

Tuesday 26th August 2014

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Gwandalan PS Important Dates.

Mon 1 st September	Book week 3D model due. Mrs Leyshon
Fri 5 th September	Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast 7am Fathers Day Stall 9am – 11am Book Week Parade 2.15pm
Thurs 11 th September Fri 12 th September	P & C Raffle at 16 Foot Sailing Club. Belmont
Sat 11 th October	Gwandalan School Fete

REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL

Congratulations to **Tegan Jenkins** upon her participation at yesterday's Regional Public Speaking Final held at Cardiff.

Fabulous effort Tegan.



GWANDALAN LIONS

Gwandalan Lions have secured a grant from Lions International for a cheque to the value of \$10,800. This valuable funding has been used to pay for iPads currently being used within the school.

A big thank you to Barry Simpson and Frank Cuddy for the roles that they played in attracting these funds.

CHARLOTTE LOWE Success at Australian PSSA Cross Country – Perth

Charlotte received a silver medal in her individual age group finishing only 8 seconds behind the winner.

Charlotte received a gold medallion in a team event as well. Congratulations Charlotte.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Thursday, December 18th & Friday 19th December, 2014.

We are currently applying to have the last two Development Days varied.

These days have been set aside for staff training and students do not usually attend. Staff are trying to work these 12 hours in the remainder of Term 3 and Term 4 so that they complete the year on Wednesday, 17th December with students for two reasons:

1. Staff believe that it is better to learn these new improvement strategies and be working on them with students well before the year's end.

Some years ago the school paid an expert presenter \$1500 for the last day of the school year. It was a fabulous, informative presentation but staff had forgotten the key components of the presenter's ideas over the vacation period.

2. The presenters we want are not available on the last two days but are available after school in Term 3.

If you agree/disagree with this decision please complete the note below.



I agree/disagree with this decision. (Please circle your choice). Please return to your class teacher.

Comment : (No Names Required)

Book Week 2014

A time to dress up and have some fun as your favourite book character!

WHEN: Friday 5th September, 2014 at 2.15pm

WHERE: Under the Cola

WHO: All students K-6

*To celebrate this year's theme of **CONNECT TO READING**, we are holding a 3D Building Competition. Students can create their own 3D model of their favourite book scene. Models can be made from Lego, plasticine or a diorama. Completed book scenes need to be given to Mrs Leyshon by Monday 1st September. We look forward to seeing you all there.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Possible Variation to Entry into School

The School has had an Arborist Report completed and it stated that certain trees, 4 in total, need to be removed and a number of tree branches trimmed. Unfortunately the wet weather has delayed this.

Tomorrow, weather permitting, this process will commence. If the Orana Road Entrance near OOSH gate is closed please enter via the front entrances of the School in Kanangra Drive. Be aware that workers could be trimming branches/limbs of trees. If postponed due to wet weather tomorrow the work will occur ASAP.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Win tickets to the NRL Grand Final as well as two signed Premiership Jerseys

The **NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge** Principal Sponsor, **NRL's One Community** is offering all students participating in the 2014 NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Primary the chance to win a family pass (four x Gold tickets) to attend the NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final, as well as two signed Premiership jerseys, one for you and one for your school.

The NRL Grand Final will be held on Sunday October 5 at ANZ Stadium.

For the chance to win, tell us in 100 words or less why Rugby League is the 'greatest game of all'.

Entries are to be completed on a special entry form and emailed to psc@det.nsw.edu.au by **5pm Monday 8th September 2014**. To be eligible to win, all entries must include your full name, year and school and the school must be registered in the 2014 NSW Premier's sporting challenge.

Please note: Transport to Sydney will be provided in the event a student from a regional school wins. See Mr Vine for an entry form.

SCHOOL PACKS

Over the remaining weeks of Term 3 and Term 4 you will receive more information about School Packs. These will provide all students with resources needed for the start of 2015. It saves parents the cost of travelling to stores and all resources will be available Day 1 and a cost cheaper than parents can purchase them because of our later volume of purchasing power.

YOU CAN DO IT!

This week students will be concentrating on developing the foundation skill of **Confidence**.

On Friday 29th August, students are invited to wear a yellow accessory to school. Items such as yellow socks, yellow headband, yellow sticker, yellow ribbons or yellow loom band bracelets are acceptable.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We have several 9 litre fire extinguishers that we no longer require. These extinguishers are water based and therefore suitable for non-chemical fires. If you are interested please see the office.

P & C News.

Thankyou for all those students who participated in our **Beanie Day Charity Fundraiser**. We raised \$265.

September is a busy month for Our P&C.

On Friday 5th September we will be hosting our **Father's Day BBQ**.

We are seeking help to cook the BBQ and with light food preparation.

If you are able to assist us please fill in the form below and hand to Office.

At the conclusion of the BBQ we will be running our **Father's Day Stall**. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to purchase a small gift for those special males in their lives. Gifts start at \$1.50. There will also be an opportunity for students to purchase raffle tickets which will be drawn on the day.

On Thursday 11th and Friday 12th of September, we will be selling raffle tickets at **Belmont 16ft Sailing Club** for their meet raffles. This is a fundraising event for our school and we would love to see you there.

Our **Monthly Meeting** is on Tuesday 2nd at 3:15 in the community room and we are having a special **Fete Meeting** on the 9th September at 6:30 in the community room.

Our **Fete** is on the 11th October. Don't forget to pre-purchase your children's unlimited ride armbands for only \$25 to be used on fete day. These are available from the office. This is excellent value for the day.

FATHERS DAY BBQ HELPERS

I _____ would like to help cook the BBQ on

Friday 5th September.

I am available the following times:

☐ 6am-7am

☐ 7am-8am

☐ 8am-9am

☐ 9am-10am

☐ I am also available to assist with the Fathers Day stall.

SAFE RIDING OF BIKES TO SCHOOL

Just a reminder that students with bike licences have agreed to ride safely to and from School. It has been reported to the School that not all students are doing this. Bike licences will be taken from any student that is not obeying the rules of the road.

2015 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Please return the enrolment forms with the necessary documents as soon as possible. Thank you.

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

We left the school on a rainy Wednesday morning and arrived in Canberra for lunch at Regatta Point where we learned about the history of the city. We also visited Parliament House and saw the Senate Room and where the House of Representatives sit. After dinner we walked to the Dinosaur Museum. A cold night followed.

Our day started early with a visit to the Education Electoral Centre in Old Parliament House where the students learned about the history of voting and how to vote in an election and also how votes are counted. We took a tour along Embassy Drive and it was interesting to see the large number of security cameras positioned and Federal Police around some Embassies. Later in the day we visited the War Memorial where some students were able to locate the names of family members and place a poppy in their honour. Our school captains were also invited to lay a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony. This was a very moving experience. Later that night we visited Telstra Tower and saw the lights of Canberra and spread out the city is becoming.

Another early start saw us visit the Australian Institute of Sport. There were very few athletes in on the day but the students enjoyed the games room where they got to experience some different sports. Later we went to Questacon where they learned about different aspects of science. The favourite activities were the earthquake room and the drop. Luckily the weather was beautiful throughout the days with no sign of rain although the nights were chilly. It was a fantastic place to visit with so much to see and do.

Thanks to the students for their good behaviour and their best manners as our school was complimented at the War Memorial for being so respectful.

Stage 3 Teachers



CANTEEN NEWS

Last week we launched Fruit and Veg month. This is a fresh food initiative run by Sydney Markets.

The students have been enjoying all kinds of fruit and vegetable items for sale at recess and lunch.

There is also the opportunity for students to win instant prizes for buying 2 items of fruit or veg. Once they claim their instant prize they go in the draw to win bigger prizes such as a TV and mini iPad.

Last week we also served purple items, as it was Persistence week.

This week is Confidence week so the following yellow items will be for sale. This enables students to gain double stickers for Fruit and Veg month when they purchase these items.

Tuesday: Creamed Corn Bread Cups

Wednesday: Banana Bread

Thursday: Fruit sticks with yellow Nectarines, apple and banana.

Friday: Fresh Banana Smoothies

Just a reminder for families that we do not offer Recess orders but students are welcome to purchase snacks over the counter during Recess.

We are also unable to re-heat brought from home. This is a food and safety legislation.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Week 1

Social and emotional learning: Suggestions for families – Part 1

Parents and carers have a critical role to play in guiding and supporting children's social and emotional learning. Social and emotional skills develop with practice.

Everyday situations present lots of opportunities for children to learn and practise skills for coping with emotions, managing relationships and solving problems. You can help children build the skills they need by providing effective coaching.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

