



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Mr. Osland's Gazette

This Newsletter is the last for the year. I do **WONDER** to myself what a great school we have here, at Gwandalan with an amazing community that are always willing to lend a helping hand.

We look forward to 2016 and all that we can build upon from this year. We will embed our school vision (where students are the key to our success), strategic directions and continue the opportunities provided for ALL our students.

We will continue to foster Creativity, Innovation and Connections as our core fundamentals. Thanks again for all your support, generosity, feedback and conversations throughout the second part of the year.

AWARDS DAY

Congratulations to all our award recipients for 2015. This showcased the talents and gifts we have in our school. It was wonderful to see the students supported by their parents, grandparents and friends. Special thank you to those who helped behind the scenes to make it all possible and run so smoothly. Thank you to our school leaders **Emmett, Charlotte, Daemon, Natasha, Joel, Georgia, Tyler and Emily** who led the assembly and represented the school with pride. To all our sponsors and presenters, it would not be possible without your support; thank you.

COMMUNICATION—CONNECTIONS

Our school App has been updated for those who have Apple mobiles (please update in your settings and ALLOW (enable) Alerts). We have our school website that will be updated as we move into another year. We hope to continue to share and update AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. Special thank you to Mr Martin for all his efforts behind the scenes in maintaining our school webpages.

SCHOOL SECURITY in the HOLIDAYS

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should any child or children be inside our school grounds UNSUPERVISED during the holiday break. Please ensure we look after our school over the break and report any behaviour of concern.

Please contact School Security on 1300 880 021 if you notice any concerns

2015 SCHOOL LEADERS

Our 2016 Captains and Vice Captains were announced at our Presentation Awards Ceremony.

We proudly announce our Captains : **Noah B and Alexis R**, Vice Captains : **Matthew A and Emma D** and our Prefects : **Isabella S, Oliver F, Olivia A & Harry P**

We congratulate each of our 2016 school leaders and know that they will represent our school to the highest level, using our school values. We would like to also mention in the coming year we will continue with our sports captains and introduce some additional leadership positions linked to the environment & wellbeing.

We are looking forward to seeing the leadership qualities shine across our school as we move forward into the coming year.

WORK MAINTENANCE

Over the Christmas break, some maintenance will occur at the school. Upgrades to our front fence and gardens. Reviewing classrooms to ensure we continue to create engaging learning environments. We hope to continue to improve our settings within our school so that our school continues to shine

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Can we start by thanking our P&C for their kind donation of \$10000. They will have the opportunity to consult with the school how we utilise this in our school. The money will go towards STUDENTS learning opportunities and environments.

Over the year we have seen many parents, community members and friends of Gwandalan PS support our great school. You help by positive praise, getting the kids ready for school, helping with homework, reading at night as well as the help we receive inside our school gates. **We WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU; it is GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte Lowe

Charlotte represented our school, her family and NSW with pride again last week at the Australian Athletics Championships. She has been a great ambassador for our school community and we wish her all the best as she moves into the next part of her educational journey.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, safe holiday break; we look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Gwandalan Public School

Draft Classes for 2016

Dear Parents and Families of Gwandalan Public School,

This year we will be sending home DRAFT CLASSES for 2016. We will be sending these Year Groupings home with the students reports on Friday. This will give students the opportunity to transition with their new teachers during the last week of this Term.

We would like to REMIND all of our community that classes are made up by social, academic and personality components whilst supporting the opportunities for individual success. There will be some changes to where teachers are located with all Year 3/4 and 5/6 in the 2-storey building (opposite our COLA).

SPECIAL NOTE : Classes may change in the event of student numbers across the school.

Final class allocation will occur in the first week of Term 1 - 2016.

Please we ask ALL Parents and Friends of Gwandalan PS to please review these classroom allocations in a positive manner as we hope to hit the ground running in 2016.

We are hoping to generate more collaboration, parental support and positive interactions across our school.



Gwandalan Public School Leaders 2016



Congratulations to the following students on being selected for School Leaders of Gwandalan Public School 2016.



From Left to Right:

Olivia, Oliver, Emma (Vice Captain), Noah (Captain), Alexis (Captain), Matthew (Vice Captain), Isabella, Harrison.

In accepting these positions of School Leader's, these students pledge to:

Uphold the schools best traditions

Be loyal to our school

Always be courteous and helpful to our staff and fellow students

Always set a fine example to our school community

Wear our school uniform with pride

Always live up to our school values, especially Respect and Responsibility

PLEASE HELP if YOU CAN

WHEN : Saturday 12th

December– morning from 8am

WHERE Front Gardens

Planting NATIVES



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 PLANTING BEE OCCURRING on **Saturday 12th DECEMBER** (that's this week).

SPECIAL THANK-YOU to Andrew Adamson for organising ALL the plants for the school.

We will be working on the gardens in 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.

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



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Canteen Supervisor Position 2016

Dear Parents and Friends of Gwandalan Public School

We would like to offer our community the opportunity to fill an important role in our school.

Any interested persons who would like to apply for the above position are being asked to forward their resume addressing their suitability to the position within our school with regards to the following criteria:

- The ability to work as an active and supportive member of a collective team
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills that can enhance the canteen workplace and support volunteers
- Demonstrate the ability to follow procedures, guidelines and policies within a work place
- Demonstrated abilities ensuring accountability systems are followed. These include money handling, ordering and management of stock, maintaining premises in a clean and tidy work environment.

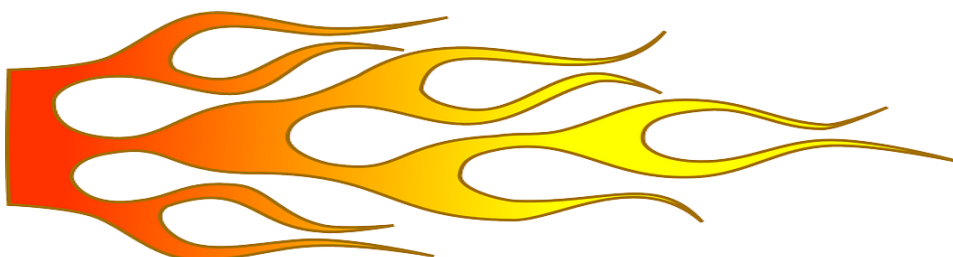
This is a 20 hour per week paid position within the school and would require a full Working with Children Check before starting in the position. It is anticipated that this position will commence Week 1, Term 1 2016.

Please forward your application to Todd.Osland@det.nsw.edu.au or a hard copy can be dropped at the front office. For any further information or enquiries please contact Gwandalan Public School on 4976 1318.

Applications Close: Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 9.00am.

Kind regards
Gwandalan Public School.

Year 6 Farewell Class of 2015





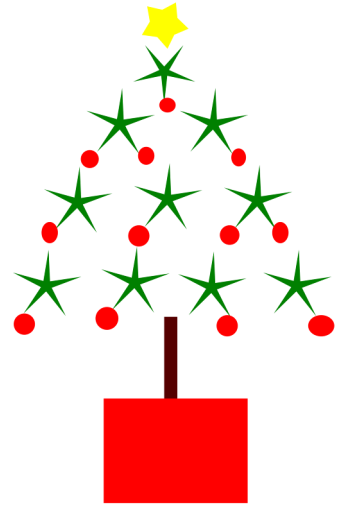
Gwandalan Public School Presentation Day 2015





CLASS PARTIES

All classes will enjoy a class party next Monday 14th December. Students will be asked to bring a plate of food to share and enjoy with their friends.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL THE GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
THROUGHOUT 2015. STAY SAFE IN THE HOLIDAYS, ENJOY
YOUR TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND RETURN TO US
READY FOR ANOTHER WONDERFULL YEAR.**



Library Corner News

Special Note Could students now return any outstanding loans as the annual Stocktake has now begun. **Parents** your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thankyou

Melissa Leyshon (Librarian)

Gwandalan Public School Book Pack 2016



Dear Parents,

In 2016, all students K-6 will be receiving a specialised book pack with the required number of exercise books, pencils, coloured pencils, glue and other items that every student will need for the year.

As a result of this Gwandalan Public School will be waiving the school contribution as well as the separate payment required for textbooks. Next year there will be no textbooks. The cost of the book packs will be **\$60.00** per student for the year and cover all purchases of books and stationary. Included in the book pack is a Mathletics subscription and Reading Egg subscription. These invaluable learning tools are available for parents to work with students at home as well as students at school and further information on them can be obtained at the following websites

<http://www.3plearning.com/mathletics/>

<http://readingeggs.com.au/>

From Monday 7th December, 2015 the book packs will be available to buy prior to the start of 2016 from the School Office. However, students will not receive them until day 1 2016, they will be available for purchase next year and each student will be invoiced for the cost of a book pack.

If you would like to purchase your book pack this year please fill out the slip below and send the required amount of money in an envelope to school from Monday 7th December, 2015. Alternatively you may pay in person at the School Office where Eftpos is available. No early orders will be accepted at the School Office prior to this date. All Book Packs will be kept at the school until the start of 2016 and marked with the student's name. This is a great way for parents to plan for the coming year. All equipment purchased are top quality products that are of a high standard. Thank you for your ongoing support.

T.Osland

Principal



Gwandalan Public School Book Pack 2016

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

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I enclose \$-_____ payment. (Cash/Cheque)

EFTPOS Payment Advise:

Cardholder Name: _____ (Please Print) Amount _____

Card Number _____ Expiry date: ____/____

Contact Number: _____ Signed: _____

Congratulations!



Congratulation to Mrs Styan for completing Reading Recovery Training and Miss Stewart, Mrs Aird and Miss Walters for completing L3 Training.

Lions Club of Gwandalan Inc

Carols by the Lake

13TH DECEMBER 2015



**Gwandalan Foreshore
Reserve.**

By the Bowling Club

6pm to 9 pm.



OOSH

Gwandalan OOSH Vacation Care Program

4976 1005 or 0450208519

Email orana222@tpg.com.au

OOSH opening hours -7am-6pm

Daily in Centre Fee \$47.00 Excursion Daily Fee \$62.00 (CCB may reduce your fees)

Monday 14 th December	Tuesday 15 th December	Wednesday 16 th December	Thursday 17 th December	Friday 18 th December
Normal school day	Normal school day	Last day of term 4 OOSH Christmas Family FUN NIGHT 6PM	7am-6pm Christmas countdown fun Craft, games, Lots of fun	7am-6pm Christmas cool down. Water fun day Please bring a rash shirt, towel & change of clothes NO THONGS
Monday 21 st December	Tuesday 22 nd December	Wednesday 23 rd December	Thursday 24 th December	Friday 25 th December
7am-6pm Christmas cooking, come learn how to make yummy treats like choc crackles, white Christmas and fruit punch	7am-6pm Card making Day Games, fun and friendship	7am-6pm Sydney Excursion Christmas Display tour Picnic @ Hyde Park	7am-2pm ALL THINGS XMAS Yes its really Xmas EVE	CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE
Monday 28 th December 2012	Tuesday 29 th December	Wednesday 30 th December	Thursday 31 st December	Friday 1 st January
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7am-6pm Show and tell Bring your fave present in	7am-6pm Recycle craft day What can you make from boxes and tape	7am-6pm NYE Party Put on your dancing shoes Enjoy the fun	CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY 2016
Monday 4 th January	Tuesday 5 th January	Wednesday 6 th January	Thursday 7 th January	Friday 8 th January
7am-6pm Time Capsule day Lets capture the present, revisit the past	7am-6pm Walking excursion Come on our scavenger hunt Lets see what we can find	7am-6pm Water fun day Prepare to get wet Water balloons Sponge throw Childrens suggestion	7am-6pm Super smoothie day Create your own flavour Fruit, choc, vanilla Childrens suggestion	7am-6pm Excursion to Movies @ Lake Haven Movie to be advised

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Monday 11 th January	Tuesday 12 th January	Wednesday 13 th January	Thursday 14 th January	Friday 15 th January
7am-6pm Sports day Learn some new skills, practise and teach others Tennis, Cricket & much more	7am-6pm Excursion to swansea Pools Numbers are limited for today Children must be able to swim Childrens suggestion	7am-6pm Dress up party Come dressed with your crazy clothes Wear your clothes inside out if you dare	7am-6pm Excursion To Movies @ Lake Haven GOOSEBUMPS	7am-6pm Excursion to Lake Haven for Mystery Lunch Children suggestion
Monday 18 th January	Tuesday 19 th January	Wednesday 20 th January	Thursday 21 st January	Friday 22 nd January
7am-6pm Water Fun Day Lets cool down Slip and slide Bring a dry set of clothes Towel NO THONGS	7am-6pm Excursion to YMCA Rock climbing, squash	7am-6pm Excursion to Sydney Mystery tour Come and have a day of adventure	7am-6pm Community visitor day Today we are having special visitors from our community.	7am-6pm Water fun Day Please bring a rash shirt, towel & change of clothes NO THONGS
Monday 25 th January	Tuesday 26 th January	Wednesday 27 th January	Thursday 28 th January	Friday 29 th January
7am-6pm OOSH Record challenge day Lets set some new records today	CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7am-6pm Surprise day Lets end the holidays with a day full of surprises	Back to school	Normal school Day



BUSPASS 2016

As you are aware, from the beginning of the 2016 school year there will be major changes to the School Free Travel Scheme. Busways will no longer issue student free travel or replacement passes.

The major changes to the system and those which will impact on Parents, Guardians, Students and Admin Staff include:

1. Applications for a School Opal card must apply on line at ***transport.info/schools-students***.
2. Applications are then printed off and brought to the office where they are signed and stamped and forwarded to
3. Busways by the admin staff.
4. Students entering year 3 are reminded that they will need to apply for a pass as they no longer automatically receive one. Students in years kindergarten, year 1 and 2 receive a bus pass without the consideration of Boundaries. In years 3,4,5,and 6 the boundaries are considered and students will only receive a pass in they live the Required distance from school.

Gwandalan Public School

Dear Student/Parent/Guardian

Commencing **Monday 7th December 2015**, many school bus numbers will be changing as shown below. It is important that you make yourself aware of the new bus number for the morning and afternoon trip, as both will be different.

AM - PM	Current Bus Number	New Bus Number
AM	1	2110
PM	2	2654

This change to 4 digit numbers is required to ensure Busways can meet guidelines set by Transport for NSW in terms of reporting and ticketing functionality.

Detailed school bus timetables (**including all connecting services**) are available on the Busways website at **www.busways.com.au** or for further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870** or **9497 1887**.

Busways wishes to apologise for any confusion this critical information upgrade may cause.



CANTEEN NEWS

Well it has been a fun year here in the canteen making Fresh, Healthy, Tasty food for all our students who have all enjoyed it immensely. And this would not have been possible if it wasn't for our dedicated volunteers.

A big thankyou to them, your help is always much appreciated by us and students. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Safe Holidays.

Lyn Sant & Megan Jackson (Canteen Managers)

Canteen will close for 2015 on Tuesday 15th December 2015

This will be the last day children will be able to purchase from the Canteen

Gwandalan Public School would like to thanks the following local small business's for their continued support in 2015

Lakeview Bakery

Woolworths Lake Munmorah

FoodWorks Summerland Point

Gwandalan Quality Meats

Dates to Remember

December-January-February



2015-2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
December 7 Transition to Yr 7 LMHS	8	9 K-5 End of Year Rewards Day	10	11 K-5 Reports go home
14 Class Parties	15 Last Day of Canteen	16 Last Day of School Canteen Closed	17	18
January		27 Staff Development Day	28 Years 1-6 students return	29
February 1 Kindergarten starts				

Last Day of School for Students

Wednesday 16th December

Students Year 1 – 6 return

Thursday 28 January 2016

Kindergarten start

Monday 1st February 2016