

Tuesday, 27 November 2012

Dear Friends Of Gwandalan PS

P&C / YEAR 6 Fundraiser

There are many wonderful prizes to be won and so many will appeal to families, prizes include:



- School items - School Bag, Library Bag \$50
Lowes voucher, USB Memory Stick, pencils, pens etc
- Christmas gifts – including toys and gifts
- Manchester United Soccer shirt, shorts, soccer ball and bag
- Baskets of Christmas Hampers are just a few of the prizes to be won.

Tickets were sent home with students two weeks ago so we need these to be sold and returned to the school as soon as possible. Extra tickets are available from the office or can be purchased from the office staff.

Support our P&C and Year 6 fundraising efforts and win some wonderful prizes.



BOOK FAIR LUAU

This Thursday 29th November

Where: Library

For sale: Books, posters, pencils and erasers. Book Fair will be open for parents to visit at 8.40am and again at 3.00pm.

Great gifts for Christmas.

Support the School at our Hawaiian themed Book Fair.

20% of all sales go towards Literacy books for 2013.

See you there!



REMINDER:

Morning arrival times

Teachers are on duty from 8.30am in the morning – Too many students are arriving before 8am. There is NO supervision for students at this time. If a student has an accident or there is an incident in the playground students would have NO adult supervision. Please see your children arrive at school after 8.30am.

PRESENTATION DAY

All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to our annual Presentation Day. This will be on

Thursday 6th December at 9.30am under the Covered Learning Area (COLA). We look forward to seeing you

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION SESSION 2

Today the second Kindergarten Orientation session was held. The third and final session will be held next Tuesday, 2pm – 3pm.

GRANDPARENTS CHRISTMAS MINI CONCERT - THANK YOU

Grandparents are cordially invited to join us on Thursday, 13th December at 10.00am for a mini Christmas concert and morning tea. RSVP with numbers to the Office by Monday 10th December. We look forward to entertaining you on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Tashana Holmes for gaining selection into the OC class at Jewells Public school in 2013. Well done Tashana.

SCHOOL REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

It is our intention for Yearly Reports to be sent home on Thursday, 6th December. Provision will be made for parents wishing to have an interview with classroom teachers, if needed. These interviews will be held between Monday, 10th December and Wednesday, 19th December.

2013 LEADERS

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who presented their leadership speech last week. The following students will be our Leaders in 2013.

Jack Dyer	Amanda Boon
Ayden Hutchinson	Carina Day
Jeremy Kevill	Meegan Jackson
Guy Rosewarn	Mikayla Lewis

Captains will be announced on Presentation Day on Thursday, 6th December.

VEGIE GARDEN

Our next vegetable garden maintenance afternoon will be Tuesday 18th December. This is the last week of school. There will be many jobs to do so we may need lots of helpers. Jobs to do include: harvesting carrots, radish, spring onions, beetroot and tomatoes. Compost will need to be added to the empty beds so they are ready for planting in the New Year. All helpers may take home some of our delicious vegetables.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS DEPARTING

We are seeking parent assistance by donating unwanted, no longer needed, school uniforms to our clothing pool.

We have had 40 students arrive at our school throughout the year. When parents can purchase a uniform cheaply from our clothing pool then the financial burden is reduced and students feel part of their new school's culture.

Year 6 are expected not to sign school uniforms, Tee shirts and bags. They will all be given a small present as a thank you for their efforts in contributing to our school's culture. Our school

appreciates the efforts students have made, on their educational journey.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

If you or a family member received a perpetual trophy last year, please return it to school as soon as possible. These trophies are needed for Presentation Day to be passed on to 2012 students. Thank you.

P&C MEETING

Our final meeting for the year is on next Tuesday 4th December. There will be Christmas nibbles as well as informative discussion on issues relating to our school and our students. Come along and enjoy the refreshments.

Assembly Awards		
Class:	Name:	Details of Award Presented:
KH	Jayden Murphy	For an excellent book 'I Wish I Had a Dragon'
	Georgia Lyford	For an excellent book 'I Wish I had a Unicorn'
	Maddison Handebo	Improvement in English
	Louis Treton	Welcome to our school
KS	Haylie Murchie	For always being a settled worker in Reading groups.
	Dylan Stott	For improvement in Reading.
	Hamish Brown	Writing an excellent recount.
	Noah Smith	Writing an excellent rhyming sentence.
1J/F	Dane Green	Enthusiasm in dance
	Tahnay Saladine	Trying hard to complete her Maths
	Beth Meehan	Beautiful work when colouring in
	Cooper Lindsley	Fabulous work in Maths

SCOOTATHON

What a great success! It was a pleasure to watch the enjoyment experienced by the students especially the younger ones. We raised \$3.500 in total. Jarrod and Jorja Kowalski raised the most money individually. The class that raised the most money was 3S followed closely by 1J/F.

BUS TRAVEL 2013

The Department of Transport requires students moving from Year 2 to Year 3 to complete a new application for 2013. These were sent home early in October and must be returned to School by Fri 30th November. Please keep in mind that children in Years 3 to 6 will only be issued with a free travel pass if they live outside a 1.6km radius.

EXCEMPTION LEAVE

Parents are advised that students planning on being absent for 5 days or more can apply for an exemption of leave. This leave is not counted as an absence. Please see the office for more details.

GWANDALAN OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSH) AGM

Do you have a child that requires before or after school care?

Operating hours 6am - 9am and 3pm-6pm, located on the school grounds.

OOSH provides a safe, healthy and caring environment for school aged children.

Annual General Meeting

Tomorrow Wednesday 28th November 2012

Time: 6pm

Where: OOSH Centre

27 Orana Rd, Gwandalan

Who: All members of the community are welcome to attend. We are looking for enthusiastic people who can spare some time to join our committee. Phone: 4976 1005

ATTENDANCE NOTES

Parent Notes to Explain Absences

If your child is absent from school, parents are expected to write a note or contact the school to inform the class teacher of the reason for the absence.

Parent can contact the class teacher in person or ring Office Staff to explain an absence but the preferred method is by a note written and signed by the parent, as this satisfies all legal requirements (if written appropriately).

FLASHDRIVES FOR STUDENTS

An update to our school network will occur later this month, and all students work will be deleted. Students will need to backup their current data/files to avoid losing the work they have completed over the past few years. Therefore, it would be appreciated if students in Years 3 – 6 could purchase their own flash drive to backup their files. Please label with students name and class.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 27 th Nov 2.00 – 3.00pm	Kindergarten Orientation Session 2
Thurs 29 th Nov	Hawaiian Themed Book Fair
Tues 4 th Dec 2.00 – 3.00pm	Kindergarten Orientation Session 3
Tues 4 th Dec	Red Faces – Student attendance only
Thurs 6 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation Day• Year 6 Farewell
Fri 7 th Dec	Primary Reward Day
Mon 10 th Dec	Stage 2 Surf Fun Day
Tues 11 th Dec	K – 2 Rewards Day
Wed 12 th Dec	Disco – Beach Theme
Thurs 13 th Dec	Grandparents Concert
Tues 18 th Dec	Vegie Garden Working Bee

READING TIPS

Make reading together fun and memorable.

It's not what you read to your child that counts; it's how. Make a story come alive by changing your voice and pace, or using sound effects and motions.

Create loving associations with books and reading.

Reading together is a way for spending quality time and learning - another way to show your love as a parent, grandparent, or caring adult.

Let your children see you read

It's good for your children to see you read a newspaper, magazine or book. Let children see that reading can be a relaxing and interesting pastime.

Let kids pick out their own books

Book choice is a strong motivation for readers young and old. Let kids pick out books at the library or book shop. It's almost a sure thing they'll want to read them. If you pick them out, they won't.

Discuss with your children what you have been reading

Having family discussions about articles or books you or your children have read.

