



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday, 27 May 2014

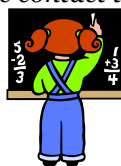
Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Gwandalan PS Important Dates.

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

Kindergarten 2015

We are now taking enrolments for kindergarten 2015. If you or anyone you know has a child planning to start school next year please contact the school.



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

A big thank you to Mr Vine & our Year 6 students for organising this special day last Friday.

In recent times, there have been a significant number of pedestrians injured by vehicles. It is anticipated that student safety will be enhanced by focusing about pedestrian safety. Parents please collect your child from the School side of the road and cross at the pedestrian crossing. Always hold your child's hand when crossing or walking near a road.



RECONCILIATION WEEK ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Mrs Ingram and our students for completing art works for this event. The competition was extremely tough with a number of outstanding works being entered this year.

At Gosford Regional Art Gallery on Sunday, Tamika Bull and Mrs Ingram, were presented with a cheque for \$250 and a plaque for 1st Prize in the Reconciliation Art section. This is our prize winning artwork.

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Sporting Houses
Awabakal - Green
Coomalong - Blue
Eurie - Red

School Rules
1. Show Respect
2. Let Everyone Learn
3. Play Safely

P&C meets on the
1st Tuesday of each month
in the Community Room
at 3.30pm.

All parents and members
are invited to attend.

YEAR 6 - YOU CAN DO IT QUILTS FOR THE LIBRARY

Year 6 students will be working on five quilts to be displayed in the Library. Each quilt will focus upon one of the five You Can Do It Foundations. It is anticipated that these will be completed for display at the end of Term 3.

STAR STRUCK COSTUMES

A big thank you to teachers, office staff and parents for their assistance in making costumes for our Star Struck performers. The group worked extremely hard until late last Thursday evening.

Office Hours
8:40am-3:15pm

**RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • FAIRNESS • INTEGRITY • PARTICIPATION
EXCELLENCE • DEMOCRACY • CO-OPERATION • CARE • FORGIVENESS**

BOOK FAIR

A big thankyou to all Gwandalan families who supported the Book Fair! We managed to sell \$3600 worth of merchandise. The school will receive over \$1000 of resources for the Library and Classrooms. A great effort Gwandalan Public School!

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to our rostered helpers for this week.

Wed 28th May	Paul
Thurs 29th May	Jodie
Fri 30th May	Donna
Tues 3 rd June	Cheryl

PREMIERS DEBATING CHALLENGE

Our first debate of the year for the Premiers Debating Challenge was Gwandalan vs Gwandalan. It was held in the community room on Thursday 22nd May. The topic was 'Primary School Students Should Have Longer Holidays.'

The Year 5 team did a great job of running the debate. Both teams brought up some very good arguments. Word Warriors had a narrow victory over the Chit Chatters. Well done to all involved. Our next debates are against Lake Munmorah and Mannering Park.

About Social and Emotional Learning Part 2

Why social and emotional learning is important to schools

Australia's national educational goals for the 21st century, as well as curriculum frameworks for each state and territory, recognise the importance of children achieving positive outcomes that relate directly to the skills of social and emotional learning. In addition, there is broad agreement and research evidence that shows that social and emotional skills can improve academic learning and enhance students' motivation to cooperate and achieve. Because it emphasises teaching children the skills for positive relationships, social and emotional learning is a key strategy for schools in their efforts to reduce bullying and improve caring, respect and responsibility at school. When children are taught specific strategies for recognising and responding to emotions, thinking through challenging situations and communicating effectively, they are less likely to act out frustrations at school and elsewhere. www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Primary Assembly Awards 2014 Week 4		
Class	Name	Reason for Award
2/3C	Abbie Spillane	Great work in Maths
2/3C	Zachary Wilberforce	Confident class member
2/3C	Blake Boslem	Displaying a positive approach in the classroom
2/3C	Lilian Howe	Displaying an 'I can do it' in the classroom
3O	Finn Hutchinson	For a great self-portrait
3O	Beth Meehan	For a creative narrative
3O	Ashton Myers	Always trying his best in all areas
3O	Joseph Parkinson	Improvement in spelling and writing
3O	Dane Green	For a confident, well-presented speech.
3O	Rogan Pichler	For a confident, well-presented speech.
3O	Sophie Smith	Improvement in mathematics
3O	Fletcher Payne	Great class citizenship
3-4P	Jeffrey O'Neil	Excellent class effort
3-4P	Ebonie Hanley	Best class work
3-4P	Amelia MacAlpine	Best class work
3-4P	Matthew Austin	Best class work
5A	Nikolai Van Den Berg	Displaying an 'I Can Do It' attitude in class
5A	Justine Coates	Always striving to do her best
5A	Mollie Gibson	An Excellent Antarctica Project
5A	Madison Duce	An Excellent Antarctica Project
4S	Taliah Handdebo	Consistent excellent efforts
4S	Sophie Larkham	Trying her best
4S	Jake Mullin	Consistent work
4S	Mitchell MacDonald	Improved efforts
5T	Nikkia Holmes	Working well in all areas
5T	James Dunn	Displaying an enthusiastic attitude to learning
5T	Ella Blundy-Edwards	A creative and thoughtful response to visual literacy
5T	Cody Hughes	Excellent work in Spelling

FETE NEWS

This year we have more rides than ever before. Armbands will be pre sold. This will entitle the holder to unlimited rides all day. We have more stalls and more activities. This year our fete will be **bigger** than ever. More information to come. Keep the date free on your calender.

P & C

Our meeting is on next Tuesday at 3.30 in the community room. The meeting only goes for 1 hour. We look forward to seeing you all there.

KATOOMBA EXCURSION

There are still vacancies available for this excursion. 90 students can attend. If you have paid your \$50 deposit please continue to make regular payments. No payment cards will be issued. If you are not sure of the amount you have paid please enquire at the office.

CANBERRA EXCURSION

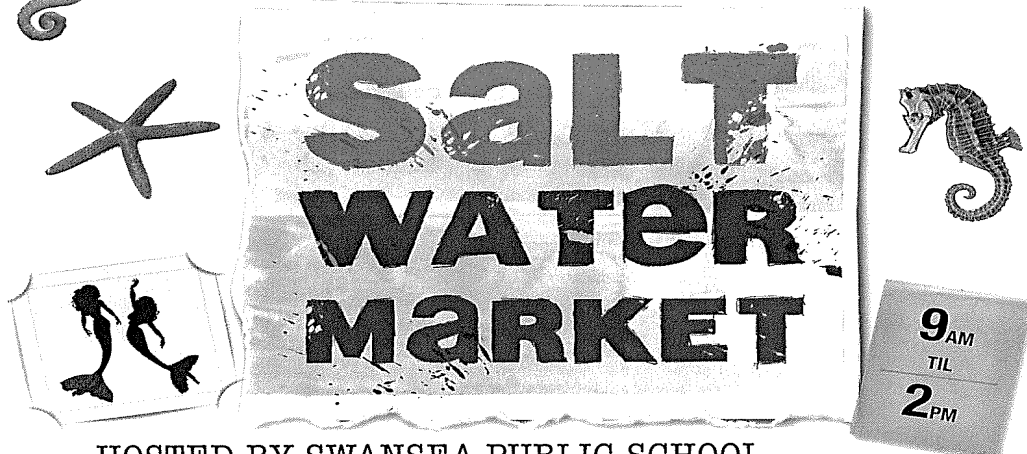
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GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Years 3 to 6 start the program next week. Final day for payment is Friday 30 May. No late payments will be taken after this day.



SUNDAY 1ST JUNE



HOSTED BY SWANSEA PUBLIC SCHOOL,
RAWSON & CHANNEL STS, SWANSEA

QUALITY MARKET STALLS

COME & EXPLORE YOUR MARKET

~ PLUS ENJOY ~

MASTERCLASS PERFORMING LIVE IN RELAXATION ZONE
TASTY FOOD PRECINCT FROM AROUND THE WORLD
DELICIOUS RANGE OF TEAS, COFFEES & HOT CHOCOLATES
FRESH EGGS, CAKES, JAMS, OILS & PRESERVES
LAKE MACQUARIE FM BROADCASTING IN MAIN ARENA
FUN FOR KIDS WITH A JUMPING CASTLE & FACE PAINTING



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