



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday, 30 July 2013

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

WELCOME TO EDUCATION WEEK 2013.

Parent teacher interviews on Tuesday and Thursday, an Indigenous Celebration Day on Wednesday to be concluded with an Open Day on Friday.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DAY, FRIDAY, 26TH JULY.

Our annual Athletics carnival was held last Friday at Tunkawallin oval. Thank you to the parents who supported an injured student whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive. The injured student has made a full recovery.

A huge thanks to our Canteen volunteers, Gwandalan Lions & Lioness club members and Gwandalan Cobras Soccer Club for their assistance on the day.

A parent lost over \$300 at the carnival and we were hoping that it was found by one of our honest students or community members.

We hope that parent like the new format which is designed to increase student participation.

I would like to thank the students for participating in events, encouraging other students and for their great behaviour. From all reports students enjoyed the new format where they rotated between activities and stayed active all day. Students who have qualified for the Wallarah Zone Carnival on Friday 30th August will be notified in the next few weeks and place ribbons will be presented at our next Primary assembly. High jump and long jump events will be conducted on our school oval over the next fortnight. Thank you, Mr Soult for doing a great job marking out the oval and to all the wonderful parents who helped as timekeepers and officials.

FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT CHARLOTTE & ANNABELLE LOWE TO REPRESENT NSW

To assist with levies to cover uniforms and air flight expenses of \$2000, the school is prepared to conduct some fundraising to assist the family in paying expenses for the girls to compete at the Australian PSSA Cross Country championships to be held in Launceston, Tasmania.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Wednesday 7th August, *Theme: SPORTS*

A gold coin donation

Raffle tickets are on sale and available at the office for \$2 each with many prizes to be won. Please support our endeavours to help these girls achieve their goals.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We will celebrate NAIDOC Week this Wednesday 31st July.

Students are asked to wear the following coloured T-Shirts as we are planning a huge photograph with all the students in the outline of the Indigenous Flag.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2	Yellow
Years 3 and 4	Red
Years 5 and 6	Black

All students in our school will undertake activities relating to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Janine Fitzgerald

SCHOOL CONCERT

The school concert will be held at Gwandalan Public School, on Wednesday 4th September and Thursday 5th September commencing at 6.30pm.

The Matinee performance will be held on Friday 6th September commencing at 9.30am.

All tickets will be on sale in the office soon for \$10 a ticket.

The School will not make details of the overall theme public knowledge. However Parents of each group item will know, but the idea is to give a massive surprise to our audience during the performance and not let it leak in the lead up to the concerts.

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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

Dates to Remember

Refer to the School Calender on our website for further information

Wed 31 st July	NAIDOC activities- Remember Coloured T Shirts
Thurs 1 st Aug	Book club orders due
Fri 2 nd Aug	Education Week Open Day
Fri 9 th Aug	K-2 Athletics
Fri 23 rd Aug	Book Character Parade
Fri 30 th Aug	Father's Day BBQ & Stall

K-2 ATHLETICS

Parents and Carers are invited to attend our K-2 Athletics Day on Friday, August 9th. Races and activities will take place on the school oval beginning at 11.30 am and will be finished by lunchtime.

Children who turn 5, 6 and 7 during 2013 will participate in their age races (those children who turn 8 had their age races at the Primary Athletics Carnival). As well as these races, children will participate in Novelty Events. Children may dress in house colours or wear their school shirt. Appropriate footwear for safe running should be worn. Children will need to remember to bring their hats and a drink.

Recess and Lunch will be as usual.

TEXT BOOK FEES

Oops! Have you forgotten to pay for your child's Maths text books? Please enquire at the office if you are unsure. Text book fees need to be paid as soon as possible.

BOOK CLUB

All book club orders are due Thursday 1st August.



BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST

UNSW COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Credits for their tests.

- Taliah Handebo – Science
- Jared Meehan – Science
- Delaney Baker – Computer

2014 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Our school is now taking enrolments for 2014 Kindergarten students. If you have a child or know of a family intending to enrol at Gwandalan Public School in 2014 please contact our school office as soon as possible. These details are essential to help establish 2014 enrolment numbers.

3+3 UPDATE FROM LAKE MUNMORAH HIGH SCHOOL

Lake Munmorah High School introduced the (3+3) compressed curriculum model in November last year. The first senior group to commence their HSC studies under the new model are well advanced with their courses and will be sitting for their first three HSC exams in September this year. This group will then commence another three courses for examination in 2014. The six results will then be accumulated to qualify them for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

A key feature of the 3+3 model is the requirement that the academic school year for all year groups now commences in mid - November. This scheduling has been useful in providing our incoming Year 7 group with a comprehensive orientation program.

The Year 6 to 7 transition program which ran at the end of 2012 was an outstanding success. The program involved all incoming Year 7 students finishing up their primary school 'careers' a little earlier than usual and then attending the high school as full time students for the last eight days of Term 4. Evaluation of this program revealed that 88% of respondents found the program useful and 93% felt that the program made them feel more comfortable in coming to high school, particularly when they returned to school in the early weeks of 2013.

Agreement has been reached with the Principals of our three partner primary schools for the current group of Year 6 students to be offered the same transition opportunity. This will occur over the last eight days of Term 4, 2013. More information about the transition program will be made available to Year 6 parents and guardians later in Term 3.

Lindsay West Principal – Lake Munmorah High School

PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE

This term all students at Gwandalan Public School will be involved in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to get students more active, more often! Students record the activities they complete over a ten week period, with an award given to each student and the school at the end of the term. Physical activity can include playground games, school sport, dance, community sport or incidental activity such as walking the dog or washing the car. Students will regularly complete log books at school, recording how much activity they do each week. Have fun getting active!

FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

Friday 30th August 7am-9am

P&C Committee are organising a Father's Day Breakfast fundraising event.

Fathers, Grandfathers and male Carers are invited to come along and enjoy a BBQ Breakfast at Gwandalan Public School.

Sausage sandwiches, egg and bacon rolls, tea, coffee & soft drinks will be on sale.

We will also be selling raffle tickets for our Father's Day raffle. Prizes will be on display.

The Father's Day stall will commence at 10am in the Community Room.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KH	Kiahna Williams	Always working hard
	Riley Hudson	Improved skills in PE
	Tara Naughton	Learning her sight words
	Kyse Conroy	Improvement in Mathematics
KS	Harrison Davis	Excellent work in reading groups
	Dylan Southeron	Always being a sensible worker
	Savanah O'Brien	Always trying to do quality work
	Joslyn Sheilds	
1/2L	Cooper Taylor	Welcome to 1/2L
	Billy Smidt	Improvement in attitude and application in all areas
	Hannah Moreau	Improved effort in class
	Krystal Pearce	Neat presentation of bookwork
	Kurtis Fry	High standard of work in all subjects
	Sophie Smith	Excellent classroom helper
	Lilly McMichael	Excellent classroom helper
	Taylah McNamara	Quality handwriting

Star Slips

Carina Day	50
Maddison Doyle	50
Paige Garrett	50
Victoria Gunek	50
Madison Howard	50
Meegan Jackson	50
Taylor Reely	50
Christopher Baldrige	50
Ryan Bonser	50
Jack Dyer	50
Benjamin George	50
Connor Hatton	50
Ayden Hutchinson	50
Bailey Jackson	50
Jeremy Kevill	50
Jarrold Kowalski	50
Kaden Munsie	50
Caleb Saunders	50
Bradley Simpson	50
Daniel Studte	50
Hayden Vandeven	50
Thomas Wilson	50

WANTED - CANTEEN HELPERS

We are very short of canteen volunteers. If you or someone you know would like to help out, please contact the school or the canteen directly on 4976 2054 between 10am and 2pm

GETTING ALONG

This term at Gwandalan PS our focus for social emotional learning is GETTING ALONG. Students in all classrooms from kindergarten to Year 6 will be learning specific skills they need to get along with others in the playground, classroom, at home and in their community activities. These are skills that are not only for school, but will help them throughout their lives as they grow and develop and begin to deal with the wider world.

You might wonder why we need to teach explicit getting along skills, because this is something we all manage to do in some form every day. However, like all our life skills, it is something we can always do better.

Getting along means that children work and play together nicely. It means that they are friendly, tell the truth and care about others. *Getting along* means being able to solve problems together without arguing or fighting. When children get along, they follow the important rules of the home, school and classroom. They also want to help to make their home and school cleaner and safer.

What does getting along behaviour look like?

- Playing well with friends
- Taking turns when playing with others
- Asking nicely to join in a game
- Asks for help politely
- Listens to others when they are talking
- Does what his/her parents and teachers ask them to do
- Makes an effort to help someone who seems to be upset

Ways to praise your child for getting along behaviour

- "Thanks for helping me. Now we can do something fun together."
- "I can see you are really trying to get along with your friends/brother."
- "You are a good listener."
- "Thank you for being patient and waiting until I was finished talking. That is very mature behaviour."

Teach your child the following getting along thinking

- BEING TOLERANT OF OTHERS means we are all different. We all have good things about us.
- THINKING FIRST means when someone has something that I want, asking politely "May I have a go", Not over reacting if something doesn't go your way.
- PLAYING BY THE RULES means following all the rules of the game. Rules help us to be safe and happy.
- SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY means that it is good to help others. It is good to make and keep things clean and safe in our home, school and community.