 Commonwealth Games Day @ Dungog
24 Hunter Dance Festival - Junior
29 School Photo Day - Children to wear new shirts
29 ICAS English Competition
30 Tony Bones Performance

August
1 Maitland PSSA Zone Athletics
5 P & C meeting
12 ICAS Math Competition
15 Dungog Science Engineering Day @ DHS Years 5 & 6
18 5/6 Camp & Book Week begins

Canteen News
Due to increases in supplier prices the canteen prices will have to rise as well. A new price list is with todays newsletter.

To all canteen volunteers can you please remember if you cannot do your shift and cannot find a replacement please contact Mel Lutschini on 0455281525 or contact Eleesha on 4938 5046.

Thankyou,
Mel Lutschini

Senior Dance Update
Yesterday was a very exciting day for our Senior Dance Group as they attended Hunter Dance Festival held at Newcastle Panthers. The students impressed the audience with their performance of “Afro circus”. The bright coloured tutus matched the enthusiasm that the dancers brought to the stage. They performed an energetic piece that brought many compliments from students and parents from other schools.

A big congratulations to all of the students involved as their behaviour was fantastic throughout the day. Thank you to Mrs Fonti and Jessica Russell for your help with hair and make-up. Due to your efforts the day was able to run smoothly.

Due to our great performance we have been asked to perform at the Dungog Education Week ceremony on Thursday 31st August. Keep an eye out for a note regarding this performance throughout the week.

Kind Regards,
Jamie Corrigan

Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best
18 July, 2014

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**For Tender**

The school has purchased a new ride-on mower and have placed a 21 Hp Husqvarna ride-on mower with a 42” cut up for tender.

The mower does have some problems, however the engine is in terrific order.  
The mower can be viewed by phoning the school to arrange a suitable time.  
Tenders should be received by the closing date of COB Friday 15 August 2014

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**Education Week ceremony for Dungog Community of Schools**

The annual Education Week ceremony will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Thursday 31 July at Dungog High School. Please come along and join together with our neighbouring schools to celebrate the achievements of our schools. Our senior dance group will be performing at the ceremony.

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**Indoor Paralympic Multi Sport Day**

"An opportunity exists for students with sensory and physical disabilities to participate in the 'Indoor paralympic Multi Sport Day' on Monday 18 August, organised through the DECSchool Sport Unit, NSW Sport and Recreation and the Australian Paralympic Committee. For more information and an application form, please visit the school website at [www.vacy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.vacy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)"

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**Wednesday July 30th 9.45 am**

Parents and younger siblings are invited to join us at: Vacy Hall for

**Tony Bones Entertainment**

2014 Children's Book Council of Australia Shortlisted Picture Book of the Year Show…

"The Windy Farm"

by Doug McLeod & Craig Smith

**About the book...**

"The illustrations and story work together wonderfully to create a very enjoyable story..."

-Susan Wheelan, Kids' Book Review

Why would anyone want to live on a farm where the winds are so fierce that even the pigs are blown away? Fortunately Mum is a clever inventor and can think of one very good reason.

The Windy Farm is a hilarious picture book with a very pertinent message about wind power and environmental sustainability, by one of Australia's favourite picture book teams.

"It is always a thrill to open a new Doug MacLeod and Craig Smith collaboration and The Windy Farm provides no exception."

-Carole Poustie, Ruby Rainbow Review

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**School Photo Day is on**

**Tuesday 29 July 2014**

Don’t forget to send in your envelope with your child on the day. Correct money must be placed inside the envelope as no change can be given (sorry no credit cards accepted). Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request. All children (if possible) are asked to wear the new school shirt.
Like a sports carnival but for art!

Gresford Public School is staging another CREATE Art Carnival and your students are invited. Following the success of the last 3 events, we are able to bring back some favourites and present brand new, fabulous, fun and creative workshops.

The day starts at 9.30 and finishes in time for students to leave at 2.45, worn out by their two workshops and carrying an artwork under each arm. Food will also be available at canteen rates and can be ordered with enrolment forms.

Please mark the date in your calendar. We’ll be sending enrolment forms in Week 1 of Term 3.

Where: Gresford Public School, Durham Road, Gresford.
When: Wednesday 3rd September 2014, 9.30-2.45
Cost: Workshops only $25 per student (covers 2 workshops and all materials)

Contact: Bernadette or Nicole, Gresford Public School
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