



Term 4 Week 4 Tuesday 27th October, 2015

Mr. Osland's Oracle

Welcome parents and friends of Gwandalan PS to our week 4 edition of our Newsletter. The start of this term has been extremely busy with Excursion, Kindergarten orientation, School sport and student data collection.

Our goal is to support ALL students so that they can achieve their potential in a safe and engaging learning environment. We ask that even though we are in Term 4—please continue to read with your child (ren), complete their homework with them and ask them questions about their learning and development. This can enhance how children learn and grow within the classroom. Any questions regarding your child 's(ren) learning please talk to our wonderful classroom teachers.

NEWSLETTERS—Electronic

We would like to remind **ALL parents and friends** that our Newsletter is still available in **paper form on request** from the front office. If you or someone you know wishes for a paper copy to be sent home with your child PLEASE let us know as we are more than happy to assist parents in this regards.

We have gone to an electronic version to not save cost but reduce our usage of a extremely important resource (paper). We are endeavouring to **think before we print as 1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg CO2 in the atmosphere, 3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water.**

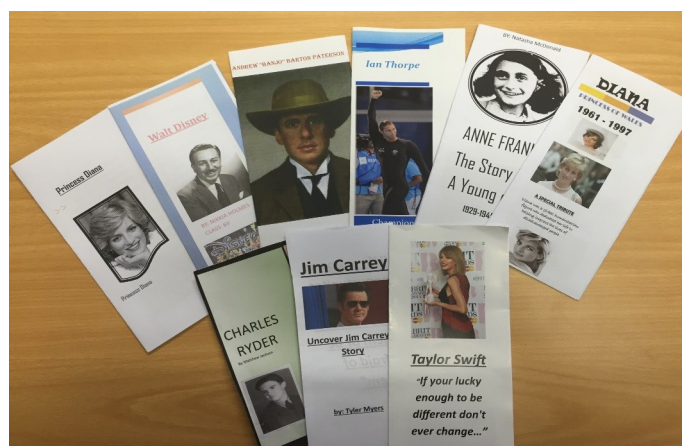
We hope to produce a newsletter that serves the community needs, promotes students' achievements & work whilst highlighting the great things that are occurring in our school. Thank-you for your support and understanding.

WE NEED your FEEDBACK for 2016-2017

As we move into 2016— our school would love the viewpoint of you (parents, community and students), regarding the school. WHAT is our VISION? WHERE our FUNDING is Targeting? WHAT is IMPORTANT for our school? HOW will our students ACHIEVE their POTENTIAL? Please offer your feedback. We will hold a community session on **FRIDAY 6th November at 9:30am.** Please join us if you can as your opinions MATTER.

GATS Showcase presentations

We would like to congratulate **Matthew J, Georgia B, Olivia C, Natasha Mc, Jack D, Tyler M, Joel P, Justine C and Nikkia H** for an amazing effort at last night's event at Lake Munmorah HS. They all showcased their talents, independent thinking skills and positive work habits to everyone there. We are extremely proud of their efforts— Well Done!



NEW HATS and Sports Uniform Review

We are currently awaiting the next delivery of our NEW Bucket Hats which sold out due to enormous demand. We will have all sizes back in stock for \$10 each as soon as possible. A notice will be sent out via skoolbag app as soon as the new stock arrives.

The possible mock up for a future sport shirt is still on display in the front office — Feed back has been positive to date. If you haven't managed to have a look please do so and give us your feedback so that you can actively participate in its introduction to GPS. **Reminder**, this option will be discussed at the next P&C Meeting.

NEW 2016 KINDERGARTEN Transitions

This **Tuesday (27th October)** continues our **Gwandalan STARS—2016** Kindergarten Transition program.

Toilets to be UPGRADED

During November ALL our toilets will be upgraded with New locks, roll holders and hinges. This will allow for improved access and availability.

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 Concert DVD orders are now closed.

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.

Great Aussie Bush Camp Stage 3 Excursion

The Great Aussie Bushcamp is this week for students in years 5 and 6. Please see the Gear Checklist included in this weeks newsletter.

Stage 3 Excursion Coordinator—Kerrie Abbott



Special thanks go to Gwandalan Lions Club

Noah Brown	Carole Perrin	Sarah Brown
Noah Vine	Mel Spillane	Peter Vine
Jack Davis	Steve Clark	Kelly Cooper
Sarah Brown	Peter Vine	Mr and Mrs Soult



for their extensive efforts at the school Fete for the entire day. We couldn't have done it without you!

The P&C Committee

Gwandalan Kinder STARS

Aiming high for our new Kindergarten Student's 2016

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!

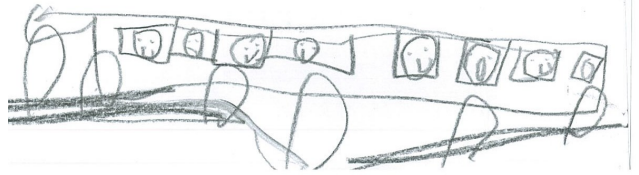
Orientation Session 4: Tuesday 24th November

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



The Very Hungry Caterpillar Kindergarten Excursion

On Friday (9th October) Kindergarten went on an excursion to see The Very Hungry Caterpillar at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle. We went on a bus to Newcastle.



When we got to Newcastle we went to the park and we ate our recess and had a play. We played on some big and little rocks and there was a rock that was like a slide and one like a little cliff that you could jump off. After lunch we walked across the road to the theatre. Next we went into the theatre and sat in the seats. Some people thought the seats were trying to squash them.



Then the show started and they told some different stories By Eric Carle. The first puppets were all different types of colourful animals. There was a blue horse, a purple fox, an orange elephant, a big green lion, a red crocodile and a rainbow spotty donkey. The next story was under the sea and it was about seahorses. We saw

lots of different kinds of fish and there were baby fish and baby seahorse. Then there was a story about a firefly. The last story was The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We saw the little caterpillar puppet hatch out of the egg and eat different foods and get bigger. Then he turned into a bigger caterpillar that made a cocoon. Then he turned into a beautiful butterfly. The butterfly puppet was so big and colourful that three people had to hold it. After the show we got back on the bus to come back to school.



We felt lucky that we got to do something special on a school day. It was fantastic and we had lots of fun.

Written and illustrated by KS



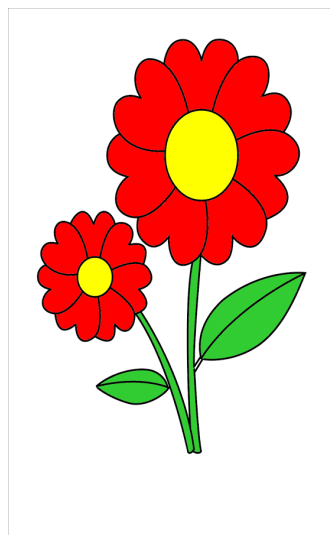


Garden Success!

This year we once again entered our vegetable garden in the Wyong Shire Garden Competition. The judges came out and viewed our garden in the weeks before the holiday and we escorted around by Krystal Pierce and Finn Hutchinson. They were impressed with the improvement in our garden. The awards ceremony was held during the last week of the holidays at the Council Offices at Wyong. The Pearce family, the Perrin Family and Miss Stewart represented our school at the event.

We were competing against other culinary (food) gardens in primary and high schools around the area. We were the winners of the Best School Culinary Garden in the competition. Krystal and Luke went up and received our award and prizes. We won a Yates pack with seeds and fertiliser, a winners sign to put in the garden and \$50. Thank you to those two wonderful families who came as we were the only school who had representatives at the ceremony and they were even in school uniform!

Great effort!



stage 2 Sydney

On the 13th and 14th of October many stage 2 students travelled to Sydney to visit Hyde Park Barracks, IMAX Theatre, Sydney Aquarium and Taronga Zoo on a Sidd Foggs Coach.

We went to Hyde Park Barracks and dressed up like convicts and we used pretend bricks to build with and we went to a room and I was the only one to dress up as a convict and it is a punishment.

Hayley Knight 3/4S



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Hannah Moreau 3/4S

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Blake Boslem 3/4S



On the 13th we had to be at school at 7am. We left on the bus at 7.30am. We went to Hyde park Barracks where we got changed into convict clothing. We made a wall and then we destroyed it and made a chimney around Kurtis Fry. After that we went to the Imax and watched a movie, great white sharks. It was in 3D and it was amazing.

Then we went to the Zoo. We went in the class room and saw a snake and a crocodile. Then we had a drink and to finish off the night we went on a night walk. We had some fruit and we went to bed. The next day we went on a morning walk and then we got our bags and got on the bus and came home.



Jackson Cook 3/4S



WORLD'S BIGGEST
IMAX
THEATRE
SYDNEY



overnight excursion

stage 2 Sydney



This Years Stage 2 Excursion included a visit to the Hyde Park Barracks Museum, Sydney Aquarium, IMAX Theatre Sydney and Taronga Park Zoo. Well done to all students who represented our school.



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

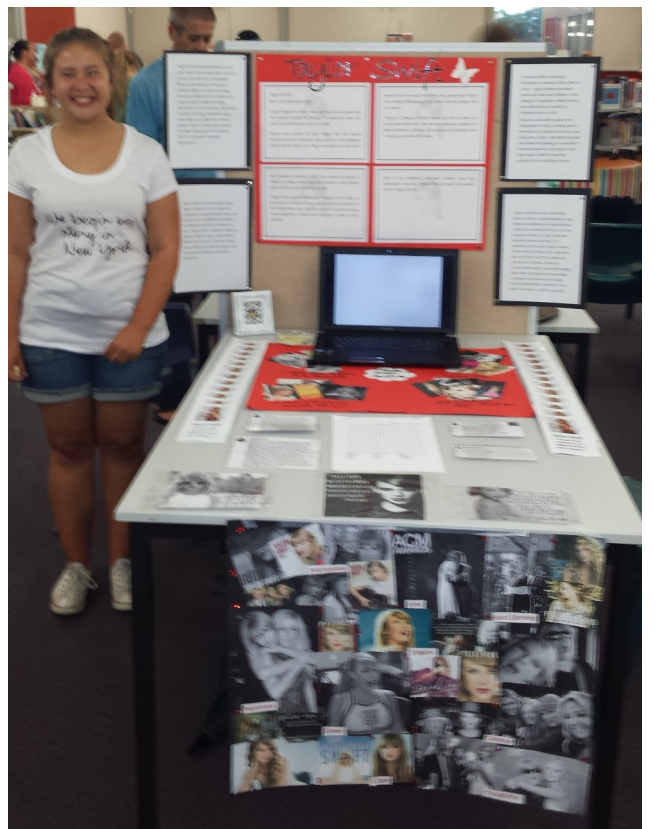


Primary Assembly Awards 2015 Term 4 Week 2		
Class	Name	Reason
3T	Lucas Sant	Always having a go in class
3T	Mackenzie Sheppard	Showing good commitment in all class tasks
3T	Mason Hamilton	Adapting well to change and staying positive at the ZooSnooz
3T	Kayedince Seibenlist-Conroy	A good effort using alphabetical order
3/4S	Jayden Murphy	Great questioning skills at Taronga Zoo
3/4S	Bethany Chambers	Being hands-on during activities at Taronga Zoo
3/4S	Nathan Williams	Being an active member of our excursion
3/4S	Marnie Angus	Great manners and sensible behaviour
4H	Hayleigh-Shae Hughes	Outstanding manners while on Stage 2 excursion
4H	Lillian Howe	Showing outstanding manners on Stage 2 excursion
4H	Noah Vine	Outstanding behaviour on excursion
4H	Cooper Taylor	Outstanding persistence on our overnight excursion
4/5C	Jeffrey O'Neil	Going up three reading levels
4/5C	Ebonie Hanley	Outstanding effort in all areas of work
4/5C	Savannah Jones	Displaying outstanding organisational skills
4/5C	Mason Bell	Fantastic start to Term 4
5A	Sophie McAlister	Always doing her best
5A	Kayla Honey	Showing a You Can Do It attitude
5A	Shannon Clark	Always prepared to help others
5A	Matthew Austin	Excellent Spelling Results
5/6T	Kayla Studte	Giving 100% effort in all areas of work
5/6T	Carolynn Durand	Always applying herself in all tasks
5/6T	Tim Verdian	Facing the challenges of starting at a new school
5/6T	Ethan Ferreira	Being a mature class member
6V	Adam Ings	Responding well to advice and being more considerate of others
6V	Jack Bell	A sensible attitude in class and improved organisation
6V	Kim Carr	Great work on Maths decimals topic
6V	Emily Bush-Charnock	Being thoughtful and including others

You Can Do It! Awards

Getting Along	Montanna Scott
Confidence	Lukes Brookes
Persistence	Lilly Howard
Resilience	Riley Morrison
Organisation	James Pepene





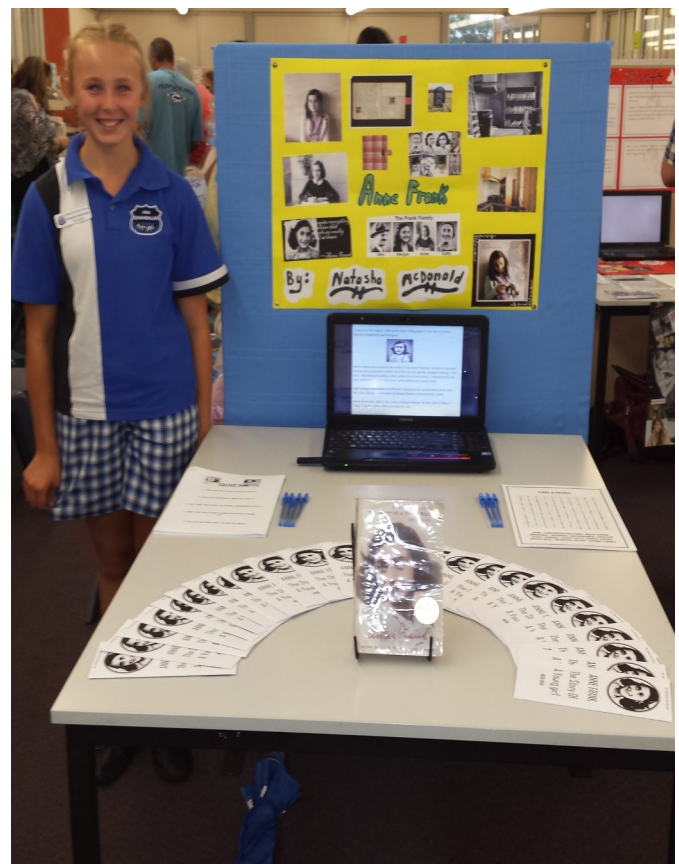


GATS Transition Afternoon Lake Munmorah High School

Congratulations to Olivia Crane, Natasha McDonald, Matthew Jackson, Tyler Myers, Joel Perrin, Nikkia Holmes, Justine Coates and Georgia Brown. All these wonderful students represented our school at the GATS transition afternoon yesterday. Each Student has been working on a project of a significant person who they admire. The presentations were excellent, along with the speeches and various activities they had created for parents and friends to complete.

Well done on all your efforts!

Mrs Sue Tangye



Great Aussie Bush Camp Information

Gear Checklist – Children (Based on a 3 day camp)

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL ITEMS

MEDICATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE ORGANISING TEACHER

The checklist below is a guide only. It is a good idea for students to pack their own bags so that they can re pack for the trip home.

- Mess kit (tea towel, plate, cup, bowl, knife, fork and spoon – dishwasher safe) Non disposable
- Water bottle
- Raincoat (regardless of forecast)
- Hat or cap
- Sleeping bag (extra blanket in winter)
- Pillow
- Sunscreen
- 1 pair pyjamas (tracksuit in winter)
- Day pack (small backpack for water, sunscreen, etc)
- Torch (make sure it works before you leave home)
- Toiletries (including toothbrush!)
- Insect repellent
- 2 pairs of runners (1 old pair for water activities)
- Thongs – only for going to and from showers
- 3 T-shirts needed, no singlet tank tops / midriff tops (for safety on activities)
- 3 sets of underwear
- 3 pairs of shorts - NO MINI SHORTS (for safety on activities)
- 3 pairs of track pants (if cold weather forecast)
- 2 sloppy joes / windcheaters (if cold weather forecast)
- 3 pair socks
- Bath towel
- Beach towel and swimmers
- Optional - camera, money for souvenirs
- Tissues / hankies
- Plastic bags for wet clothes / towels.



Wednesday 28th October to Friday 30th October 2015

Camp Guidelines and Rules

Students should be aware of these Guidelines

- Never leave camp or an activity without permission.
- All activities must be supervised by a teacher and instructor.
- Listen to and follow instructor's guidelines.
- Closed in shoes and hats should be worn at all times.
- Respect male and female areas; enter no room other than your own.
- Respect the natural environment, use bins provided, don't damage the bush.
- No pocket knives, glass, valuables, electronic equipment, or mobile phones are to be brought to camp.
- Do not approach, or attempt to pat the wildlife.
- All accidents / damage to equipment must be reported.
- Wilful damage will be paid for by the individual(s) responsible.
- Do not eat or drink in tents / cabins / dorms.
- No chewing gum to be brought to camp.
- Respect others after lights out. There should be no need to leave your tents / dorms / cabins after lights out.
- Each group is responsible for the ongoing cleanliness of the room / tent.
- To avoid accidents please do not run around campsite areas.
- As a general rule, students will not be removed from activities as punishment. They may be given a 5 minute time out to reflect.
- Allocating extra duties or taking away free time may also be used as behaviour management strategies.
- We may exclude students whose behaviour could result in serious danger or distress to themselves or others. In extreme cases, after consultation with teachers, the parents / guardians may be contacted and the student/s will be sent home.

Bus Leaving GPS on Wednesday 28th Nov
at 9am SHARP

Children to be at school by 8.20 in order for
roles to be marked.





Friday Sport

We are pleased to say that Fishing participants are having some successes landing Fish on the beautiful shores of lake Macquarie. Please remember Parents and Carers that you are most welcome to come along and help any of our sports activities if you have any spare time on a Friday .



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.



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

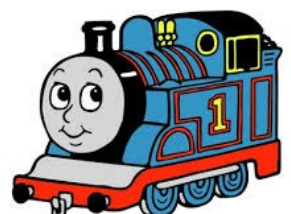
Size 18 \$20.00

Dresses size 12 X 2 \$30.00ea and

Size 10 \$30.00

Please contact the office for further information.

Attention: The gentleman that brought the Thomas the Tank Engine Train Track Set from a store holder at the School Fete, can you please call Lyn on the School Canteen phone number 4976 1318 regarding this item. Thankyou



INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Assembly Awards 2015 Term 4 Week 3		
Class	Name	Reason for Award
KA	Shaylee Bateman	Excellent recount of the book "Crazy Hair Day"
KA	Ethan McAlpine	Big effort learning his sight words
KA	Taleeha Duncombe	Great effort in reading
KA	Tom Harbourne	Excellent contributor to class discussion about books
KS	Sierra Rampone	Always contributing interesting comments during discussions
KS	Khy Jefferson	For a great start at Gwandalan Public School.
KS	Nash Fitzsimmons	For fantastic chalk artwork
KS	William Honey	Wonderful illustrations on his Tiddalik story
KW	Gabriella Marciel- Hatzinikolaou	Always being kind and courteous
KW	Dezzel Gow	Being an excellent team leader
KW	Shaneeeka Batty-Cross	Excellent results in reading and sight words
KW	Billy Zreika	Excellent results in Maths
1J	Damon Boslem	Displaying a positive approach to his learning
1J	Sienna Fowles	Starting a new school with confidence
1J	Ollie Harrison- Leslie	Fantastic effort and results in Mathematics
1J	Tayla Arnott	Researching facts about space and presenting them with confidence
1W	Cooper Myers	Writing a fantastic Power Sentence.
1W	Karly Rogers	Being a quick and accurate worker in Maths.
1W	Allegra Adamson	Completing all homework tasks this year.
1W	John McHale	Excellent effort in daily writing activities.
2W	Jacinta Cruise	An excellent transport project
2W	Kyse Siebenlist- Conroy	Improvement in completing set tasks
2W	Kyiah Kakahi	An excellent transport project
2W	Tori Adamson	Excellent work in Maths groups

YCDI AWARDS:

Getting Along Award – Cooper Corbett

Confidence Award – Prysais Ciel

Organisation Award – Tyson McBride

Resilience Award – Maddy Duggan

Persistence Award – Brooke Pittman



Dates to Remember



October 2015

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

26 YR 6 Gats	27 Rugby League Clinic	28 Great Aussie Bush camp Kinder Orientation Visit 2	29 Primary Assembly 3T 10-11am	30	31	
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November 2015

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

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2 Swim School YR 6 transition 9-10.30	3 Swim School	4 Swim School The Big Gig Rehearsal LMHS	5 Swim School	6 Swim School Community Session 9.30AM	7	8
9 Swim School	10 Swim School	11 Swim School	12 Swim School Stage 2 Oz Tag Gala Day	13 Swim School Stage 2 Surf Awareness Day	14	15
16	17 Kindy Orientation	18 Yr6 Transition day	19 Stage 3 Oz Tag	20	21	22
23	24 Kindy Orientation	25 Yr 6 Fun Day	26	27 Stage 2 Surf Fun Day	28	29
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fresh
TASTES
healthy food at school

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