



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

OUTSTANDING ZONE SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to all swimmers upon their outstanding efforts at Mingara. Gwandalan finishing 2nd overall and having nine students qualify for Sydney North Regional Championships is excellent.

PARENT SURVEYS Re Swimming Venue 2015

One hundred surveys were sent home and 20 were returned completed. 17 surveys were in favour of the school carnival staying at Swansea in 2015. Thank you to those families who took the time to respond.

Point Wolstoncroft will be used for primary sport in Term 4 so that students can revise water safety and swimming skills taught this summer.

ANTI BULLYING DAY - Launch Of You Can Do It Procedures at Gwandalan- Harmony Day

Mrs Kelly and Mrs Carew have been working with the Student Welfare Committee to plan a day which focuses on anti-bullying strategies as well as new procedures to reward positive student behaviours.

Leah Ingram has commenced an outline of a mural which parents and teachers will complete. The mural will be located on the rear end of the hall doors which face the Canteen.

The site is too dangerous for students but will allow parents and staff to contribute to the overall effort of school beautification and developing important messages for students.

AFL – Paul Kelly Cup

At the time of publication both Senior Boys and Senior Girls were to play in the Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day. Many thanks to parents for transporting students and to Ross Pitman for organising NSW AFL development coaches for their attendance over the last three weeks. Mr Pitman has also prepared the boys team.

BOYS CRICKET

Round 1 of the PSSA Cricket knockout will take place on Wednesday 12th March at Tunkawallin Oval against Northlakes P.S. The boys have been training in the nets at school and are keen to build on the success created by our team last year. Any parent who can support the boys by assisting with scoring, please see Mr Vine. All players selected in the team should have returned the permission note by today, Tuesday 11th March. Good luck to the team!

GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

For the first time last year we entered teams in the **Girls only Rugby League Gala Day**. It is a wonderful opportunity for girls to try something new and experience the great game of Rugby League. All reports from the girls who attended last year commented that the gala day was amongst their favourite events in 2013. Any girl in year 5 or year 6 interested in playing Rugby League in a safe, supportive format, see Mr Vine for a permission note. A trial/training run will take place at **3pm on the school oval on Tuesday 11th March**. All girls who intend on playing must wear a mouthguard. Remember that the girls will be only playing against other girls from Primary schools across the Central Coast and it is a great chance for girls to represent the school. **HATS**

MUST BE WORN AT SPORTING EVENTS!

All students must be aware that our school hat must be worn by all students at all sporting events. Our school is supportive of the sun safe message and it is important that students are safe from sunburn and potential future skin damage while participating in sport and physical activity.

SCHOOL BAG APP

Have you downloaded yours yet? Keep updated with School news and important events.

ZONE CARNIVAL REPORT

On Wednesday 5th March 22 students and their parents attended Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival held at Mingara Swimming Centre. All 22 students swam extremely well and I am very proud to say that Gwandalan Public School finished up 2nd overall for the day.

A special mention goes to Charlotte Lowe who took out the 11yrs girl champion.

Nine swimmers from Gwandalan Public School will now be attending Sydney North Trials held at Homebush Aquatic Centre in a couple of weeks. Very well done to those swimmers:

Charlotte Lowe 11yr Breaststroke, 11yr Backstroke, SNR Butterfly and 11yr 50m Freestyle

Riley Spliane 11yr Butterfly

Logan Black 100m Freestyle, SNR Backstroke, SNR Butterfly

Zac Renshaw 50m Freestyle

M.J Lowe 8yr 50m Freestyle

Jorja Kowalski 8yr 50m Freestyle

Abbie Spilane 8yr 50m Freestyle

Nash Craven 11yr 50m Freestyle

Troy Hayward SNR boys Relay

A big thank you to all the parents who travelled down to Mingara Swimming Centre and gave their time to assist on the day and support the kids.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS PROGRESSING INTO YEAR 7

Please return the Expression of Interest Forms that were sent home last week as soon as possible. All forms must be back at school by Friday 21st March.

NUMERACY ACTIVITIES AT HOME

The aim of this program is to provide numeracy activities which encourage family members to have fun while supporting classroom learning.

There are 120 different numeracy games which include board games, card games, "Count Me In Too" games, dice games, match stick puzzles and dominoes.

Children who wish to may borrow one game per week. Borrowing day will be Friday mornings where new games will be issued.

Games are kept in zip locked plastic bags and may contain small parts. Please ensure all game pieces are returned and are kept away from smaller siblings for safety purposes.

Mrs Walker

YOU CAN DO IT! LAUNCH

On **Wednesday 19th March 2014**, every class will be participating in *You Can Do It!* activities. This day will also be an out of uniform day with students being asked to wear a colour from the *You Can Do It!* Foundation skills.

Kindergarten and Year 1 to wear **Green** - Getting Along

Year 2 to wear **Red** – resilience

Year 3 to wear **Purple** – persistence

Year 4 to wear **Yellow** – confidence

Year 5 and 6 to wear **Orange** – organisation

In class students will be participating in activities to demonstrate the skills of Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

Mrs Kelly, our student welfare teacher, will be running a parent information session in the hall from 2pm-3pm and Mrs Ingram will be completing an Aboriginal Artwork with parent assistance. If you

would like to participate in the information session and Harmony Day Artwork all you need to do is turn up.

CANTEEN

If you would like to donate any time at all to working in the Canteen on Thursdays or Fridays please contact Peita on 0450 906 669. Thank you, we look forward to all your help.

DISCO

Wednesday 9th April

K – Year 2 5pm to 6.15pm

Year 3 – Year 6 6.30pm to 8pm

School Hall

\$4.00 payable at the door

Theme: Gwandalan Public School

Dress up as any character commencing with a letter from our school name.

eg G = gumby, gorilla etc

S = superman, spiderman

P = pirate, policeman

ELLA BLUNDY-EDWARDS

Congratulations Ella on being selected to represent the Wallarah Zone at the Sydney North Tennis trials this week at North Parramatta. Ella is the only student to represent our fifteen zone schools at the trials.

CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ART GROUPS YEAR 3 TO 6

At the beginning of week 7, Years 3 to 6 will be participating in activities from 2pm until 3pm. Activities include: dance, sewing, knitting, drama, music and visual arts. During this time we are also offering paid activities such as didgeridoo, singing lessons and guitar. \$5 per lesson. (positions limited). Please fill in below if your child is interested in the paid activities. **Notes and money must be in tomorrow, Wednesday 12th March.**

STUDENT _____

CLASS _____

My child is interested in attending (please circle)

1. Didgeridoo (Males only)
2. Singing
3. Guitar

I am aware that the above activities have a cost of \$5.00 each session.

Parent signature _____

Date _____

PREMIERS DEBATING CHALLENGE

The teams are as follows:

WORD WARRIORS

Rebecca Panjer
Tegan Jenkins
Lucy Withycombe
Ella Blundy-Edwards
Emmett Titley
Brodie Holdsworth

CHIT CHATTERS

Brad Casey
Delaney Baker
Breanna Austin
Daemon Titley
Aliesha Patsalis
Maddison Gernner



There is also a **YEAR 5 FRIENDLY TEAM**

Jasmine Gramat Kayla Studte
Georgia Brown Casey Knight
Casey Savin Bella Cook

BOOK CLUB

The first Book Club has been distributed for the year. Please return forms and money in an envelope to Mrs Leyshon by the due date. Don't forget to put your child's name and class on the form. If you are ordering from more than one form and using a credit card, just pay the total amount not individual amounts. The school receives 20% of all money spent on Book Club throughout the year to purchase resources for the library.

LIBRARY TIMETABLE 2014

Monday: 6M, 3O, K/1A, KL
Tuesday: 4S, 2K, 1/2W, 1S, KS
Thursday: 3/4P, 6V
Friday: 5A, 2/3C, 5T

UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Notes have gone out with this newsletter for the 2014 competitions. Please note that Year 2 can participate in the English, Mathematics and Science competitions this year.

GARDENING GROUP

Please meet us at 8am beside the canteen.

Students as follows:

Tori Sharp Samara McHale
Emma Dyer Emily Andrews
Nathan Williams Heidi McCullouch
Abbie Spillane Olivia Austin
Frances Calanni Janayah Coutts
Hannah Moreau Sam Moorjev
Marnie Angus Krystal Pearce
Alivia Williams



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.

Tues 17 th March	School Photos
Wed 19 th March	Ride to School Day <i>You Can Do It</i> - Launch
Fri 21 st March	Expression of Interest forms. Y6 into Y7 due back today
Mon 31 st March	Young Leaders Day
Wed 9 th April	Disco. Theme Gwandalan Public School
Thurs 10 th April	Anzac Day Ceremony
Fri 11 th April	Easter Hat Parade Last day of Term 1
Mon 28 th April	Staff Development Day
Tues 29 th April	Term 2 – Students return.

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Getting Along	Jasmine Grammat
Confidence Award	Bradley Casey
Organisation Award	Lilly Andrews
Resilience Award	Sophie Smith
Persistence Award	Seth Waddell

Primary Assembly Awards

Class	Name	Reason
2/3C	Jackson Friend	Showing persistence in Maths
2/3C	Noah Vine	Demonstrating organisation skills
5A	Mollie Gibson	Improved participation in class
5A	Justine Coates	Always trying her best
5A	Tyler Myers	Consistent effort in class
5A	Nathaniel Daly	Being an excellent class member
4S	Lee Sant	Persistent efforts in all areas
4S	Luke Brookes	Terrific effort in Maths
4S	Alexis Renshaw	Working with negative numbers
4S	Breanne Hickson	quality classroom efforts and organisation
5T	Bella Cook	Always displaying a positive attitude towards schoolwork.
5T	Ella Blundy-Edwards	Outstanding work in Debating
5T	Samuel Eades	Excellent exposition writing
5T	Jonah Bonser	Excellent exposition writing
6M	Dylan Murphy	Being a 6M spelling star
6M	Aleisha Patsalis	Being a 6M Spelling Star
6M	Jet Williams	Outstanding work in maths
6M	Sophie Ahern	Getting 100% in spelling three weeks in a row
6V	Luke Jeston	Fantastic start to year 6
6V	Hoon Savage	Showing a caring and compassionate attitude
6V	Nash Cravin	Wonderful attitude at all times
6V	James Andrew	Trying hard in music
6V	Aimee Abbott	Wonderful independent work skills
6V	Jack Eaton	A sensible start to year 6
6V	Mitch O'Toole	Fabulous contributions to class discussions
6V	Jakson Sherlock	A mature sensible attitude
6V	Jessica Milbourn	Wonderful group work and cooperation with others
6V	Tegan Jenkins	Outstanding Oral reading and presentation skills