



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL: MR DONALD BEGG

1961 - 2011

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF QUALITY EDUCATION

Kanangra Drive,
Gwandalan NSW 2259
Phone: 02 4976 1318
Fax: 02 4972 5189

00SHC: 02 4976 1005 School Security: 1300 880 021 Email: gwandalan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Website: www.gwandalan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Wednesday 1st May, 2013

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Welcome back to all our students and their families. We hope you had a wonderful break and are ready for an even better Term 2.

We also welcome Miss Corinne Merlin to our staff. Miss Merlin will be replacing Miss Potter as the teacher of 3P.

P & C ASSISTANCE

P & C Meeting is on next Tuesday at 3.30pm in the Community room. We urgently need volunteers to fill the role of Secretary and two Vice Presidents. Can you help us please?

MOTHERS DAY STALL will be held on Wednesday 8th May in the Community room. Prices range from 50c to \$5.00. There will also be a raffle on the day. We would love some volunteers to help on the stall if you can spare an hour.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We are participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program again. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school. All you need to do is shop at Woolworths and collect the stickers. Place the stickers onto the Earn and Learn Point Sheet. When the sheet is complete, the point's sheet can be dropped into the collection box at school or at your local store. Extra Earn and Learn Point Sheets are available from the office.

CANTEEN

Lake Haven Shopping Centre is again conducting the **RUN AROUND AUSTRALIA 2013** competition. Customers are asked to present shopping receipts at the Customer Service Centre or place them in the drop boxes located at the Customer Service Centre.

Nominate Gwandalan Public School for us to receive the benefits - we are awarded kilometres for dollars spent. Our school has a 1 in 15 chance of winning 1st prize of \$10,000 and are currently in 7th place.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country carnival will be held on 10th May. Students who are 8 years or older will begin training this week at school, three times a week. Students run in the age group that they turn in the 2013 calendar year and 8 and 9 year old age groups must run together in the same race. All students will need to make sure that permission notes and medical notes are returned promptly to the school in order to allow them to participate in the carnival at Point Wolstoncroft. Students who qualify from our school carnival will compete at the Wallarah Zone carnival at Wyong Race club on Friday 31st May.

RUGBY LEAGUE

The Open Boys Rugby League (Classic Shield) will be played this Friday at Wyong Leagues club. Thank you to all parents who have indicated that they can provide transport to the event. The Under 10s Carnival will be played on Thursday 30th May and the under 9s Gala day will be played later in the term. Training for teams has been organised for after school, Tuesdays 3pm - Under 10s and Thursdays-Open Boys team.

GET THE EDGE DANCE PROGRAM

Final date for payment is Friday 10th May. Cost is \$10.00 for the term and is available to all students in the school. The dance program will run during class time. Please hand notes and money to class teacher.

Dates to Remember

Wed 1 st May	Students return for Term 2
Fri 3 rd May	Classis Shield Open Rugby League Carnival
Tues 7 th May	P & C Meeting 3.30pm
Wed 8 th May	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 10 th May	Cross Country
Tues 14 th May – Fri 17 th May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Fri 31 st May	Zone Cross Country

GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

During the month of March Gwandalan Public School ran an online survey to discover information regarding our Schools Newsletter and Website.

Following are the results of this survey.

Forty two families responded by completing the online survey.

Question 1

How do you get your school Newsletter?

Result: almost 74% of students hand the Newsletter to their parents, each week, without being asked...

But is it being read?

Question 2

How often do you read the Newsletters?

Result: 95% read the newsletter each week.

... So can you understand the information we are trying to get to you?

Question 3

How do you find the wording in the Newsletter?

Results: 81% find it "Easy to understand"
9% find it "somewhat easy to understand"
Only 4% find it both "somewhat difficult and 'difficult' to understand"

Question 4

How often do you access the school's website?

Results:

Once a Week: 12%

Once a Fortnight: 38%

Once a Term: 26%

Once a Semester: 2%

Once a Year: 7%

I never access the website: 14%

On our "Anti-bullying Information Day", Mr Martin demonstrated our website to parents in attendance, most of which were amazed at the amount of information available on our website and how easily accessible it is.

Question 5

If you access the school's website, what do access it for?

Results:

Sentral Calendar: 67.5%

Photos of events: 52.9%

Newsletter: 44.1%

Forms: 11.8%

Blogs: 11.8%

Links: 2.9%

The link to our "Sentral Calendar" shows our calendar of events. This is kept up-to-date as much as possible. Mr Martin inputs data into the calendar at each staff meeting, as future events are discussed and as information is emailed to him at other times.

Conclusion: We at Gwandalan Public School are pleased with the results of the survey and see room for growth and improvement in some areas. Getting parents to more frequently access our school website with all the information available to them, is an area we would like to see improvement.

Thank you to those who supported our survey and contributed towards the results. Through answering the five questions and supplying general comments, you have given us an idea of where we can improve in the future.

We would like to run this survey again to compare results.

Mr. Martin
Computer Coordinator/Teacher
Gwandalan Public School