GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Information Booklet 2020

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Striving for Excellence and Success

Office Hours: 8.30am to 3.15pm



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At Gwandalan PS we are: S.T.A.R.S.

Safe: We display safety (We are & feel safe and we care for others)

Teamwork: We encourage teamwork (We work together as a team)

Aim-High: We Aim high (We Try our Best)

Respect: We show respect (We respect ourselves, others and the environment around us)

So that we can SUCCEED

INTRODUCTION

Gwandalan Public School is situated at the southern end of Lake Macquarie servicing the Summerland Point and Gwandalan communities. The school was established in 1961 and since opening has proudly supported our students. The school was rebuilt in 1990 to cater for our local area.

The school has high expectations and focuses on students taking responsibility for their learning. Students actively participate in a variety of interest groups, creative arts initiatives, gardening groups, cultural programs, outside sporting activities as well as daily explicit quality learning programs. We are committed to preparing students for the future.

All members of our school (Students, Teachers & Community) value the importance of a positive, caring learning environment where life-long values are developed and individuals can strive to reach their potential.

GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL continues to develop high quality students who can:

- * read, write, research and develop understanding.
- * enjoy & actively participate across a varied curriculum
- * foster positive relationships and values
- * support our environment through positive initiatives
- * utilise a variety of technology tools that enhance their learning, think creatively and problem solve.
- * participate in physical activity and sporting skills to promote fitness including the importance of keeping active throughout life
- * use social and emotional skills that support positive interactions with peers and our community
- * believe that learning is a life long process.



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Motto

Striving for Excellence and Success Students will have success today and be prepared for tomorrow

School Staff: Principal Administration Ma Administration Offi Administration Offi Deputy Principal	cer	Mrs Sandra Notley Mrs Kim Brooks Mrs Kim Lane Mrs Joanne Ham Mrs Susan Tangye	-	tage 1- tional Leader
Mrs Alison Aird	KA	Mrs Chris Barlow	3/4B	
Mrs Jillian Ireland	KI	Mrs Kate Galluzzo	3/4G 🗚	AP Stage 2
Miss Amanda Wilson	KW	Mrs Samantha Klein	3/4K	
Mrs Maria Tribe	1J	Mr Wade Vine	3/4V	
Miss Ashleigh Tuck	1T	Mrs Andrea Bennett	4/5B	
Mrs Marina McCann	1P	Mrs Kirsty Henry	5/6H	
Miss Lopez	2L	Mrs Hannah Johnst	on 5/6P	
Mr Shane Turner	2T	Mrs Paula Ritchie	5/6R	AP Stage 3
Mrs Kim Walker	2W AP Stage	1		
ICT / Support RFF Executive Release	Mr Bryan Martin Mrs Kirra Garry,			
School Learning & Support Teachers	Mrs Jenny Poole	ey, Ms Alana Stewart, N	lr Aidan F	Plumb
School Librarian	Mrs Melissa Ley	rshon		
School Counsellor	Ms Candice Byr	nes School Chapla	ain	Mr Liam Barlow
School Learning Support officers Canteen Manager	Mrs Lesley Feet Mrs Leane Bruce Mrs Peita Vine Mrs Debbie Rob Ms Jane Deller	e Mrs Cl Ms Lea	eah Ingra aire Smic anne Top	der
General Assistant	Mr Dean Stone 4			

Striving for Excellence and Success

Sport Houses

Eurie Coomalong Awabakal Red Blue Green

School Hours 9.00am to 3.00pm

CHILDREN TO ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 8.40AM

School Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm

Daily Routine Terms 1 to 4

8.40am – 9am 9.00am 11am - 11.40am 11.40am - 1.40pm 1.40pm – 2.00pm 2.00 – 3.00pm 3pm Direct Supervision of K-6 children Commence Lessons Lunch Break Classroom Lessons Recess Break Classroom Lessons Home Time



Term Dates—2021 (Children Return)

Term 1	Thursday, 28 January	to	Thursday, 1 April
Term 2	Tuesday, 20 April	to	Friday, 25 June
Term 3	Tuesday, 13 July	to	Friday, 17 Sept
Term 4	Tuesday, 5 October	to	Wednesday, 15 Dec







Brief of School Duties

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

The School Administrative Support Staff work in the school office and library performing all school administration duties supporting students, staff, parents and the wider community.

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS

School Learning Support Officers assist teachers in the care of students with special needs. The role includes working with students in groups and one on one under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher, helping to prepare lessons, maintenance and storage of equipment.

GENERAL ASSISTANT

The General Assistant is involved with maintenance, the care of grounds and the movement of heavy equipment and materials.

COUNSELLOR

The Counsellor visits the school each week on a Monday and Wednesday. Teachers and parents are able to contact the Counsellor by filling out a written Counsellor Referral Form if they have any concerns regarding a child's progress, behavior or attitude. Referral forms can be collected from the school administration office.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Each year students from Year 5 are elected to be to be School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for the following year. They assist with school tasks, help the teachers, students and community as leaders across the school.

2020 School Leaders

Captain	Nevaia	Captain	Cooper M
Vice Captain	Zali	Vice Captain	Jesse
Prefect	Kira	Prefect	Cooper E

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM MEETINGS

The Principal, executive staff, counsellor, and LASTS (Learning and Support Teachers) meet **every Tuesday** morning to identify children requiring additional support.

APPOINTMENTS

Parents are always welcome to discuss their child's progress with the classroom teacher, Executive or

Counsellor. However we do ask you to make an appointment by telephoning the **School Office on 49761318**.

Appointments need to be made around the staff's daily responsibilities and commitments.

Parents are invited to attend an interview at the beginning of Term 3 each year. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's performance, application, behavior and general development. Interviews can be arranged at other times by making an appointment. Communication with class teachers can also be made through class dojo and see-saw apps arranged by individual teachers.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The first day of the school year is a planning day for teachers. There is no school for children. Parents are welcome to come to the school to enrol new students on the day.

Parents should be aware that classes may not be formed during this first week due to the uncertain numbers or extra enrolments. Classes are formed on strict guidelines and though your child is with a certain teacher or class it may not be the class or teacher for that year.



Volunteers

At Gwandalan Public School we welcome volunteer helpers, both in and out of the classroom. We ask that all volunteers report to the office before proceeding to any part of the school to sign the visitors book and pick up a volunteers identification badge.

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all volunteers follow the schools expectations linked to safety and respect, and that they legally provide a "**Working With Children Check**". Parents are

required to complete an appendix 5 and supply a photo form of identification. Please see the office for further details. Parents should follow the schools Parent Code of Conduct.

The Parent Association

Gwandalan Public School Parents & Citizens (P&C)

This is a parent and community body that operates under the umbrella of the Federation of the Parents & Citizens Association Constitution. Their role is to represent the needs of the school through the parent body.

The school P&C promotes the interest of the school by bringing parents, community members, students and teaching staff closer, working together to raise funds for the school to help provide extra resources and equipment as discussed at P&C meetings.

Gwandalan Public School P&C Association meet on the first Wednesday of the Month, times vary to accommodate all who wish to attend, and are advertised in the school newsletter and via the skoolbag app. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

This is a positive and rewarding way to be part of your school community. Current Committee Members

President Vice President

Treasurer Secretary Fundraising

Banking Coordinator

Mrs Michelle Tindall Mrs Brenda Kemsley Mrs Haylee Brown Mrs Belinda Lybert Ms Dana Gwinnell Mrs Brenda Kemsley Ms Hayley Craven Mrs Sandra Packer





School Annual P&C Fete



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Parents are asked to accompany children to and from school grounds via the pedestrian access gates.

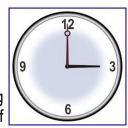
BEFORE SCHOOL—Children arriving at school are to assemble in the area in front of the Canteen. They are to sit quietly until the bell goes. A teacher will be on duty from 8.40am—9am. We ask NO child should be at school before 8.30am unless special arrangements have been made.

AFTER SCHOOL — All students are to leave the school premises in an orderly, safe manner. Students who travel by bus assemble in their bus lines where they are supervised and escorted to the buses by teachers. Bike riders must wheel their bikes while inside school grounds. We ask parents not to go to the classroom to collect their child, but wait in the assembly area until your child comes to you.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances parents are late to pick up children, the children are to wait with the bus students and Teachers on duty there, until such time as their Parents/Career's arrive to collect them.

LATE TO PICK UP CHILDREN

If you are unavoidably delayed and unable to collect your child at 3.00pm please ring and let the School know on 49 761318. Your child will be sent to wait in the foyer of



the main office and will be supervised until you arrive. It would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for pick up by another adult if you are delayed after 3.15pm. Please make sure your child and the school has a current list of contact numbers for emergencies.

OOSH (Outside Of School Hours) Before and After School Care Centre

We are lucky to enough to have a OOSH on the school grounds. This is a valuable resource to have in our school and local community.

Please Contact the OOSH Centre for more details (0450 208 519).



GENERAL INFORMATION

CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is most important that you notify the School Office as soon as possible of any changes to contact details and family arrangements, Parent details or any other information pertaining to your child's enrolment. We must have current contact details at all times for cases of illness or emergency.

NEWSLETTER & NOTES TO PARENTS

Our newsletter is sent out electronically each Thursday fortnight via the Skoolbag App. It is also uploaded to the school website.

www.gwandalan-p-schools.nsw.edu.au

The Skoolbag App can be found on your Smartphone by going to the skoolbag website and downloading it.

MONEY AT SCHOOL

Children are asked to keep any money brought to school with them at all times.

Money brought for excursions, performances etc. should be put into the letterbox slot in the Administration Office in an envelope with the amount, child's name and reason. Parents can pay at the office using EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque as well as the Payment on Line (POP) system through our website. Large sums of money should not be brought to school.

ABSENCES

The School should be notified if your child is absent for the day, as this allays any fears that the child may not have reached school. SMS messages are sent out each day at approximately 9.30am to parents of students whose absence has not been explained for that day. The legal requirement is that a note, signed and dated by the parent or caregiver, with reason, is sent to the school on the day the child returns. Notes can also be lodged via the Skoolbag App. Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. However, if travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An <u>Application for Extended Leave</u> needs to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year, after an Application for Extended leave is approved by the Principal. Absences related to travel are marked as unjustified if leave is not approved. Application forms for Extended Leave are available from our office. For further information please refer to the following link:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/studentsupport/programs/attendance/attend_parents.pdf

LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY LEAVERS

If your child arrives late to school he/she will need to go to the Main Office to receive a signed note for entry into the classroom and to have their details entered into the Register of Late Arrivals. Students arriving late should be accompanied by a Parent/caregiver. If for any reason you take your child out of school during school hours, parents must record details with the Main Office – time, reason etc. No child will be allowed to walk home or leave the school unaccompanied during school hours.



MOBILE PHONES, iPads and Smart Watches



Students are **permitted** to bring a mobile phone, iPad, Smart Watch to school upon the following conditions:

- The item is **handed in at the Front Office** when arriving at school and collected before leaving in the afternoon. (Failure to follow process could see the phone removed).
- Phones are to be used for parental / family contact not social engagements or arrangements.
- Recording devices (video) are not to be used as this infringes Privacy regulations.

ASSEMBLIES

At Gwandalan Public School assemblies are held on alternate weeks for Primary and ES1 and Stage 1 classes. At these assemblies, students have the opportunity to display classwork, speak to a group and take part in various activities such as singing, dancing, and speaking. Groups are acknowledged and students are reminded of coming events and special achievements by individuals.

It is the aim of the school to encourage children on a year round basis by issuing merit awards at assemblies. Children are encouraged to display their awards at home.

NON SMOKING ENVIRONMENT

It is a policy of the Department of Education that smoking is not allowed inside the school grounds and buildings. Parents and Staff are required to comply to this regulation.

INTERNET

Parents and students must sign the School Internet Agreement before they are allowed to access the internet from school. Inappropriate use of School Technology equipment and cyber bullying will result in exclusion from use of computers and possible suspension.

STUDENT WELLBEING & DISCIPLINE POLICY

The School Wellbeing Procedures clearly sets out the expectations that we follow as school members on excursions, on the school bus, during Sporting activities and while travelling to and from school. Should a child's behavior not be acceptable, the procedures to be followed are clearly set out in the procedures. High expectations and positive behavior are strongly promoted across our school.

"Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL" At Gwandalan P.S. we are S.T.A.R.S.—we display Safety, we encourage Teamwork, we AIM HIGH, we Respect each other and the Environment so that we can Succeed.

CLASS INFORMATION

An information booklet will come home soon after the commencement of the school year. This will provide the necessary information about your childs class routine.

CAMPS

The children in Year 5 and Year 6 are given the opportunity to attend a camp offered on alternate years. These camps provide opportunities for children to develop social and living skills through co-operative responsibility as well as providing experiences in an alternative environment.



The Canteen is a school operated Canteen. Children can purchase food at lunchtime. The canteen uses Flexi Schools which is an online ordering app and is the preferred method of ordering. This can be downloaded from the App store.

Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to volunteer their services to help in the Canteen. Remember your children will enjoy seeing you there.

FOOD

Children need to be provided with fruit break, recess, lunch and a drink unless ordering from the Canteen. All lunch boxes and plastic bottles need to be clearly labeled with your child's name and class.

Gwandalan Canteen Menu

Open every day for Lunch

Order with the Flexischools App or with Flexischools Online, cut off is 9am. Alternatively hand an order into the canteen.

Lunch orders handed in after 9.15a	m cannot	be guarantee	d. Please see the friendly canteen staff if	you have a	late order.	-
Sandwich & Salad	Expre	SS	Hot Food Favo	ourites		Need Recess?
Salad 3.50 gfo,v,c		See specials board & the Skoolbag app for weekly specials.		Put in a recess order just like a lunch order.		
Incudes lettuce, tomato, cucumber 8		0/./-	Soup of the week	2.00	gf,c	Packs are put in class baskets for collection at lunch time.
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	4.00	gfo,c	Quiche of the week Sml 2.50	Lrg 2.50	с	Fruit Salad & Popcorn 1.50 gf,v,c
Chicken or Ham	4.00	gfo,c	Add a side salad	1.50		Fruit Salad & Pikelets x 2 2.00 c
Ham, cheese & Tomato	4.00	gfo,c	Chilli Bread	0.50	V,C	Fruit Salad & Cereal Snack Pack 1.50 c
Egg & Lettuce	4.00	gfo,c	Garlic Bread	0.50	V,C	Mini Crunch Bag and hummus 1.50 gf,v,c
Curried Egg & Lettuce	4.00	gfo,c	Tender Boiled Egg peeled	1.00	gf,c	 Fruit salad can be swapped for whole fruit gf,V Add a bottle of water 1.00 gf,V
Cheese	2.50	gfo,c	Juicy Corn on the Cobb	1.00	gf,v,c	Acc a bottle of water 1.00 gl,v
Cheese & Salad	4.00	gfo,c	Chicken & Gravy Sub	4.00	с	
Vegemite	2.00	gfo,c	Chicken Fillet Burger / Wrap	5.50		Cold Drinks & Warm Milks
Banana	2.00	gfo,v,c	> with chicken breast fillet, lettuce	& mayo	c,gfo	Icy Cold Bottled Water 1.00 gf,v
Extras: cheese	0.50		Chicken Caesar Burger / Wrap	6.50	c,gfo	Fresh Milk, cold or warm 1.50 gf,c
Salad	1.00		 with chicken breast fillet, lettuce, 	ham,		Milo, cold or warm 2.00 c
Ham or Chicken	1.00		cheese & caesar dressing			99% Just Juice Popper 2.00 gf,v
Long roll	0.50		Chicken Tender Sub / Wrap	6.00	c,gfo	Apple & Blackcurrant, Orange & Mango Paradise Punch or Apple
Wrap	1.00		with lettuce & mayo choose plain Macaroni & Cheese	or sweet chi 4.00	c	Oak Light Flavoured Milk 2.50
GF Wrap (Bfree)	1.50	gf,v	Tuna Pasta Bake	5.00	c	Chocolate or Strawberry
Salad Box	4.00	gf,v,c	Pasta Bolognese	5.00	c	Juice Bomb Can 2.50 gf,v
Salad Box with Egg	4.50	gf,c		5.00	c	Raspberry, Apple & Blackcurrant
Salad Box with Cheese	4.50		Lasagne Curry Chicken	5.00	gf,c	Apple Cola or Lemonade
Salad Box with Ham	5.00	gf,c	Fried Rice with chicken & veg	5.00	gf,c	
Salad Box with Chicken	5.00	gf,c	-	ge 4.00	gi,c	Wrap it up on Monday & Tuesday
Caesar Salad	5.00	c		all 2.50		Choose any wrap*,
> Cos lettuce, ham, cheese, egg & caes	sar dressin	g.	Noodle Cup chicken	2.50		a cold bottle of water
Chicken Caesar Salad	6.00	С	Sausage Roll	2.50		
Bunny Box	3.50	gf,v,c	Dino Nuggets pack of 6	3.50		& fresh slinky apple.
Mixed salad fingers. Add hummus	0.50	gf,v	Dino Nuggets pack of 6	3.30		\$5.00 gfo,vo,c
Extras: Egg	0.50	gf	Pizza Subs, made on	halfan	9" cub	*DOES NOT INCLUDE CHICKEN TENDERS
Chicken or Ham	1.00		Fizza Subs, made on		o sub	BOESNOT INCLODE CIRCICLE TENDERS
Chicken Tender	1.20	each	Cheese	2.00	gfo,c	Making Healthy Choices
Choose from Sweet Chilli or Plain			Ham & cheese	2.50	gfo,c	
Free small pot of dressing available	e on req	uest.	Hawaiian	2.50	gfo,c	Our canteen supports the NSW Healthy School
			BBQ Chicken	2.50	gfo,c	Canteen Strategy. Please encourage healthy choices with your
			Made on GF Wrap add	1.50	gf,c	child by choosing
Volunteers Always A	nnroc	intod				Green foods everyday
			Bits n Piec	es		Orange Foods occasionally.
Our Canteen relies on volunteers to			Sauces Tomato	0.30		healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au
you or someone you know could sp			& Dips Bbg	0.30		
the mornings it would be a great se It's easy work and very rewarding for			Sweet Chilli	0.30		
and the children. If you don't like to			Mustard	0.50		
with food preparation, as most of			Hummus	0.50		(tlexisch
fresh on the premises. Pop into the			Extra Cutlery, per piece	0.50		CI IEXISCII
office. Alternatively call the canteen			 Extra Cutiery, per piece Cutiery is provided free for meals 		0-	
Thank you for your su			Paper Bag	0.20		Fast & Secure Ordering. Confidence. No
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	Snacks		
	Fresh Fruit Whole, seasonal	1.00	gf,v
time.	Fresh Fruit Salad Cup		
c	Mini 0.50 Cup 1.00 Large	3.00	gf,v,c
	Cut Fruit Piece, seasonal	0.20	gf,v,c
	Slinky Apple, red or green	1.00	gf,v,c
c	Mini Crunch Bag	1.00	gf,v,c
	 Carrot & cucumber fingers 	1.00	81,V,C
	Fresh Popcorn Cup	0.50	gf,v,c
	Cereal Snack Pack	0.50	B.1
	99% Juice Jelly Cup	1.00	gf,c
	Custard Pot	1.00	gf,c
	Pancakes x 2 > Add a little butter or Jam on request.	1.00	с
	Chocolate Mousse	2.00	gf,c
	Delicious Canteen Made Muffins	1.00	
			с
	Red Rock Sea Salt Chips	1.50	
	From the Freez		
	Frozen Orange Bite	0.10	gf,v,c
	Mini Shots	0.20	gf,v,c
	Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange		
	Frozen Fruit Pieces	0.50	gf,v,c
ay	Small tubs of strawberries or pineapple		
1 A	Frozen Pineapple UFO	0.50	gf,v,c
	Frozen Watermelon Slice	0.50	gf,v,c
	Snap Stix	1.00	gf,v
	Sour Grape, Raspberry, Blueberry		
	Sweet Grape, Raspberry, Pineapple		
	Ice Mony	1.00	gf,v
	Sour Blue and Sour Red Raspberry		
	Lemon Ice.		
	Twisted Frozen Yoghurt	2.00	gf
	Chocolate & Vanilla Bean or Watern	nelon 8	Mango
	Special Dietary Requ	irem	ents
	gf = Gluten Free v = vegetarian vo =	vegeta	rian option
	c = made and prepared in the	cantee	'n
	gfo = gluten free option, made on	a Bfree	wrap
.au	The canteen is happy to help in any v		
	have special requirements. Just po	p in and	see us.
	Dow	nload	
	The The	App	
No Mo	re Lost Cash. Order anywhere for	anytin	ne
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Please contact the school office on 4976 1318 or the canteens direct line on 4976 2054 if you would like to become a volunteer.

TRAVEL

BUS TRAVEL

All children from Kindergarten to Year 2 are eligible for a Opal Card. Children in Years 3 to 6 can receive a bus pass if they live more than 2.5km from the school. If bus passes are required, please enquire at the School Office for an application. Parents are required to pay the bus company for the replacement of any lost bus passes.

Students who travel on the bus must comply with the **BUS CODE OF CONDUCT.** A copy is given to children at the beginning of the year. Students who travel on the bus <u>must not</u> visit the Service Station in the morning as they are deemed to be at school when they arrive. Students who lose their pass must pay the normal fee for travel.

BIKE TRAVEL

Studies show that generally, children under the age of 10 years do not have road skills to effectively control a bicycle on public roads therefore it is recommended that students under 10 do not ride bikes to school.

REMINDER: Helmets are compulsory and bikes must be kept in good working order. No scooters or skateboards are to be used to travel to and from school.

ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING

Please ensure that your child knows the safety rules for crossing the street:

- Don't step from behind parked cars or buses
- If travelling by bus wait until the bus has moved well away before crossing the road
- Walk quickly never run across the road
- Where there is no footpath, always walk on the right hand edge of the street facing the traffic
- Parents, please avoid parking on the opposite side of the road and calling children across to you.
- Be careful around our busy roads. LOOK BOTH WAYS when crossing and please take care.
- We ask that parents talk to their children about **ROAD SAFETY** and **RESPECTFULLY PARK** in the correct AREAS to ensure we are looking after everyone in our community.
- If you are dropping your children off to school please use our 5 minute Drop Off Zone. This zone is to enable parents to safely and quickly drop their children off near to the school gate. Parking for more than the allowed 5 minutes may incur a fine.

The school includes pedestrian and bus safety in its health program and parents are urged to reinforce this program. Please park in approved areas and remember that the only cars allowed in the school playground are staff and delivery people.

Please obey the parking signs. Do not walk through the staff parking area.

WARN YOUR CHILD—STRANGER DANGER

Warn your child against loitering on the way home, visiting friends without permission or going anywhere with strangers.









SPORTING EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS

CARNIVALS

The emphasis of carnivals held at Gwandalan Public School is placed on students participating and trying to achieve their best. Older students have the opportunity to become representatives at District, Regional and State levels.

- A Swimming Carnival is held for all students in Years 3 to 6. Representatives are selected to go on to compete at the next level.
- An Athletics Carnival is held where all students are encouraged to participate in track and field events as well as novelty races.
- A Cross Country Carnival is also held and representatives are selected for higher levels of competition.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions are organised to supplement work done in the classroom – they act as a resource for gathering information and a springboard for ideas in oral and written language – under no circumstances are they to be considered a "day off". It is,

- therefore, desirable that all students attend an excursion. Apart from benefits from learning first hand, excursions also contribute to a child's social and personal development. If financial constraints are a problem, the Principal should be advised so assistance can be arranged and all students can participate.
- Parents will be informed by note regarding details of upcoming excursions. It is wise to keep a record of the departure and arrival times and where your child is going.
- Whilst most of the excursions are for one day, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to attend a school camp or overnight excursion.
- Unless specifically instructed to the contrary children should wear school uniform on all one day excursions .

School Athletics Carnival



AROUND OUR







SCHOOL 2020







LEARNING

ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

Gwandalan Public School will assess students and report to parents on student

achievements in a variety of ways. We aim to focus on developing positive attitudes, confidence and independence as well as academic and social progress. A range of assessment strategies will be applied and become the basis for our reporting to parents.

Reporting formats will include - Oral Reports and interviews throughout the year.

Written Reports will be compiled twice a year and sent home to parents with the child.

STUDENT LED INTERVIEWS

Student led interviews are held twice a year where students, supported by their teacher will talk to parents about their goals and progress.

CURRICULUM

The compulsory curriculum for all Department of School Education Primary Schools is divided up into 6 Key learning Areas (KLA's):

- English Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening
- Mathematics Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, Statistics & Probability
- Science & Technology
- Geography
- History
- Creative Arts Music, Visual Arts, Dance, Drama and Craft
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

HANDWRITING

N.S.W. Foundation Style handwriting is taught from Kindergarten to Year 6.

NAPLAN

Tests are conducted annually to test aspects of Literacy and Numeracy for students in Years 3 and 5. Parents receive a personal report in Semester 2 on their child's progress.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is held in the beginning of Term 3 for parents all over N.S.W. This is a week where the school holds activities throughout the school and where parents can visit their child's classroom to observe children at work.

GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

The School has a policy for the advancement of students who are gifted and talented. Flexible and openended approaches to teaching learning in classes provide opportunities for each child to be extended. All children are encouraged to be creative and critical thinkers.

Opportunity Classes for gifted and talented students (OC Classes) are positioned at certain schools in the area. In order to gain entry into these classes, students in Year 4 must complete a series of tests with results being assessed by a selection Committee. For further information enquiries at the school office.

HIGH SCHOOL

Our local High School is Lake Munmorah High School. A transition program for High School is conducted in Terms 3 & 4.

Parents are able to apply for entrance for their Year 6 children at any selective high school. Applications are processed by the school during Term 3 each year for year 5 students entering Year 6. A placement test is held in Term of the following year.

Applications for selective high schools are dealt with in Term 4 for year 5 students . Parents may also apply for non-local High Schools.

HOMEWORK

HOMEWORK has an important function. It is a way to establish study habits in learning for life. Adults have established habits for reading – the newspaper, magazines, books (borrowing from the library), listening, watching and discussing news and programs, enjoying and appreciating theatre, galleries, displays and outside leisure areas as well as maintain our physical fitness by participating in regular exercise and sport. We must encourage our children to develop the same patterns for learning and enjoyment. Homework is not compulsory, but is strongly encouraged. Mathletics and Numeracy at Home games are fun ways to develop and consolidate facts.

LIBRARY

The School Library has an excellent collection of resources and weekly borrowing of books for enrichment and enjoyment is encouraged. All classes visit the Library each week to borrow and enjoy literature. The Teacher-Librarian plans teaching units which focus on developing children's information skills. On most days the Library is open during second half of lunch. Library bags are required by students to enable them to borrow books at all times. This helps to keep the children's borrowings in an organised space and also protects the books.

ORGANISATION OF CLASSES

Classes are formed according to the number of students enrolled across the school. Depending on these numbers classes are organized to best fit the circumstances.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Special Religious Education (weekly scripture) is taken by visiting teachers appointed by the various religious groups using a syllabus they supply. Students where no religion is indicated on their enrolment form are taught values education lessons and are supervised by class teachers during scripture time.

Specific Religious classes at Gwandalan Public School are:- Catholic & Anglican. Should you wish to vary your child's Scripture or Values Education lessons a letter stating the changes should be given to the classroom teacher.

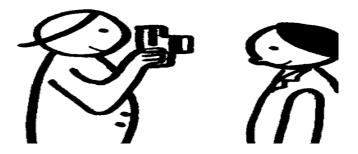
PHOTOGRAPHS

Each year class and individual photographs are taken on a day to be announced in the Newsletter. Children from the same family may be photographed together and also sporting teams. Photographs must be prepaid.

School Event Photos

For Parents who attend any school events for example, sporting events, debating, Public Speaking etc and take photos we would be happy to have a copy sent to the school to be considered for publication in our school newsletter. Please be aware that not all children can be published on the internet.

Please email any photos to Gwandalan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



SPECIAL EVENTS

Special activities throughout the year include:

- Education Week
- Cross Country Run
- Year 5/6 Camp/Canberra Excursion
- GATS Camp
- Special Swimming Scheme
- Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
- Athletic Carnivals Yrs. K-6
- Harmony Day
- Presentation & Award Ceremonies
- School Concert (every odd year 2019, 2021))
- Farewell to Year 6
- NAIDOC Day

SPORTING HOUSE SYSTEM

The school uses a House system for awarding points for a variety of activities such as sport and classroom rewards and good behavior.

The houses are: EURIE – Red, COOMALONG – Blue AWABAKAL – Green.

Children are allocated to these houses when they are enrolled and will be placed in the same house as brothers and sisters who are currently at the school.

PSSA

Gwandalan Public School is a member of Wallarah District Wyong PSSA.

We enter teams in all district carnivals (Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country) as well as a number of Knockout sports competitions. Besides normal school sport which is conducted in Stages, students at Gwandalan are also given the opportunity to take part in Sport Development Days, for a variety of sports. Swimming Schemes are held each year at Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Rec. Centre. Athletes and swimmers are selected to represent our school at a District level after successfully competing in our own school carnivals.



Under 10's Football Team



Senior Netball Team



Zone Cross Country



Wyong Zone Cross Country Event



UNIFORMS

Boys

School Uniforms are currently sold at our uniform shop located with in the school grounds.

Hats are vital to protect children from the sun all year round and this school has a "No Hat-No Play' in the sun policy.

Labelling All clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name and class. Check that the name is still there after washing! Items found at school are kept in lost property.



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Girls

Tunic	\$40.00
Hoody	\$45.00
Microfibre shorts	\$25.00
Polo	\$30.00
Trackpants	\$25.00
Skirt	\$30.00
Microfibre Zip Jacket	\$45.00
Culottes	\$15.00
Hats	\$10.00





HEALTH - FIRST AID, ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES

FIRST AID

Only basic treatment will be given. Parents will be contacted if staff consider further treatment necessary. Should they be unavailable the Principal has the authority to seek medical attention in emergency situations. Accident and Critical Incident Reports must be kept on all such events.

ACCIDENTS

In the case of a minor accident your child will be cared for by a staff member who has first aid qualifications. If necessary you or your contact person will be notified. In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact parents, but the school reserves the right to obtain medical treatment if it is considered necessary. The school contributes to the Ambulance Fund.

SICKNESS AT SCHOOL

If children become sick at school they will be placed in the sick bay and observed by a staff member. If it be-

comes obvious that they need the care of a parent, a call is made to home or work. The same applies in the case of an injury unless immediate medical attention is sought. It is advisable to keep your child home or make alternate arrangements for their care if they are ill in the morning.

IMMUNISATION

The Department of Health recommends that children entering school be immunised against childhood diseases. Children starting school who have not already had a booster immunisation should have:-

- One booster injection against diphtheria and tetanus
- One booster dose of Sabin Polio Vaccine

A measles injection should be given if the child has not previously had the disease or been immunised. Immunisation is available from your family doctor, Council clinics and some community health centres. When your child is immunised for starting school, a certificate will be given. This will be attached to your child's Student Record Card. Children who are not immunised may be sent home during an outbreak of preventable diseases.

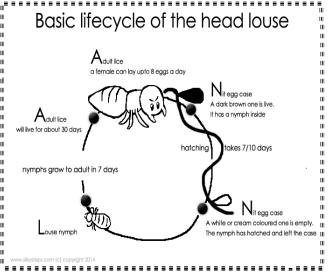
HEADLICE

Head lice can be a problem in the school environment. It is vital that parents check their child's hair regularly and treat with an approved product and in an appropriate manner. If necessary more details can be obtained from the family chemist.

MEDICATION

All care will be taken by staff, however the onus is upon parents to comply with Department regulations and school requirements as set out in the following sections.









PART A **REGULAR ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATION - Webster pack**

Parents must sign an indemnity form and a written consent form for staff to be able to administer prescribed medication. This form is available from the office. Most prescribed medication can now be prepared in webster packs which is the preferred method for the dispensing of your childs medication, if not the medication should be brought to school in the original packaging with the Chemists directions label clearly marked with: CHILD'S NAME, MEDICATION - DOSAGE and TIME and SPECIAL CONDITIONS (if any). Most prescribed medication can now be done in webster packs which is the preferred method for the dispensing of your childs medication.

Parents should notify the school office in writing if there are any changes to prescribed medication.

A medical report should be obtained from the prescribing physician if clarification is required (parental permission is required for this).

PART B

INTERMITTENT or EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATON AT SCHOOL

- 1. Parents should sign an indemnity form and written request.
- 2. Supply single dose of medication clearly marked with: CHILD'S NAME, MEDICATION - DOSAGE and TIME.

Photos of and procedures for children with reactive or allergic conditions will be displayed in the staffroom to be regularly updated/reviewed.



INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Condition

Chicken Pox German Measles (Rubel Glandular Fever Hepatitis A Hepatitis B Measles Mumps Impetigo Pediculosis (Head Lice) Ringworm Scabies Whooping Cough

Usual time between Infection, Illness & return

ella)	11-20 days. Minimum exclusion 5 days after spots appear 14-21 days. Minimum 6 days after Rash appears. Until recovered
	15-50 days, 7 days from onset of jaundice
	Medical certificate required
	7-14 days. 5 days from rash appearing
	12-22 days. Return one week after appearance of swelling
	5-21 days, Consult doctor. If sores treated & covered, return to school permitted
)	Eggs hatch in 1 week reach maturity in 2 weeks
	10-14 days
	Several days - sometimes weeks
	6-20 days, If antibiotic treatment not given, 3 weeks from onset of whoop. If oral erythromycin given, 5 days from start of medication.

Source www.health.nsw.gov.au



COMMUNICATION

The school utilises a number of means to communicate activities and upcoming events at our school.

The Skoolbag App

The Skoolbag App which can be found on your Smartphone under Apple Store or Google Play.





Newsletter delivered electronically every fortnight

In order to reduce Gwandalan Public School's Environmental Global Footprint the fortnightly newsletter is sent out electronically via the School website page, email and Skoolbag App. Hardcopies are available upon request from the front office.

The School Web page

http://www.gwandalan-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/





Gwandalan P&C Association Facebook and Gwandalan Public School pages.



Gwandalan Public School Song

In our hands lies the future of this great land If we all work together hand in hand There will be no limit to what we can achieve We are proud to be at Gwandalan School

If we work hard ensuring mistakes are few Believing that only the best will do There will be no limit to what we can achieve We are proud to be at Gwandalan School



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT:

- Gwandalan Lion and Lioness Club
- Gwandalan Bowling Club
- Gwandalan Summerland Point Rural Fire Service
- Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre
- Gwandalan Tidy Towns
- Gwandalan OOSH
- Doyalson Wyee RSL Club



Map of Gwandalan Public School current as at 2020



MAP GUIDE

- A Administration Building (Admin Staff, Principal, Sick Bay, Parent Facilities)
- B Staff Building and Assistant Principal
- C Hall and Senior Toilet
- D Canteen
- D1 Demountable 1
- D2 Demountable 2
- D3 Demountable 3
- E Library, Computers and 2 Classrooms
- F Toilet Block and 4 Classrooms
- G Water Tank
- H Water Tank
- J 2 Classrooms (Bike Rack near this building) $\frac{24}{24}$
- K Community Room