



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Tuesday 21st October**  
**Term 4 Week 3**

<b>Gwandalan PS Important Dates.</b>	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Club Due
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> November to Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming Scheme
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Surf Awareness Stage 2
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Bus Pass Applications Year 2 into Year 3 due today
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Presentation Day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Red Faces
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Reward Day. Farewell Arch Year 6
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> December	K – Year 5 Reward Day
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day for Students
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Day

## **OOSH CENTRE**

If you need care before or after School or child care during the coming School holidays please contact our OOSH Centre on 4976-1005.

The centre is an accredited Centre. All profits made go back into the centre in providing resources for their children.

## **STAGE 2 EXCURSION - LOST PARKA**

One student from the excursion is missing his black padded parka. If it accidentally went home in your child's bag, could you please return to school? Due to packing up in the dark last Wednesday morning, a few items of clothing ended up in the wrong bags! Most has been returned to the rightful owners already. Thanks for your assistance. Mrs Sanderson

## **EXCURSION TO BLUE MOUNTAINS YEARS 3 & 4**

Last Tuesday and Wednesday Year 3 & 4 visited the Blue Mountains. After a wonderful day visiting the Three Sisters, hearing very interesting talks from Rangers about Aboriginal Culture and visiting the Jenolan Caves, snow decided to fall at about 8pm. Mt Victoria received some 15 cm of snow in this freak 1:100 year storm. Roads were blocked overnight and trucks were stranded. At 11am on Wednesday, students and staff, commenced the journey home to Gwandalan returning at approximately 3:10 pm. Our students did remarkably well packing up in dark rooms as there was no power or hot water to shower.

## **KINDERGARTEN**

Kindergarten had their excursion postponed from Tuesday to Friday. The students had great fun on their very first excursion as students of Gwandalan PS.

## **NBN NEWS VISIT OUR SCHOOL.**

The NBN news visited our school on Monday this week to complete a news items based on our wonderful school. The NBN News Junior Journos program gives primary school students a taste of what it takes to be a journalist. Six students in year 6 were selected to come up with a story idea to display to the region how great Gwandalan Public School is. Our team decided to focus on Charlotte Lowes achievements in athletics and our school was selected to feature in the program. Our students conducted the interviews, told the crew what shots they needed and were lead through the filming process to make sure they get the story they wanted. Our school team will visit the NBN News studio this Wednesday to see how it all comes together. The students will voice the pack, get to sit at the news desk like our television anchors do, and watch how the story is edited. The story will go to air at 6pm on Tuesday 28th Oct. When the story is completed I will organise a link on our school website. What a fabulous opportunity for our students. Thanks to NBN television.

## **NBN JUNIOR JURNOS TEAM**

Tegan Jenkins, Brad Casey  
Floyd Blackburn, Jakson Sherlock  
Rebecca Panjer, Tashana Holmes

*Photos on the back page of this newsletter.*

## **GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL 2015**

If you are leaving the area and therefore not returning to our School in 2015, please advise the office as soon as possible. We will help you with the necessary arrangements and it will help us to manage our expectations of the number of students to expect in 2015. Also if you know of anyone intending to start at our school in 2015 please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible. If you have a student starting Kindergarten please return your enrolment form as soon as possible. Please complete the cut off section at the bottom of this newsletter.

## **HEAD LICE**

We are aware that there has been an outbreak of head lice this term. We seek co-operation from all parents and ask that hair is checked regularly, lice are treated and removed using a fine tooth comb.

## **SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT FOR ENTRY 2016**

Year 5 students have received an information note in regards to applying for Selective High School Placement entry for 2016. All applications for these high schools need to be made on-line as there will be no printed application forms. Students who are interested in applying for these schools may return the slip at the bottom of the information note to school and an information booklet will be given to parents. The closing date for applications is the 17th November, 2014. All applicants will then be required to sit the Selective High School Test on Thursday 12th March, 2015.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BUS TRAVEL FOR 2015 FOR STUDENTS PROGRESSING INTO YEAR 3**

**The Department of Transport for NSW requires a new application form for free travel from students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3.**

**Application forms are available from the Admin Foyer.**

**Please keep in mind that children in Years 3 to 6 will only be issued with a free travel pass if they live outside a 1.6km radius.**

**To ensure that your child/children receive their travel pass early in 2015, this application must be returned to School by Friday 28th November.**

## **SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY SCHEME 2014**

This is an intensive program run over 10 consecutive days. Priority is given to Year 2 and 3 students. Year 4 students are able to attend if numbers permit. The course is run at Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Recreation Centre. Students walk to and from the centre. Cost is \$40 per student. Permission notes and further information will be sent home next week.

<b>ASSEMBLY AWARDS</b>		
2/3C	Mariah O'Neil	Displaying a positive attitude towards learning
2/3C	Lilian Howe	Working hard to achieve goals
5A	Emmett Titley	Great Contributions to Class Discussions
5A	Mollie Gibson	Showing Resilience In Class Situations
5A	Frazer Howe	Excellent Effort in Mathematics
5A	Korbyn Pepene	Showing Persistence in Mathematics
<b>YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS</b>		
<b>GETTING ALONG</b>	Finn Jenkins	
<b>CONFIDENCE</b>	Krystal Pearce	
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	Charlotte Boon	
<b>RESILIENCE</b>	Lee Sant	
<b>PERSISTANCE</b>	Harrison Peard	

## **SCHOOL FETE**

Fete profit: \$8689.30

Well done everyone. Congratulations!

## **SPORTS REPORT**

### **Congratulations Charlotte Lowe. NSW State Champion.**

A big congratulations Charlotte Lowe on her success in winning the NSW state 800m for the 11 years girls at the state athletics championships last Thursday at Homebush. Charlotte yet again proved she is an extraordinary athlete by winning the event by a considerable distance. She will now travel to Tasmania next month to compete in the Australian National Championships. We will be having a fundraising event in the near future at school to assist Charlotte with travel costs. Charlotte has had a fabulous year after finishing second at the Australian Cross Country event in Western Australia last term. We are fortunate to have an outstanding athlete at our school and she deserves credit for the humble nature in which she receives accolades and recognition. Go Charlotte! Regards- Mr Vine (Sports Coordinator)

### **Girls Touch Football- Final 16 in NSW**

Congratulations to our girls Touch Football team who finished in the top 16 in NSW after being defeated by Berkeley Vale last Friday. For our girls to reach this level in the competition is a major achievement. Our girls were defeated 7-2 by a quality Berkeley Vale team, however this was a great effort considering Berkeley Vale has two players in the NSW state Touch football team and five players in the Sydney North regional team. They were also runners up in the state final in 2013! Berkeley Vale Public is also more than double the size of our school and the girls in their team play at representative level on a regular basis. Our girls put up a brave effort, fighting hard to the end of the game. A special mention to Tegan Jenkins who scored two great tries, Tamika Bull for her outstanding stamina and Charlotte Lowe for matching it step for step with the older Berkeley Vale girls. I would like to thank them all for their commitment when attending the numerous after school training sessions on the oval after school with me throughout the year. Regards- Mr Vine (Sports Coordinator)

### **Girls Touch Team 2014**

Emily Bush-Charnock Charlotte Lowe  
Natasha McDonald Tegan Jenkins  
Lilly Andrews Tamika Bull  
Rebecca Panjer Delaney Baker  
Gabby Shaw Lucy Withycombe  
Charlotte Armfield

### **FRIGHT NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY**

**Love all things spooky?**

**Join in the fun wearing your scariest outfit for an evening of scary stories, games, craft and spooky treats.**

**This event is appropriate for children aged 5 to 10 years**

**When: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 5.30 to 7.00pm**

**Where: Tuggerah Library**

**Book on 4350 1560**

**\$3.00 per student**





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My child/children \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

Will not be returning to Gwandalan Public School in 2015.

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Parent/Caregiver

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Date