



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

## **Dear Friends Of Gwandalan PS**

### **NAPLAN 2013**

All student reports will be sent to school in early October. The letter published in this newsletter from the Board of Studies explains the reasons why individual reports are not available but school results.

### **SCHOOL RESULTS**

Growth/improvement of students from Year 3 to Year 5 has been pleasing. Students achieved above average rates of improvement in Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation, Language and Numeracy. A full analysis of NAPLAN will be published in our Annual School Report.

### **GIFTED & TALENTED CAMP**

Some 30 students attending the Gifted & Talented Camp at Point Wolstoncroft will be using our Computer Lab on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Daniel Studte, Carina Day, Aiden Hutchinson, Caleb Saunders Sam Harris & Ben George from Gwandalan are attending the camp. The remaining students are from schools all over the Central Coast and this provides us with an opportunity to show case our school to other students.

### **DISCO ... WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**K – 2 5pm ... 6.15pm.**  
**Y 3 - Y6 ... 6.30pm – 8pm**  
**Theme ... Disco**  
**Cost \$4/student**

### **CREATIVE ARTS RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY THURSDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 9.30AM**

Hoping to see many parents and family members attend to recognise the efforts of students receiving awards.

### **VACATION PERIOD**

Just a reminder that only organised groups are able to use the school during the vacation period. Dead trees and dangerous limbs from trees will be removed during the first week (weather permitting).

### **STUDENTS AND TEACHERS RETURN TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.**

Have a happy & safe holiday. Many thanks for all of the support given to staff & students by parents. We have had a superb term with many positives for students and the reputation of our great school.

### **SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME**

Information has been sent home to students in Years 2, 3 & 4 to attend the Special Swimming Scheme in Term 4. Non swimmers in Years 5 & 6 may be offered positions if there are any vacancies.

Priority is given to Year 2, 3 and 4 students. There are 60 positions available. Lessons are free but pool entry must be paid. Our research from last year indicated that costs would exceed \$100 for the 10 days by using buses but by walking to and from Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre, the cost is \$40.

### **A HUGE THANK YOU TO MISS SPICER**

2/3C would like to say a special thank you to Miss Spicer for teaching them this term. We wish Emma all the best in the future. Congratulations on completing your Bachelor of Teaching, Bachelor of Arts Degree

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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**

### Year 6 Fundraiser - RAFFLE

Thank you to the families who purchased raffle tickets at the concert. The money raised from this and the end of term raffle will go to help the Year 6 fundraiser. We are giving everyone who purchased a ticket the opportunity to a second chance draw. Tickets will remain in our barrel and we will sell more tickets at the End of Term Assembly. The remaining prizes PLUS extras will be drawn at the assembly.

### SPORT

#### Girls Touch Football - Central Coast Finals

Friday 11th October (week 1) Doyalson RSL

#### Boys Cricket Round 5 V Kanwal.

Tuesday 15th October.

### DOYALSON DRAGONS JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

Last registration date - Thursday 19th September  
Inside Doyalson RSL club 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Cost: \$60 per player for the entire season. We play on Monday nights every week at Doyalson!  
Ages: 7 to 16 years. All individual players and teams welcome.

All ability levels catered for, get kids fit and come and play touch footy on Monday nights!

Email us at: [doylojnrtouch@yahoo.com.au](mailto:doylojnrtouch@yahoo.com.au)

### GWANDALAN OOSH VACATION CARE

Are you looking for interesting & affordable activities for your children these holidays?  
We have places still available each day, excursions only have a few spots left.

CCB% could reduce your fees.

Call Lisa on 4976 1005 or email

[orana222@tpg.com.au](mailto:orana222@tpg.com.au) for further details

Book today to avoid missing out.

### FAIRY FESTIVAL DAY

Forest of Tranquillity Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2013

10am-4pm

Wear your fairy dress & wings & come & join the fairy fun! Adults \$20 Children \$15

Bookings recommended Phone 4362 1855 or email [events@forestoftranquility.com](mailto:events@forestoftranquility.com)

### Dates to Remember

*Refer to the School Calender on our website for further information*

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Disco Theme is "Disco"
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Awards Day-Creative Arts 9.30am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last day of term – Out of Uniform Footy Colours, Gold Coin Donation
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Lions/Lioness Spring Festival
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Zoo Snooze Leaves
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Zoo Snooze Returns
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Great Aussie money due
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Fete
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	P & C Shopping trip to Sydney
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Great Aussie Bush Camp Leaves
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Great Aussie Bush Camp Returns
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Day
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Farewell to Year 6
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rewards Day

## SPRING FESTIVAL

### GWANDALAN LIONS/LIONESS CLUB

Date: Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013

Time: 9am start

Place: In the reserve behind Gwandalan Bowling Club

Support our Lions/Lioness Club by attending and having a great time.



## CONCERT DVD ORDER

**\$10.00 EACH**

If you would like to purchase a DVD from our wonderful concert, please complete the following order form and return to your child's class room teacher.

STUDENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF DVD'S: \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Principal

**Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has advised Test Administration Authorities that it has identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports in Language Conventions. ACARA is devising a strategy to address the issue quickly, however, distribution of Student Reports to schools will be delayed.

On advice from ACARA, it is anticipated that 2013 NAPLAN Student Reports will be delivered to schools across Australia from 8–11 October, with distribution of reports to parents to occur in the week Monday 14 to Friday 18 October. The release of the NAPLAN Summary Report and SMART are unaffected. They will be available to schools from Friday 13 September 2013.

Schools also have access to the Participation and Registration (PAR) website during the reporting period to enable a review of student test participation information. Access is read-only and no changes can be made to data.

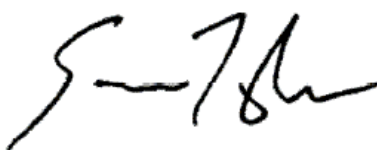
The Board of Studies NSW, as the Test Administration Authority, will continue to work with ACARA and other national bodies to ensure coordinated distribution of 2013 NAPLAN Student Reports.

2013 NAPLAN SMART data can be accessed through the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) portal from Friday 13 September. Any issues with SMART data should be referred to the DEC at [smartrain@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:smartrain@det.nsw.edu.au).

Principals communicating with parents on this issue may wish to use the attached text provided by ACARA. For further details, please contact ACARA on 1300 895 563 or 02 8098 3100.

I will advise schools of any further details regarding the reporting timeline as they come to hand.

Yours sincerely



Carol Taylor  
**Chief Executive**  
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