

Tuesday, 13 May 2014

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Gwandalan PS Important Dates.	
Tues 13 th – Thurs 15 th May	NAPLAN
Fri 16 th May	Star struck rehearsal
Tues 20 th May	Star struck rehearsal UNSW Computer Test
Tues 27 th May	Hearing screening (Indigenous students)
Thur 29 th May	Star struck major rehearsal
Wed 4 th June	UNSW Science Test
Mon 9 th June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Mon 16 th June	UNSW Writing Test
Tues 17 th June	UNSW Spelling Test
Thurs 26 th June	Presentation Assembly Sem 1
Fri 27 th June	Last day Term 2

Its NAPLAN WEEK!

All students in years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN Assessments today, Tuesday and Thursday.

Good Luck students!

STAFF UPDATE Mr Shane Turner has been appointed as a new teacher at Gwandalan Public School from Day 1, 2015. Shane is currently working at Umina Public School and he will visit us in the near future.

NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5 Naplan testing has started today. As mentioned in earlier newsletters we ask that all students be at school on time and ready to commence. Good luck to those students sitting these exams. (Tue, Wed & Thurs)

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL

A huge thank you to all P & C members for preparing for the breakfast and the stall. Thank you also to parents for supporting these fundraisers. We hope you and your children had a lovely day.

STEWART HOUSE A big thank you to Peita Vine P&C President for transporting students to and from Stewart House at South Curl Curl over the last two weeks. The students and parents appreciated your time.

CROSS COUNTRY & FUN RUN AT TUNKUWALLIN To date students have handed in around \$3800 for the Fun Run. What a great effort. We are attempting to have more students participate and not be sitting bored for long periods of time, so we would like to know how parents received the different venue and format introduced this year. A survey will go home on Wednesday for parents to complete. No names are required just responses on how to deliver better initiatives for students. Results will be published in future newsletters.

CARPET CLEANING Thank You Mr Vine All carpet areas in our school were cleaned on Saturday, 2nd May. A big thanks to Mr Vine for being on standby and then locking up once all cleaning had been completed.

STAR STRUCK REHEARSALS Gwandalan Bowling Club has generously donated their courtesy bus to allow students to be transported to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on four occasions for Starstruck Rehearsals. Miss McKerihan and Mrs Ingram (driver) were impressed with rehearsal and the transport arrangements.

GWANDALAN OOSH CENTRE We are asking parents to support this great service. Staff is great and students get many opportunities to do fun activities. There have been an increasing number of students being delivered to school well before 8am. It is getting colder now and students are uncomfortable before the learning process even commences. Please use our OOSH Centre!

SCHOOL UNIFORM As winter arrives our students will need to wear their warmer uniform. Gwandalan Public School's winter uniform is Royal Blue jumper and black tracksuit pants. Please note that black tights on girls are not permitted.

SCHOOL FETE CHANGE OF DATE Due to circumstances beyond our control our School Fete will now be held on Saturday, 11th October, 2014. (Saturday of Week 1, Term 4.)

CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday we held our annual Cross Country Fun Run at Tunkuwallin Oval. The day was a huge success with students from year kindergarten to Year 6 participating. It was wonderful to witness students running, jogging and walking the track and all doing their best. Students who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd will be handed their ribbons at the next stage assembly. Any student who finished in the top six placegetters from the 8/9 year old races and above will be given a note to attend the Wallarah Zone carnival in the near future. Thankyou to the Year 6 Sports House captains who did a wonderful job as course officials. Well done also to all students who showed wonderful school spirit by raising sponsorship money for the Fun Run. Students who raised money will receive their prizes as soon as they arrive back at school. Thanks to all parents and community members who supported the students by sponsoring them at the event.

Highest Fundraiser- Jorja Kowalksi \$330

2nd Highest fundraiser- Marnie Angus \$200

Highest fundraising class- 2K

<u>5/6 years boys</u> 1 st Kingston Lowe 2 nd Louis MacAlpine 3 rd Baylan Murphy	<u>5/6 years girls</u> 1 st Brooke Pittman 2 nd Kira Whitney 3 rd Allegra Adamson
<u>7 years boys</u> 1 st Nathan Williams 2 nd Jayden Coutts 3 rd Maxx Bramman	<u>7 years girls</u> 1 st Molly Pittman 2 nd Tori Adamson 3 rd Elly Daniel
<u>8/9 years boys</u> 1 st M.J Lowe 2 nd Lachlan Adams 3 rd Ashton Myers	<u>8/9 years girls</u> 1 st Amelia MacAlpine 2 nd Emma Dyer 3 rd Brooke Boon
<u>10 years boys</u> 1 st Ottis Millard Jorda 2 nd Ethan Bell 3 rd Luke Casey	<u>10 years girls</u> 1 st Emily Bush Charnock 2 nd Nikkia Holmes 3 rd Ella Munsie
<u>11 years boys</u> 1 st Troy Hayward 2 nd Kyle Grew 3 rd Billy Watmore	<u>11 years girls</u> 1 st Charlotte Lowe 2 nd Ella Blundy Edwards 3 rd Lilly Andrews
<u>12/13 years boys</u> 1 st Milos Millard Jorda 2 nd Dylan Murphy 3 rd Hoon Savage	<u>12/13 years girls</u> 1 st Sophie Ahern 2 nd Tamika Bull 3 rd Rebecca Panjer



What is social and emotional learning? (Part 2)

The kinds of social and emotional skills that are important for children to develop have been identified by researchers as:

Self-awareness - Understanding feelings, self-confidence.

Social awareness - Respecting and understanding others, and appreciating differences between people.

Self-management - Managing emotions, being able to set goals and stick to them.

Responsible decision-making - Choosing wisely and thoughtfully.

Relationship skills - Cooperating, communicating, making friends and resolving conflict.

How parents and carers can help

You continue to have a critical role to play in supporting children's social and emotional learning throughout the school years. Your child's school will let you know what approach they have chosen for their social and emotional learning curriculum so that you can use some of the ideas at home.

Children learn best when they are encouraged to practise the skills they learn at school, at home and in the real world.

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This is a family event presented by the Summerland Community Baptist Church.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Come to my Party

Sunday 18th May 5pm to 7pm
Gwandalan Public School Hall

Fun games for all ages

Freddo Story Time

Light supper provided

You are Freddo's guest, it's a free party!

Mothers Day Barbeque Photos



P & C News

Thank you to all families for the great support shown to our P & C.

Our enormous *Easter Raffle* made a healthy profit of \$2152.55. That's money for our School, our students. Well done everyone! KS won the class party for donating the most Easter Eggs. The students enjoyed this party yesterday and they loved it!

We are still selling Entertainment Books. \$12 from each book goes to the P & C. There are only 6 left....DONT MISS OUT.

The Mother's Day Barbeque Breakfast was a huge success as was the *Mother's Day Stall*. Profit from these activities will be published in next week's newsletter.

Balloons and music added to a great atmosphere. Special thanks to the OOSH children for making the pretty flowers for our Mums, and another big thank you to the Mums and Dads and some of our wonderful students for your help on the morning. It was a very early start for some and we all enjoyed your company.

Winners

Mother's Day Stall Raffle winners were:

1st Caylum 5A, 2nd Erin KL, 3rd Brodie 2K, 4th Tamika 6M

Breakfast Raffle was won by: Joslyn Shields K1/A

Our *Meetings* are a friendly get together in the community room on the 1st Tuesday of every month. These meetings start at 3.30 and never go for longer than 1 hour. Afternoon tea is provided. Why not come along and get involved.

Fund raising ideas were discussed at our meeting last Tuesday with some great new ideas happening over the next few terms. We will keep you informed of future events. WATCH THIS SPACE.

