



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Tuesday 16th December 2014**  
**Term 4 Week 11**

## **Gwandalan PS Important Dates.**

Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day for Students Family Night at OOSH
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Day
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> January	2015 Term 1 Students return
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Kindergarten students start 9am



Students Year 1 to 6 return  
for 2015 on Wednesday

Dear Friends of Gwandalan PS

## **STAFF VARIATIONS FOR 2015**

During the last two weeks a further three new staff members have been appointed to our school and will commence on day 1, 2015.

**Mr Shane Turner** (Umina PS)

**Miss Jillian Peace** (Belmont PS),

**Miss Hannah Johnstone** (Tamworth area)

**Mrs Kirsty Henry**

These new staff will join us as permanent members of the Department of Education & Communities.

Temporary teachers Mr Ross Pitman, Mrs Jennifer Pooley, Mr David Hill, Miss Amelia Thompson and Mrs Bronwyn Bell will work with us as casuals in 2015 and beyond.

A huge loss for all will be Mrs Jan Hardy, who has worked here for 4 years guiding students with MULTILIT and many other languages skills. Mrs Hardy is returning to reside in Sydney.

We thank all of these teachers for their valuable contributions to students at Gwandalan PS.

Thank you to our P&C President, Mrs Peita Vine and elected Staff Representative, Mrs Belinda Sanderson for their valuable contributions as panel members in the selection of Miss Peace & Mrs Henry.

Our other two staff members were appointed by Staffing Services at Blacktown.

## **KINDERGARTEN 2015**

A reminder to parents of new Kindergarten students in 2015. The first three days Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January are for *Best Start Assessments*. All Kindergarten students will commence at 9am on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**All students Years 1 – Year 6 commence on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and line up in their 2014 class lines.**

## **HELP**

We are trying to locate a sprinkler on our oval. Does anyone have a metal detector that we can borrow to attempt to locate it. We are also looking for a handyman to do some gyprocking to a corner in the OOSH centre. Please contact the school office if you can be of any help.

### SAD NEWS

Mr Garth Holmes, former P & C President passed away over the weekend.

Our condolences and prayers are with his wife Di who is also a former P & C President and daughter their Mikki as well as their extended family.

RIP Garth.

Wishing all our families a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

and a safe and

**HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Many, many thanks for all of the support given to staff and students during 2014. We look forward to forging these strong bonds again in 2015. Enjoy your family time and return to School safely in 2015.



## BOOK PACKS

2015 Book packs have arrived and are ready for sale.

These packs contain everything the student will need for school in 2015. We have purchased in bulk therefore cheaper than if you purchased at the shops.

Once payment is made the student is given the pack to take home.

These packs are for 2015 and have all the equipment required. No replacements will be given for lost equipment from the pack.

Text book fees have been waived.

Children starting Kindergarten in 2015 can purchase their pack next year after their enrolment is complete.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or eftpos. Payment over the phone is also possible by eftpos.

## OOSH Christmas Family Fun Night



**When:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Where:** OOSH Centre 27 Orana Rd Gwandalan

**Time:** Starts at 6pm

Parents must supervise their own children at all times, this is a chance for to staff to enjoy celebrating with families too.

Food, friends, fun and a water battle between children and staff. Water balloons and sponges will be provided (please bring a towel and change of clothes for your child)

Bring a plate of finger food to share and your own drinks (no alcohol allowed)

**A special visitor will be arriving in a big red truck around 6.30pm. Please enclose \$5 for a gift for your child by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December to ensure that your child receives a gift from Santa.**

**Please come along & support our OOSH Centre. It will be a great chance to celebrate Christmas with the staff and parents in a fun & relaxed environment!!**