



P&C meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month in Community Room.

All parents and members are invited to attend.

# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Sporting Houses Awabakal - Green | Coomalong - Blue | Eurie - Red School Rules 1. Show Respect | 2. Let Everyone Learn | 3. Play Safely

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**Dear Friends Of Gwandalan PS**

## **PRESENTATION DAY**

Thank you to all parents for their attendance on the day. Staff received so many positive comments about the large number of students being recognised and the much improved appearance of our school.

P&C and Year 6 raised just under \$1400 in our Guessing Competition. See a full list of award recipients later in this newsletter.

## **PHOTOS**

Photos taken on Presentation Day and at the Year 6 Farewell are on our website.

[www.gwandalan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gwandalan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## **APOLOGY**

Jenna Sherlock should have received acknowledgement for being Senior Girls Swimming Champion along with Samantha Withycombe. Jenna received her medallion today. We apologise for any upset that this error may have caused.

## **YEAR 6 FAREWELL**

A sensational night was held last Thursday at Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre. Students were treated to a sit down meal in the main Dining Room. This was followed by games and a disco in the Recreation Hall. Year 6 were then presented with their Graduation Certificates as well as a public viewing of their Pen Drives showing details of each student as a memento of Year 6.

Again a big thanks to Richard Withycombe and staff from Point Wolstoncroft.

Year 6 are now students of Lake Munmorah High School. Mr Vine will be attending LMHS to assist Year 6 students in their transition.

## **DIDGERIDOO SALES**

The school has purchased 11 didgeridoos to be resold to boys. It is anticipated that a Didgeridoo Group will be formed in 2013 to work with our Aboriginal Dance Group.

Boys only can play the didgeridoo as outlined in Aboriginal culture.

If you are wishing to purchase one please contact our Office. Mr Ross Smith will be employed by the school in 2013 and a small weekly fee will be asked to be paid by parents.

## **PARENT SURVEYS**

Parent surveys were sent home last week. We would appreciate it if you could fill these out and return to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. These surveys are an essential part of our Annual School Report.

## **SCHOOL REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Yearly Reports were sent home on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Provision has been made for parents wishing to have an interview with classroom teachers, if needed. These interviews will be held this week and next week.

Notes were sent home advising you of the available times for an interview with your child's teacher.

## **GRANDPARENTS CHRISTMAS MINI CONCERT - THANK YOU**

Grandparents are cordially invited to join us on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am for a mini Christmas concert and morning tea. RSVP with numbers to the Office by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to entertaining you on the day.

Office Hours  
8:40am-3:15pm

**RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • FAIRNESS • INTEGRITY • PARTICIPATION  
EXCELLENCE • DEMOCRACY • CO-OPERATION • CARE • FORGIVENESS**

## NSW UNIVERSITY TESTING

Congratulations to all students who participated in the tests this year. The following students received outstanding marks. Well done!

Computers:	Daniel Studte	Credit
	Delaney Baker	Credit
Spelling:	Matthew Wilberforce	Credit
	Delaney Baker	Credit
	Mackenzie Evans	Distinction

## GWANDALAN OOSH STAYS OPEN

A huge thanks you to the wonderful support from the parents who have volunteered to be on our Management Committee.

OOSH will operate before school care 7am-9am

After school care 3pm-6pm

Vacation care 8am-6pm

Booking are now open for vacation care, don't miss out on our fun filled holiday program.

Call in to our centre to pick up an enrolment pack or call on 4976 1005 or mobile 0450208519

We provide CCB approved high quality care for your child.

## FRUIT MINCE TARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

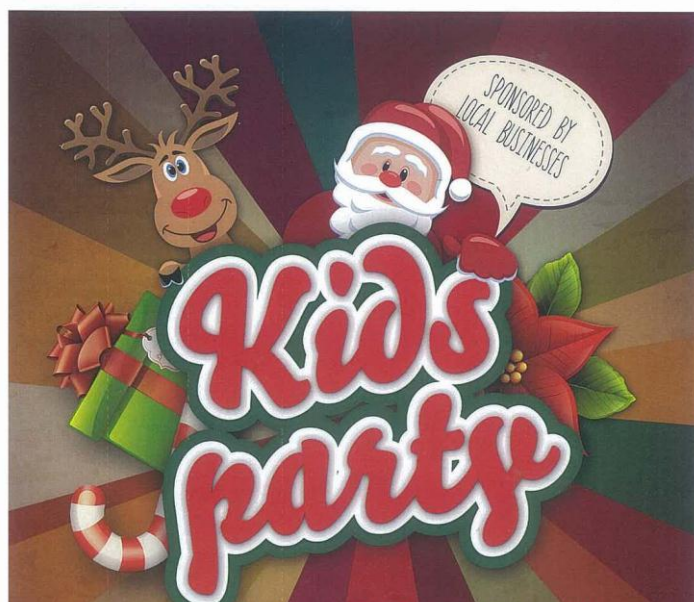
Bakers Delight at Lake Haven is giving us a very special offer valid until 21/12/12. They will donate \$2.00 to our School for every pack of Fruit Mince Tarts for anyone who mentions our school name when buying a 6 pack for \$8.50. Bakers Delight are great supporters of our school. ALL the bread for the Fete was donated by them.

## VEGIE GARDEN

Our next vegetable garden maintenance afternoon will be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Disco Theme: The Beach</b> \$4.00 per student K-2 5.00pm – 6.15pm Y3 – Y5 6.30pm – 8pm
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Grandparents Day, 10am – 11am
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Swansea PS visit to entertain students Vege garden Working Bee. 3pm – 4pm
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Students Last day
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School Development Day
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	School development Day



SATURDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER FROM 2PM  
JOIN US FOR SPORTIES KIDS' CHRISTMAS  
PARTY AND HAVE FUN WITH FACE PAINTING,  
JUMPING CASTLE AND A JAM PACKED  
INTERACTIVE SHOW WITH STARZ  
ENTERTAINMENT.  
TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BAR - \$10



**Presentation Day Awards 2012**

Class	Student Name	Award	
KH	Georgia Lyford	Academic Medal & Book	
	Lara-Rose Bull	Academic Certificate	Excellence in English
	Maddison Handebo	Academic Certificate	Improvement in English and Mathematics
	Brodie Munsie	Citizenship Medal & Book	
	Summer Gordon	Citizenship Certificate	Being Kind and Considerate
	Nathan Strunz	Citizenship Certificate	Being Kind and Considerate
KS	Nathan Williams	Academic Medal & Book	
	Marnie Angus	Academic Certificate	Excellence in English
	Zachary Watmore	Academic Certificate	Outstanding
	Laura Dunn	Citizenship Medal & Book	
	Hamish Brown	Citizenship Certificate	Being Kind and Considerate
	Haylie Murchie	Citizenship Certificate	Being Kind and Considerate
1A	Heidi McCulloch	Academic Medal and Book	
	Fletcher Payne	Academic Certificate	Outstanding achievement in Literacy
	Emily Andrew	Academic Certificate	Excellent achievement and consistent effort in all subjects
	Tori Sharp	Citizenship Medal & Book	
	Seth Waddell	Citizenship Certificate	Always being a responsible and respectful member of 1A
	Hayleigh-Shae Hughes	Citizenship Certificate	Always being kind and respectful towards her classmates
1J/F	Amiah Thompson	Academic Medal & Book	
	Cooper Lindsley	Academic Certificate	Academic achievement in Literacy
	Cooper Tippet	Academic Certificate	Outstanding improvement in all KLAS
	Daisy Luckman	Citizenship Medal and Book	
	Brooke Boon	Citizenship Certificate	Responsible and reliable class member
	Cooper De Carlo	Citizenship Certificate	Responsible and reliable class member
2G	Ella Munsie	Academic Medal & Book	
	Taliah Handebo	Academic Certificate	Reading and story writing results in maths and literacy
	Charlotte Boon	Academic Certificate	Consistent effort and most improved results in Maths and Literacy
	Jack Lyford	Citizenship Medal and Book	
	Lee Sant	Citizenship Certificate	Consistently assisting other students and teachers – Friendship skills
	Olivia Austin	Citizenship Certificate	Shows kindness to others and responsible attitude overall
2w	Lasharn Beecher	Academic Medal & Book	
	Savannah Jones	Academic Certificate	Improvement in Reading
	Luke Brookes	Academic Certificate	Excellence in Mathematics
	Shannon Clark	Citizenship Medal and Book	Demonstrating care for the welfare of others
	Noah Brown	Citizenship Certificate	Demonstrating care for the welfare of others
	Harrison Peard	Citizenship Certificate	Demonstrating care for the welfare of others
3S	Jack Davis	Academic Medal & Book	
	Hayden Smith	Academic Certificate	Outstanding achievement in Numeracy
	Justine Coates	Academic Certificate	Outstanding achievement in Numeracy
	Nikolai Van Den Berg	Citizenship Medal and Book	
	Elysia Hudson	Citizenship Certificate	Being an outstanding role-model
	Frazer Howe	Citizenship Certificate	Being an outstanding role-model
3/4P	Ella Blundy-Edwards	Academic Medal & Book	
	Bonnie Vandeven	Academic Certificate	Academic achievement and consistent effort
	Matthew Jackson	Academic Certificate	Academic achievement and consistent effort
	Emmett Titley	Citizenship Medal and Book	
	Bob Panjer	Citizenship Certificate	Consistent effort and an excellent class citizen
	Gordon Clark	Citizenship Certificate	Encouragement and land care
4M	Aimee Abbott	Academic Medal & Book	
	Zac Renshaw	Academic Certificate	Consistent application and striving for outstanding results in all areas
	Kayla Webber	Academic Certificate	Consistently producing excellent effort and results throughout the year
	Tashana Holmes	Citizenship Medal and Book	
	Lilly Andrews	Citizenship Certificate	Outstanding citizenship and being a wonderful role model for the younger students of you school
	Lucy Withycombe	Citizenship Certificate	Outstanding attitude and representation of school values in all aspects

				of school life
4/5T	Kaden Munsie	Academic Medal & Book		
	Christopher Baldrige	Academic Certificate		Outstanding academic achievement in all key learning areas
	Jessica Milbourne	Academic Certificate		Consistent effort and excellent achievement in all key learning areas
	Larissa Courtney	Citizenship Medal and Book		
	Jasmine Pazzan	Citizenship Certificate		Outstanding application and effort in all areas
	Hayden Vandeven	Citizenship Certificate		Outstanding application and achievement in Numeracy
5C	Ayden Hutchinson	Academic Medal & Book		
	Jamie Tsang Chow Chang	Academic Certificate		Outstanding results in mathematics
	Meegan Jackson	Academic Certificate		Academic achievement across in KLA's
	Carina Day	Citizenship Medal and Book		
	Amanda Boon	Citizenship Certificate		Outstanding role model to all students
	Clayton Black	Citizenship Certificate		Outstanding attitude and representations of school values and all aspects of school life
5/6S	Natalie Roberts	Academic Medal & Book		
	Guy Roseworn	Academic Certificate		Creative worker who has achieved excellent results in all areas
	Jade Strongman	Academic Certificate		Shown that he is capable of achieving high standards in his work especially in creative writing
	Samantha Withycombe	Citizenship Medal and Book		
	Demi-Lee Farrell	Citizenship Certificate		Demi is a helpful girl and an excellent role model for all the children in the school
	Mitchell Day	Citizenship Certificate		Mitchell has been a positive example to all the boys in year 6
6B	Elizabeth Aird	Academic Medal & Book		Outstanding achievement in all academic areas
	Emily Smith	Academic Certificate		
	Jack Eggleton	Academic Certificate		Significant improvement in all subject areas
	Hannah Rendell	Citizenship Medal and Book		
	Jade Brookes	Citizenship Certificate		Outstanding role model to all students
	Jack Barclay	Citizenship Certificate		Outstanding attitude and highly responsible
		<b>Special Awards</b>		
	Amy Austin	Dux of the School		
	Sam Withycombe	Jill Hall Award		
	Brie Roseworn	Rotary Citizenship		
	Ryan Vowles	Rotary Citizenship		
	Jack Brown	Sportsperson of the year		
	Jessica Grassi	Tunkuwallin Sports award		
	Bradley Howard	Natarni Citizenship		
	Matthew Wilberforce	Ausgrid Mathematics		
	Brandon Thanh	Ausgrid Science		
	Aaron Commins	Ausgrid Environment		Design of the vegetable garden
	Jackson Blundy-Edwards	Public speaking/Debating		
	Amy Austin	RSL Club Academic		
	Jackson Blundy-Edwards	RSL Club Academic		
	Jedd Boreham	RSL Club Sport		
	<b>SPORT AWARDS</b>			
<b>Ath</b>	Colin Thompson	Junior Boy		
	Annabelle Lowe	Junior Girl		
	Jack Brown	Senior Boy		
	Jessica Grassi	Senior Girl		
<b>Swim</b>	Logan Black	Junior Boy		
	Lucy Withycombe	Junior Girl		
	Nicholas Pearce	Senior Girl		
	Samantha Withcombe	Senior Girl		
	Jenna Sherlock	Senior Girl		
<b>House</b>				
	Swimming	Eurie		
	Athletics	Coomalong		
	X-country	Awabakal		
	Sporting Blues	Aaron Commins		
		Jed Boreham		

