



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Tuesday 28th October**  
**Term 4 Week 4**

<b>Gwandalan PS Important Dates.</b>	
Today	Year 6 Fun Day 12.30 – 2.00pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Gwandy Award BBQ. 2K, 2/3C, 6V Sock Day
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> November to Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming Scheme
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Surf Awareness
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

**Bus Pass for 2015 for  
year 2 students  
moving into year 3  
To date we have only  
received 3  
applications.  
However Busways  
has advised the  
School that there are  
25 students who will  
not receive their 2015  
bus pass unless a  
new application is  
received.**

## **STAFF VARIATIONS**

We welcome back Miss Stewart and Mrs Henry (McKerihan). We thank Miss Spicer and Mrs Petersen for taking KS and 6M (respectively).

## **HOT WEATHER**

Just a general reminder that in recent times small snakes have been sighted in the area. We ask that students do not attempt to pick them up or throw objects at them to scare them away.

The experts tell us that snakes sense movement and if one is passing close by, the best approach is to remain still.

In the last 8 years only two have been sighted within the school grounds.

## **FUNDRAISING**

To assist in meeting the cost of Charlotte Lowe's levy to represent NSW at the Australian PSSA, we will be having an out of uniform, Sock Day on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Socks of any colour can be worn. You Can Do It, football team etc. The cost will be a gold coin donation.

Any parents wishing to donate can do so by sending money in an envelope to the Front Office labelled Charlotte Lowe Donation. Raffle tickets for \$2 can be purchased from Mrs Lowe.

## **SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME**

We have had 40 students of Year 2, 3 and 4 enrol in the program. We have 10 places still available and we now open this opportunity to students from Years 5 & 6.

Lessons are free & students will walk to the pool. Pool entry costs for the 10 day program is only \$40.

We are surrounded by a lake, a number of beaches. Too many children drown in Australia. This is our chance to equip students with swimming and survival skills.

## NBN JUNIOR JOURNOS

Last Wednesday seven students from GPS visited NBN television studios in Newcastle to film a feature news item based on our school. The students recorded interviews, participated in editing the story, added voice overs and were even allowed to sit in the news anchors chair and present the story. The excursion was a highly valuable experience for all the students involved and it was a great opportunity for students to explore opportunities that would not normally get in a school setting. A reminder- **The story will go to air on NBN news between 6pm and 7pm tonight.**

A copy of the story will also be attached to the school website.

## NBN JUNIOR JOURNOS TEAM

Tegan Jenkins  
Brad Casey  
Tashana Holmes

Floyd Blackburn  
Jakson Sherlock  
Rebecca Panjer

Charlotte Lowe



## LAKE MUNMORAH HIGH SCHOOL GATS PRESENTATION

Last Thursday evening six wonderful students from our school presented work to a large audience at Lake Munmorah High School. The GATS project is a research project for gifted students in year six who are leaving to attend high school the following year. Our presenters were outstanding and were clearly the best prepared and did a wonderful job displaying the hard work they had put into the research project. I would like to congratulate all six students on doing a fabulous presentation and for displaying the wonderful talent we have in year 6 at our school! Mr Vine.

## LMHS GATS PRESENTERS

Aimee Abbott.  
Floyd Balckburn  
Tegan Jenkins

Lilly Andrews  
Delaney Baker  
Tashana Holmes



## 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. To date we have only received 3 applications. However Busways has advised the School that there are 25 students who will not receive their 2015 bus pass unless a new application is received.

### OOSH AGM

Gwandalan OOSH is holding their AGM

Thursday 27th November 2014

Time 6pm

27 Orana Rd Gwandalan

All are welcome to attend.

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KL	Ella Hambly	Presenting quality work in all subjects
KL	Kira Whitney	A quality recount on Blackbutt Reserve
KL	Jesse Cooper	Always working well in group work
KL	Flynn Baggott-Stone	Working as a team player
K1/A	Tea Rampone	Excellent effort in reading and writing groups
K1/A	Nevaia Markham	Excellent recount of the Kindergarten Excursion
K1/A	Asher cooper	Excellent manners and good listening on the kindergarten excursion
K1/A	Zophia Karakatsanis	Being a motivated learner and hardworker
1S	Marcus Batty-Cross	Excellent Reading Level 2 to Level 15!
1S	Summah DeCarlo	Improvement in writing and maths
1S	Aleson Thompson	Good visualisation in 'Crow Boy'
1S	Zac Wahby	Excellent work habits
1/2W	Jayden Murphy	Reading with expression
1/2W	Cooper Considine	Improvement in reading
1/2W	Brandon Bell	Working well in reading groups
1/2W	Maddison Handebo	Great work with money in Maths



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