



Term 4 Week 6 Wednesday 11th November, 2015

Mr. Osland's Oracle

Welcome parents and friends of Gwandalan PS to our week 6 edition of our Newsletter. Term 4 has already seen so much happen please continue to support our school as we come closer to the end of the 2015 school year.

The next 5 weeks will see our 2016 Leadership speeches, our students organised Pink & Yellow day, continuation of our Friday sports, reports home to parents, hopefully another community working bee, reward days and Year 6 Farewell with them starting Year 7 at Lake Munmorah HS in week 10. We will endeavour to continue to update our calendars so that everyone stays informed.

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.

Our community viewpoint is extremely important to us. We realise how busy we all are if you have any time to comment on the questions below either by email, phone conversation or in person would be greatly appreciated.

What are the strengths of Gwandalan PS?

How can we improve student success and wellbeing?

What do you like to be involved in at school?

What can the school do to further enhance community involvement that supports students learning?

How can we improve school/ community communication?

Any Feedback is a gift and is greatly appreciated. Any questions please contact the school.

NEW 2016 KINDERGARTEN Transitions

This **Tuesday (17th November)** continues our **Gwandalan STARS—2016** Kindergarten Transition program. It has been great to see so many children attend our session so far. We will see visits in our school for the next 2 Tuesdays.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today (November 11th) we remember all those who have given their all to make our country the best it could be. We would like to thank all those who have, and continue to serve our wonderful country-Australia.

Special thanks to our School leaders who represented our school at our local Lion's Club Ceremony. Well Done!



2016 SCHOOL LEADERS

We have been extremely impressed by the quality of our leaders for 2016. They have ALL showcased extremely positive qualities that can only enhance our school into the future. Our Leaders will deliver their **speeches on Wednesday 18th November.**

COMMUNITY WORKING BEE

We hope to have another working bee to finish the front gardens on **Tuesday 1st December from 9am. PLEASE LOCK in this DATE if YOU CAN HELP OUT.**

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 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.**

FROM THE OFFICE

- **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.



Gwandalan Kinder STARS

Aiming high for our new Kindergarten Student's 2016

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!!

Crazy Camel Fundraiser

This is a great Christmas gift idea.

Students will complete an artwork in class. This artwork can then be made

into 2016 Calendars, Family Planners, Cards, Daries, Notebooks, iphone cases or even pillow cases.

Or you can upload your own photo via www.submitphoto.com.au and indicate with a ü on the order form that you have uploaded photos.

There are samples of the different products

For you to see in the office.

The printed results from this fundraiser are amazing.

Forms and payment must be returned by This Friday 13th November.

Big Gig

On Wednesday night 38 dancers from Gwandalan Public School performed at the Lake Munmorah Big Gig. The Big Gig is an annual concert held at Lake Munmorah High School which showcases the creative and performing arts talent. Gwandalan Public School were invited to perform and were outstanding.



The Aboriginal dance group opened the night with an amazing routine choreographed by our very own Mrs Leah Ingram. I would like to say how proud I am of all our talented dancers. Also a big thank you to Mrs Kerrie Abbott who assisted backstage. To all the parents who helped out with transport we thank you for your support. Well done dancers.

Mr Turners

Friday Fishing for Sport



& Wednesday Afternoon Interest Groups: Robotics



OPERATION ART

Earlier this year three amazing artworks from Gwandalan Public School were exhibited at the Newington Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. Over 900 artworks were displayed at the exhibition. Congratulations to Logan Bell who had his artwork chosen to be displayed at the office for 'Advocate for Children and Young People'. After one year his artwork will be donated to a Children's hospital.

Mrs Jillian Ireland

Operation Art Coordinator



Whooping cough alert - advice for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night. Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.



PICNIC IN THE PARK — THANK YOU

Our first orientation session involved our transitioning Kindergarten students for 2016 meeting our current Kindergarten students at Gwandalan Lioness Park for a fun afternoon of sporting activities.

Thank you to the Gwandalan Lions Club who supplied all students and parents with a free sausage sandwich and drink. In particular, thank you Les, Ray and Bruce who gave up their day to cook for us.



Gwandalan Public School

WHEN : **1st December**

WHERE : **FRONT Gardens**

Gwandalan PS

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring Sunscreen, Hat, Water and lots of Enthusiasm as MANY hands make LIGHT WORK.



We INVITE ANYONE that can HELP to come along to a Working Bee OCCURING **Tuesday 1st December (that's 3 weeks time).**



We will be working on finishing the front gardens of the school. We hope to further enhance the front of our school for parents and community members.

Please bring along gardening tools (if you want), sunscreen and your hat if you would like to help on the day. Lunch and drinks will be provided to all volunteers.

Any questions please contact the school office on **4976 1318.**

Your support would be greatly appreciated

PINK & YELLOW DAY

Cancer Fundraiser

Friday 20th November 2015



Gwandalan Public School is proud to help support fundraising for a Pink and Yellow day. All monies collected on the day will be donated to the Cancer Council.

In order to make this happen we are asking for volunteers. With your help, donated goodies and your valuable time, our fundraiser is sure to be great success.

Students are asked to wear Yellow and Pink MUFTI on the day and to bring a gold coin donation.

Recess will see the Cake Stall in full swing with help from volunteers

Lunch a delicious sausage sizzle will be cooked up by volunteers and sausage sandwiches will be selling for \$2 each.

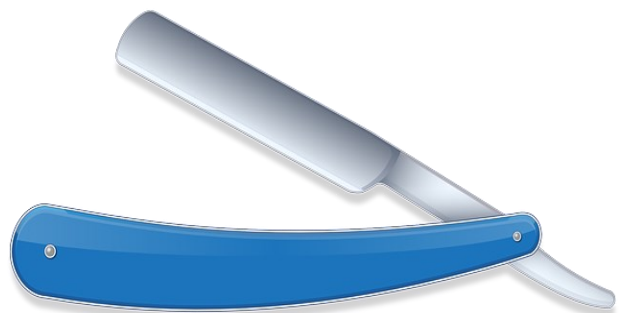


Parents we need your help. We are looking for donations for our cake stall and some help on the BBQ to cook up some sausages to help raise funds for Pink and Yellow day .

Please see the office if you would like to help out.

To finish up the day Mr Osland will have his head shaved!! Come on Gwandalan

YOU CAN DO IT!



Supporting Children's Confidence

Confidence improves through building on small successes. Parents and carers (and school staff) can help by:

- explaining to children that skills develop with practice
- encouraging children to persist when they don't succeed straight away
- praising effort, persistence and improvement
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over.

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Lions Club of Gwandalan Inc

Carols by the Lake

13TH DECEMBER 2015

Gwandalan Foreshore Re-
serve.

By the Bowling Club

6pm to 9 pm.



INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Infants Assembly Awards 2015 Term 4 Week 5		
Class	Name	Reason for Award
KS	Erica Scott	For excellent Spelling
KS	Boyd Wilks	For always producing quality bookwork
KS	Jesse Cunningham	For wonderful word decoding in Spelling and Reading.
KS	Kealeigh Wilkinson	Always trying to do her best
KW	Isabella Turner	Always being sensible in class
KW	Blake Curley	Excellent effort in Maths
KW	Mia Harris	Excellent improvement in sentence writing
KW	Dennis Thompson	Quality handwriting
1J	Tara Austin	Being a more focused learner during literacy lessons
1J	Elli Muxlow	Trying hard in 'Dr Xargles Book of Earthlets' writing activities
1J	Aidan Fry	Excellent effort in daily writing activities
1J	Asher Cooper	Improvement in reading
1W	Ashton O'Brien	Excellent results in Spelling
1W	Bella Dundas	Writing a fantastic Journal entry
1W	Paige McBride	Quick and accurate work in Addition
1W	Cameron Lobb	Effort and improvement in Reading
2P	Grace Bell	Being a happy and helpful class member
2P	Tea Rampone	Excellent attitude and application
2P	Marcus Batty-Cross	Improvement in automatic recall of maths facts
2P	Zophia Karakastanis	Excellent dedication to all class activities

You Can Do It! Awards	
Getting Along	Ollie Harrison-Leslie
Confidence	Tyrone Bennett
Persistence	Karly Rogers
Resilience	Harper Morrison
Organisation	Taylah Jamieson



Dates to Remember



November 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
9 Swim School	10 Swim School	11 Swim School Remembrance Day Service	12 Swim School Stage 2 Oz Tag Gala Day	13 Swim School	14	15
16	17 Kindy Orientation	18 Yr6 Transition day	19 Stage 3 Oz Tag	20 Canteen Closed Pink/Yellow Day Cancer Council Fundraiser	21	22
23	24 Kindy Orientation	25 Yr 6 Fun Day	26	27 Stage 2 Surf Fun Day	28	29
30	December 1 Working Bee					

CANTEEN NEWS

Last Wednesday the new Summer Menu for Term 4 was sent home, please note there has been a few changes to the menu. This term on the menu we have some great new saving Meal Deals available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. Next week we will be having a Hot Dog Meal Deal Day for Kindy - Yr 2 only, order forms will be sent home today. Just a little reminder for students when ordering ice creams/ ice blocks with their lunch orders to present their lunch bags to canteen to collect their order, thank you!

Lyn & Megan (Canteen Supervisors) Contact No. 49 762054



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