



Term 4 Week 2 Tuesday 13th October, 2015

Mr. Osland's Oracle

Welcome back everyone to the start of what we are already seeing as a very busy Term 4. We have so many positive things planned for our students and families as we move throughout the term. Please remember if you have any questions or feedback please contact the school and we will endeavour to help out where we can.

WELCOME : Mrs Shoobridge

A HUGE welcome to **Mrs Debbie Shoobridge** who is our new School Administration Manager. Mrs Shoobridge will be working in the front office with Mrs Kim Lane and will be one of the welcoming faces as you come into our school. We hope to continue to foster the positive relationships across our school with Mrs Shoobridge being an active part of our school.

Many thanks to Mrs Kim Lane, Mrs Jo Ham, Mrs Melissa Clark and Mrs Sarah Brown who have filled positions in a variety of roles to ensure our school stayed on track. ALL your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Lake Munmorah High School—Year 7 Parent Meeting

We invite **ALL Year 6 parents** to come along to a Parent/Carer Information session on **Wednesday 14th October, 2015 (this Wednesday Evening)** that will assist our students with transition to High School.

This information evening will be in our **SCHOOL Hall starting at 5:30pm and finishing no later than 6:30pm**

SCHOOL PLANNING FOR 2016-2017

We ENCOURAGE anyone who may be interested to our first school focus group on **Thursday 22nd October in our community room from 9am**. We want to discuss the school from the viewpoint of you (parents, community and students), regarding what the school is doing well and how can we further enhance our school. The information collected is confidential and extremely helpful as we move forward. This is a great opportunity to assist the school's future directions.

Great schools have great partnerships.

SCHOOL SPORT Term 4

What a great end to last week with our **FIRST Sports session link with Point Wolstoncroft**. We would like to remind parents that we have the following sports available across our primary school—Tennis, Swimming, Bike riding, Beach-Volleyball, Fishing, Austag and Fun Fitness.

If your child is doing sport outside the school there is a charge of \$1 per week (which students can bring in weekly) .

All fishing gear will be provided (including bait). Students involved with tennis can use their own racquets. Bike riders may bring a camel water pack with them (it is the responsibility of the student to look after it) on the ride. This is not an essential, a water bottle will be suitable.

It is recommended that ALL STUDENTS wear appropriate school sports uniform (including comfortable shoes), bring a water bottle , sun safe hat and apply sunscreen on sports days. Black shorts, skorts or school shorts are recommended.

Any parents that may wish to join in and help out please contact the school. **Parents are MORE than WELCOME.**

NEW HATS and Sports Uniform Review

Last week the school started selling our NEW Bucket Hats. We have all sizes in stock for \$10 each. Please ask the ladies in the office if you are interested.

On display in the office is a possible mock up for a future sport shirt— Please give us your feedback.

NEW 2016 KINDERGARTEN Transitions

This **Tuesday (13th October)** starts our **Gwandalan STARS—2016** Kindergarten Transition program. This week we have been kindly supported by Gwandalan Lions club for our **Picnic in the Park— so that we can meet / greet & connect**. This is a great opportunity for all our new Kinders to come and play with our current students in a relaxed and positive way.

The following week— **Tuesday 20th October** will be the first of 4 visits within the school. The 20th October will be a structured information session to support parents for 2016 whilst students go down to classroom to interact with teachers.

FROM THE OFFICE

PHONES Parents are reminded that if students bring phones to school that they must be handed into the office in the morning and collected after the bell in the afternoon.

LATE NOTES Parents are also reminded that if your child is late to school they are asked to come into the office and explain the absence. Arriving late to school is counted as a partial absence.

DVD We will continue to take orders for the School Concert DVD up to and including week 3 Term 4. Please ensure that you get your order in as soon as possible as we would hate for any families to miss out.

PLEASE NOTE Administration office hours are 8.30am to 3.15pm DAILY During School Terms. Please ensure that all calls, enquiry's and purchases are made within this time frame.



Trash and Treasure

Any donations for the Trash and Treasure stall for the school fete would be greatly appreciated. Please send all items to 2W or 2P rooms. **Thankyou**

Great Aussie Bush Camp Stage 3 Excursion

**Final date for payment is
14th October.
That's this
Wednesday!**

Stage 3 Excursion Coordinator—Kerrie Abbott



Fete Volunteers

We urgently need volunteers for this Saturdays Fete.

If you can spare some time to help please contact

Peita Vine 0450906669 or the office on 4976 1318.

Please see the office for rosters.



Skoolbag App

Don't forget to download your copy of the Skoolbag app and stay informed.

Remember there will be no more hardcopy Newsletters sent home.

Electronic copies will be available on the school website and in the Skoolbag app.

Gwandalan Kinder STARS

Aiming high for our new Kindergarten Student's 2016

Orientation Session 1: Tuesday 20th October

9am – 11am – Children to Kindy Rooms. Parent information session in the hall.

Orientation Session 2: Wednesday 28th October

9am – 11am – Children to Kindy Rooms. Parent information session in the hall.

Orientation Session 3: Tuesday 17th November

9am parents to drop Children to Kindy Rooms, please pick up from kindy rooms at 11am – parents use this 2 hours at your leisure!

Orientation Session 4: Tuesday 24th November

9am parents to drop Children to Kindy Rooms, please pick up from kindy rooms at 11am – parents use this 2 hours at your leisure!!





Library Corner
Melissa Leyshon
Gwandalan Public
School Library

Book Fair

Dates: **Monday 23rd November, Tuesday 24th November and Thursday 26th November**

Times: We are trialling a new purchasing system for this fair. The fair is open to parents from 8.40 – 9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm on the above dates.

Students can purchase throughout the day on Monday 23rd November and lunch times.

Purchase some great books for Xmas presents and the school receives 30% from each sale!!!

UNSW Competition Results

Thankyou to all students who have competed in this year's exams. Congratulations on some great results!

English-

CREDIT: Fletcher Payne

CREDIT: Zophia Karakatsanis

Science-

CREDIT: Jared Meehan

Spelling-

MERIT: Montanna Scott

MERIT: Finn Jenkins

Writing-

CREDIT: Montanna Scott

MATHS-

CREDIT: Jared Meehan

MERIT: Zophia Karakatsanis

Uniform

Bucket Hats are on sale at the front office for \$10 each. **Get in quick as they are selling fast**

CLOTHING POOL

We currently have a number of new items for sale in the school clothing pool.

GPS Shorts size 14 \$15.00

Jackets size 8 and a 10-12 \$25.00

Shirts size 16 X 2 \$20.00ea

Size 18 \$20.00

Dresses size 12 X 2 \$30.00ea and

Size 10 \$30.00

Please contact the office for further information.

Now on Display in the Office

We now have the mock up future sport shirt for your inspection. The shirt is made from a sun safe 100% Polyester material and is very light weight.

We would appreciate all feedback. Please have a look and let us know what you think.





Gwandalan Public 2016 Book





School Parade

Gwandalan Public School Fete & Car Show



Kanangra Drive, Gwandalan

Saturday 17th October – 9am to 2pm



Car Judging, Class & Craft Stalls

"Pinky" – Australia's Leading Motor Show Announcer

Rides for Kids, Entertainment

Hot Food, Drinks & Sweets

And much more

Come along for a day full of fun !!!!!!!



Lake Munmorah High School

invites you to the

Year 6 into 7 Transition

Parent / Carer Information Evening

Wednesday the 14th of October, 2015

at Gwandalan Public School

5:30pm to 6:30pm in the school hall

The information evening will address:

Orientation Day

Year 6 student attendance at LMHS in Term 4

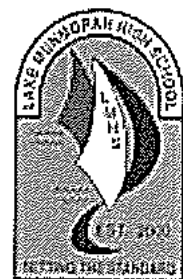
Uniform

Bus transport

Book packs

Class placement

Question & Answer forum





FREE TRY SAILING DAY

POINT WOLSTONCROFT

Price: FREE

Date: Sunday, 25 October 2015

Time: 10am-1pm

Venue: H2O Sports Academy Australia, Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre, Gwandalan, NSW 2259

H2O's free try sailing day offers sailing opportunities for kids aged 6+ years and adults with no age cap. The sport of sailing offers something for everyone. We will have the following boats available to try along with experienced sailors to assist:

- Optimists
- Bytes
- Lasers
- Hobies
- Stand-up-paddle boards
- Windsurfers and kayaks

Bring the family along and enjoy a picnic beside the lake in the beautiful surrounds of Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre.

If you like your sailing experience and wish to learn more H2O will be offering places for our Yachting Australia accredited learn to sail and race courses. These courses run every Saturday for 8 weeks starting 10th October and run from 9am to 12pm.

Race training runs from 1pm to 4pm every Saturday in Optimists and Lasers with each race training session finishing off with three short races that will form part of a series with overall prizes.



Bookings essential: 0473 026 445 | info@h2o-sports-academy.com



Community Events and Information

Swansea Sharks Swimming Club

Registration Day

13th October, 2015 6pm Swansea

Swim Centre



If you have a love for swimming and want to have fun, keep fit and meet new friends, it's now time to swim with Swansea Sharks Swimming Club!!

Tuesdays 6PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT JASON 0438 658 803



Student Artwork this week by

Kobie in Class KW.

**fresh
TASTES**
healthy food at school

Canteen News

Thankyou to our last term volunteers Diane Taylor, Melissa Taylor, Margaret Elsie, Michelle Moreau, Rebeckah Meehan, Margaret Gallagher, and Margaret & Melanie Byrne. Your help in serving and making yummy, Fresh, Healthy, Tasty food for all our students was very much appreciated. We hope to see you back again this term. **Do you have spare time to volunteer?** Please contact us on 4976 2054 during canteen hours 10am to 2.30pm or just leave a message with the lovely ladies in the office. This term there will be a New Summer Menu coming out with great Meal Deals, new items and updated prices. It will be available this week on our school website; also we will have copies available in the Canteen and Office for students who would like to take one home.

Gwandalan Public School Canteen is Committed to keeping it Fresh, Healthy and Tasty!

Canteen Supervisors

Lyn & Megan

Life is an Adventure !!

Join in the fun, learn skills & make new friends

Scouts for Boys and Girls

Bring this flyer for your first night free

Call **LIZ 0409 908 217**

1st Gwandalan Scouts It's more than you think!



Dates to Remember



October 2015

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Sun

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| 12 | 13 Zoo Snooze Kindergarten Picnic in the Park 12-1.30pm | 14 Zoo Snooze | 15 Primary Assembly 4H 10-11am | 16 Sport | 17 FETE 9 am | 18 |
| 19 Payment Due for Interest Groups , Guitar and Ukulele | 20 Rugby League Clinic Kinder Orientation Visist 1 | 21 Interest Groups Start Beach/Surf Safety | 22 | 23 YR 6 GATS Sport | 24 | 25 |
| 26 YR 6 Gats | 27 Rugby League Clinic | 28 Great Aussie Bushcamp Kinder Orientation Visit 2 | 29 Primary Assembly 3T 10-11am | 30 No Sport | 31 | |

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CANTEEN

If you can spare any time, please remember we are always looking for volunteers in the school canteen. Your children would love to see you in the there, why not come along and give it a go! Call Lyn 4976 2054