



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



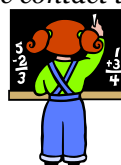
**Tuesday, 15 July 2014**

## Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Gwandalan PS Important Dates.	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	NED show
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Athletics Carnival
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> July-Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Education Week
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	NAIDOC Day

### 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.*



## Principal's Report

What a spectacular end to Term 2 with an outstanding Presentation assembly. I know Mr Begg passed on his congratulations to the whole school, but congratulations and praise was also given by Mr Jason Baldwin, Relieving School Education Director. A copy of the email that was sent last term appears below:

*Dear Don*

*I wanted to write and thank you so very much for inviting me to attend your special assembly yesterday. It was such a wonderful student centred event that celebrated the achievements of so many students. The pride of all members of the school community was easily visible as students received their awards, sang, danced and gave speeches.*

*The school looked remarkable and the students behaviour and conduct throughout the assembly was flawless. They should be commended for their outstanding behaviour under windy weather conditions.*

*Please pass on my personal thanks and this email to each and every staff member who clearly work tirelessly at the school to offer wonderful opportunities to the lucky students who attend Gwandalan Public School.*

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope that all students have come back to school refreshed and ready for a great term full of wonderful learning experiences. Some of those experiences include the Athletics Carnival next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and the NED show, a free show complementing the You Can Do It program to be experienced next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. All students from K-6 will be attending in the afternoon from 2.00pm-2.45pm.

Other events planned this term include Education Week celebrations in Week 3 including Naidoc Day activities on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

We hope that all parents have received the Semester 1 report and this term there will be a chance for you to speak to the classroom teacher about your child's progress. The Parent/Teacher interviews will take place next week with each Stage sending home interview times. Please return these as soon as possible to the classroom teacher to get the time required or at least the closest time.

### Staff Changes:

I will be Relieving Principal for the next four weeks while Mr Begg is on leave, with Mr Vine relieving as Assistant Principal for Stage 3. Mr Hill will be teaching 5T on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Summers will remain teaching 5T on a Tuesday. As part of the student and teacher support operating across Gwandalan Public School, Mr Hill will take 6V on a Tuesday, allowing Mr Vine to provide support in Stage 3 classrooms.

### Semester 1 Reports

The Semester 1 reports sent home last term contain one major change in English. Unlike previous reports there are no longer three separate sections that English is divided up into. We have now implemented the New NSW English K-10 Syllabus. Instead of three distinct areas of Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing, there are now five objectives that need to be addressed in the syllabus. These objectives identify essential knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students should be able to demonstrate at their stage of learning. The five objectives state that students:

- communicate through speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing and representing
- use language to shape and make meaning according to purpose, audience and context
- think in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive and critical
- express themselves and their relationships with others and their world
- learn and reflect on their learning through their study of English

As a parent you may have already realised the new syllabus' focus on visual literacy, multimodal texts and the use of ICT and how these areas can be assessed very differently in all of above areas.

As a result of this, the reporting of these areas and what it will look like is yet to be decided, so during this time of change and transition we decided that only one grade be given for this subject area. Please be assured your child's comment reflects the new content

of the syllabus and how they are progressing along their learning continuum. During the Parent/Teacher interviews you are most welcome to discuss your child's progress in this area.

Sue Tangye  
Relieving Principal

### CANTEEN NEWS

Our school canteen will be CLOSED Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July due to the School Athletics carnival.

Our canteen will be operating from the carnival at Tunkawalan oval.

Please see our limited menu for the day below.

We are also looking for help on the day. Shifts are available in 1hr blocks.

Please pop and put your name down on our roster in the canteen.

### MENU

SAUSAGE SANDWHICH	\$2.50
CHEESE & BACON ROLL	\$1.50
FINGER BUNS	\$1.80
CHOCOLATE BROWNIE	\$0.60
RED LICORICE	\$0.30
ALL DRINKS	\$2.00
HOT MILO/TEA/COFFEE	\$1.50
CHIPS	\$1.20
ALL ICEBLOCKS	\$1.00

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Belinda
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Marg
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Donna
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Athletics Carnival

### KATOOMBA EXCURSION

We currently have 13 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

Please continue to make regular payments towards your full payment. No payment cards will be issued. If you are not sure of the amount you have paid please enquire at the office.