



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Wednesday, 6 March 2013**

**Dear Friends Of Gwandalan Public School**

## **REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPRECIATION**

Acting Regional Director, Mr Frank Potter, called to pass on his thanks for the splendid job our school did in hosting the Minister for Education last week. The Minister reported that he was very impressed with Gwandalan Public School students, staff and community.

## **P&C MEETING ANNUAL GENERAL- TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH -3:30pm**

Thank you to the outgoing P&C for their tremendous work over the past 12 months. It is hoped that many parents will attend today's meeting and take on a role to assist further in 2013/2014.

## **ZONE SWIMMING**

Good luck to our swimmers, who will be competing at Mingara this week. Many thanks to the parents for assisting with transport, your help is greatly appreciated.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING**

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, School Hall**

**Time 9:15am – 11am**

Parents are invited to come and hear about the programs we are implementing in an endeavour to build better Citizens.

Tea/Coffee & Morning Tea will be provided.

## **2012 WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

As students and teachers settle back into the 2013 school year, *Gwandalan Public School* is celebrating the arrival of an array of new learning supplies. A huge thank you to all the parents, caregivers and community members for supporting us by collecting stickers for the Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012 program - 49,950 stickers in total were collected which enabled us to purchase some much needed resources.

Our school received many valuable resources to assist students with their learning. We will be enjoying the use of: Measurement kits to assist in the development of the measurement strand in Mathematics, Dice, Science kits for teaching and learning about light, energy and magnets, Lego kits to build and support our science units of Machines and Powering On and Board games in every classroom.



## **MOBILE PHONES AND IPODS**

Mobile phones and iPods are not allowed to be used at school. If it is necessary for your child to bring a phone or an iPod to school then they must be left in the School Office. They may be collected at the end the day.

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**Sporting Houses**  
Awabakal - Green  
Coomalong - Blue  
Eurie - Red

**School Rules**  
1. Show Respect  
2. Let Everyone Learn  
3. Play Safely

**P&C meets on the**  
1st Tuesday of each month  
in the Community Room  
at 3.30pm.

All parents and members  
are invited to attend.

**Office Hours**  
8:40am-3:15pm

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

## SCHOOL FEES

### TEXT BOOK FEES for 2013 are:

*Kindergarten \$20 per student.*

*Years 1 to 6 \$35 per student.*

This is the same cost as last year.

## VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

The voluntary school contribution also remains the same as last year.

*\$30 per student for the first 2 students, \$65 per family for families with 3 or more students.*

### School Fees are now due.

We will be having a draw at the end of the Term where all students who have paid their fees will have their name put in a barrel for a chance to win a \$50 Lowes voucher.

### Dates to Remember

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| March                        | Survey on website to complete |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March    | Zone Swimming Carnival        |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March  | Gardening Group 3pm – 4pm     |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March   | Movie Night. Ice Age 4        |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March  | Book club is due              |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March   | Didgeridoo group              |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March | Harmony Day – Wear Orange     |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March  | School Photos                 |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March | Easter Hat Parade             |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> March   | Good Friday                   |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April    | Easter Monday                 |
| Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> April  | UNSW applications due         |

## WORK PLACE HEALTH & SAFETY

Gwandalan Public School welcomes parents and community helpers but we need to fine tune some of our day to day operations and expectations.

We are seeking parental support in ensuring that they are protected under recently introduced changes to the workplace and the responsibility for the Work place Manager (at Gwandalan Public School this is the Principal).

Please ensure that the following occurs:

- 1... High School siblings are not to bring bikes, skateboards or scooters into the school.
- 2... Parents and Pre-schoolers are to wear appropriate foot ware. Bare feet and thongs offer very little protection.
- 3... High School siblings and some parents are riding bicycles within the school playground without helmets. Bikes are not to be ridden within school grounds. Please always ride bikes with helmets.
- 4... We are trying to improve our school image and teenagers, parents & friends of siblings wearing bare feet, thongs, low cut tops and bikinis suggests that we are more like a beach than a highly important place of learning in the public education system.

### EASTER RAFFLE - DONATIONS REQUIRED

Thank you to families who have donated Easter items. Keep them coming! All donations can be left at the school office.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

During the month of March we are running a 5 question survey on our website. The survey is to obtain details in regard to the newsletter. This is only a small survey and will only take a few minutes to complete. We ask that each family log on and complete the survey. We need **one** response from each family. Log on to [www.gwandalan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gwandalan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) The survey is on the front page as well as under links tab. Survey closes 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## DIDGERIDOO GROUP

To commence Wed 20<sup>th</sup> march at lunchtime. Teacher is Mr Ross Smith. \$5.00 per lesson. Payable on the day.

## GARDENING GROUP

Many students showed an interest in joining the group. Twenty students returned their note by the 4<sup>th</sup> March. The list of successful participants is on the notice board on the side of the canteen. If you cannot make it please let Miss Stewart or Mrs Styan know. Please meet us under the COLA after school on Gardening days. We will start on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember your gloves.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Classes for Term 1

Monday 5/6s, 4M, KH, KS  
Tuesday 3P, 2W, 1/2L, 1AF, K/1K  
Thursday 3/4S, 6D, 6V  
Friday 2/3C, 5T

## BOOK CLUB

Due on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

## UNSW TESTS

All children from Year 3 to 6 can participate in the UNSW Tests. Applications forms will be sent home tomorrow. Please complete appropriate notes and return with money to the office by the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## DEBATING

Congratulations to all students that tried out for the debating teams. Training and practice will be on Mondays at lunch time in Mrs Tangy's room. The selected teams are:

| WORD WARRIORS    | CHIT CHATTERS  | YR 5 FRIENDLY TEAM |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Ayden Hutchinson | Taylor Burgess | Charlotte Armfield |
| Jarrod Kowalski  | Meegan Jackson | Lilly Andrews      |
| Amanda Boon      | Miki Lewis     | Breanna Austin     |
| Carina Day       | Brad Casey     | Delaney Baker      |
| Tegan Jenkins    | Guy Rosewarn   | Gabby Shaw         |
|                  |                | Rebecca Panjer     |
|                  |                | Jack Eaton         |

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COLLECTING SIBLINGS

An *APPLICATION TO ENTER GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS TO COLLECT AND ACCOMPANY SIBLINGS FROM SCHOOL* must be completed and returned to the School Office.

### ZONE CARNIVAL EVENTS

|   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Jarrold Kowalski</b><br>11-13yrs Ind<br>Medley<br>12yrs Freestyle<br>12/13yrs<br>Breaststroke<br>12/13yrs<br>Backstroke<br>12/13yrs<br>Butterfly<br>All age 100m<br>Senior Relay<br><b>Logan Black</b><br>11yrs Freestyle<br>11yrs Backstroke<br>All age 100m<br>Senior Relay<br><b>Nash Craven</b><br>10yrs Freestyle<br>Jnr Backstroke<br>Jnr Relay<br><b>Riley Spillane</b><br>Jnr Breaststroke<br>Jnr Backstroke<br>Jnr Butterfly<br>Jnr Relay | <b>Jeremy Kevill</b><br>11-13yrs Ind<br>Medley<br>12yrs Freestyle<br>12/13yrs<br>Breaststroke<br>12/13yrs<br>Backstroke<br>12/13yrs<br>Butterfly<br>Senior Relay<br><b>Zac Renshaw</b><br>11yrs Freestyle<br>11yrs Backstroke<br>11yrs Butterfly<br>Senior Relay<br><b>Troy Haywood</b><br>10yrs Freestyle<br>Jnr Breaststroke<br>Jnr Butterfly<br>Jnr Relay<br>Reserve- Senior<br>relay<br><b>James Pepene</b><br>9yrs Freestyle<br>Jnr Relay<br><b>Ethan McAllister</b><br>11yrs<br>Breaststroke | <b>Annabelle Lowe</b><br>11-13yrs Medley<br>11yrs Freestyle<br>11yrs<br>Breaststroke<br>11yrs Backstroke<br>11yrs Butterfly<br>Senior Relay<br><b>Charlotte Lowe</b><br>10yrs Freestyle<br>Jnr Breaststroke<br>Jnr Backstroke<br>Jnr Relay<br>Reserve- Senior<br>Relay<br><b>Emily McDonald</b><br>12yrs Freestyle<br>Senior Relay<br><b>Alexis Renshaw</b><br>9yrs Freestyle<br>Junior Relay | <b>Lucy Withycombe</b><br>11-13yrs Medley<br>11yrs Freestyle<br>11yrs<br>Breaststroke<br>11yrs Backstroke<br>11yrs Butterfly<br>Senior Relay<br><b>Gabby Shaw</b><br>11yrs Freestyle<br>Senior Relay<br><b>Amelia McAlpine</b><br>8yrs Freestyle<br>Junior Relay<br><b>Sophie McAllister</b><br>9Yrs Freestyle<br>Junior Relay<br><b>Natasha McDonald</b><br>10yrs Freestyle<br>Junior Relay |
| <b>Snr Boys Champion:</b> Jarrold Kowalski  |  |   |  |
| <b>Snr Girl Champion:</b> Annabelle Lowe  |  |   |  |
| <b>Jnr Boy Champion:</b> Troy Haywood/Riley Spillane  |  |   |  |
| <b>Jnr Girl Champion:</b> Charlotte Lowe  |  |   |  |

### YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING HOT CROSS BUNS

Gwandalan Public School Year 6 students are holding a fundraiser to raise money for their end of year gift to the school.

Brumbys Morriset had given us the opportunity to sell delicious HOT CROSS BUNS. The cost for a pack of six buns is \$6.60 of which the school will receive \$2.60.

This is a great fundraiser and we would appreciate your assistance by supporting our Year 6 students. Order forms were sent home last week and are due back on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.

The pickup date from the school will be on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Parents will need to collect their order from the Year 6 classroom.

### OOSH

Gwandalan OOSH is a non-profit organisation providing quality care for your children before and after school care. We are located in the brick house with the flowers painted on it near the back of the school oval.

#### Operating hours Mon-Friday

Before School Care: 7-9am After School Care: 3-6pm  
Breakfast is provided before 7.45am along with a nutritious afternoon tea each day.

Vacation Care 7am-6pm (April program will be out shortly)

Pupil Free Days 7am-6pm

#### How much will it cost?

*Did you know that you may be eligible to reduced fees??*

| Before School Care   | After School Care    |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Full session \$17.50 | Full session \$21.00 |
| 100% CCB \$10.57     | 100% CCB \$11.36     |
| 62% CCB \$12.97      | 62% CCB \$14.96      |
| 43% CCB \$14.23      | 43% CCB \$16.84      |

Above are examples of what your fees could be reduced to.

Please feel free to call in for a visit to pick up an enrolment pack

Looking forward to meeting you soon.

Lisa, Co-ordinator

Gwandalan OOSH

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### ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

**5 MINUTE PARKING ZONE.** Situated just outside the school gate. Parking is only permitted for 5 minutes and is designed for a quick drop off only.

\* STUDENTS MUST NOT EXIT SCHOOL THROUGH THE CAR PARK.

\* PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO COLLECT STUDENTS VIA THE CAR PARK.

\* PARENTS MUST NOT PARK ACROSS DRIVEWAYS

### P & C MOVIE NIGHT

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March. Arrive 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Our movie is ICE AGE 4.

Tickets \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family.

Children under 3 are free. Tickets on sale tomorrow from the office

There will be a sausage sizzle, cold drinks, snow cones, freshly popped popcorn and show bags.  
BYO blanket and pillows.

**From 7 January 2013, there are new requirements in NSW making the following areas smoke-free.**

