



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday, 17 February 2015

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

VARIETY CLUB – SPLASH

Friday, 20th February

Time: Between 12noon-2pm

Summerland Point Boat Jetty/Park

Please visit to support the Variety Club members participating in this event. Students from our school will be presenting items to entertain the participants. Come along and have a picnic and enjoy the festivities.

Our P&C are providing lunch & drinks so if you can spare an hour they would love an extra hand. The Variety Club have indicated that they will donate around \$3000 to the P&C.

MEET & GREET TEACHER AFTERNOONS

Over the next two weeks parents and caregivers will be given the opportunity to meet classroom teachers and stage teachers for 2015.

These are of a general nature to explain procedures and are not personal interviews. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher in regard to student progress please request an interview by contacting the teacher by note, or phone the office to arrange a suitable interview time.

CLARIFICATION OF STAGES / CLASSES

In recent times documentation coming from our Department refers to Stages rather than classes. The following is an explanation:

Early Stage 1 = Kindergarten

Stage 1 = Year 1 & 2

Stage 2 = Year 3 & Year 4

Stage 3 = Year 5 & Year 6

MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOON'S

Stage 2 & 3 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Meet the Teacher Afternoon will be on Wednesday 25th February, 2015 at 3.15pm-4.00pm in the school hall. Information about any excursions, events, Year 6 High School transition and any other requirement will be discussed at this meeting.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Kindergarten session is on this afternoon at 3.15 in the Kindergarten rooms.

Year 1 and 2 session is on Thursday 19th in 2W

SURF FUN DAY

Stage 3 Surf Fun Day was an outstanding success & has provided students with wonderful safety tips when visiting the beach and water area

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

If you are interested in your child applying for Hunter Sports High School 2016 forms are now available online at www.huntersports.com.au or from the school office and Mrs Tangye. All information about sport trial dates and costs are included.

There will be 14 sports offered through the talented sports program, these being AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Boys Cricket, Girls Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Swimming, Tennis and Touch Football.

There is an Open Night at Hunter Sports High School on **Tuesday 24th February**

COLLECTING STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL

Parents are asked not to wait for students outside classrooms. Teachers are still trying to teach and it is very disruptive when the student sees Mum or Dad outside the window. Parents are asked to wait on the green seats or in the courtyard.

Please also be aware that Parents/Adults can not use the childrens toilets. If you are on the School grounds and need to use a toilet please see the office who will direct you to our staff toilets.

CANTEEN NEWS

Do you have any fresh healthy ideas!

This week the canteen would like to hear from students who have new fresh healthy ideas that the canteen can make for recess or lunch.

The most popular idea may possibly be added to Term 2 Menu.

All entries will go into a draw for a **\$5.00 lunch voucher**. Students to place their ideas into a box on the canteen counter with their name, class and idea on it.

Entries close Monday the 23rd Feb, and winner of voucher will be in Tuesday newsletter. Looking forward to seeing some **Great New Ideas**.

Monday Special. Monday 23rd February.

Egg and Bacon Muffin \$2.50

Ice-Cream Cone \$1.00

Thank you for your support
Canteen Supervisors
Lyn & Megan

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday 27th February our school will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. This is an annual event which allows us to clean up, fix up and conserve our Australian environment.

Classes will be allocated an area of the school to collect litter from with their class teacher. Please provide your child on this day with some disposable gloves to help clean our school. Thank you for your support of this important event.

Dates to Remember

Tues 17 th February	Parent Information Session –Kindergarten 3.15pm in class room
Thurs 19 th February	Belmont 16 Ft Sailing club raffle. 5pm Parent Information Session - Year 1 & 2. 3.15pm in 2W
Fri 20 th February	Variety Club Function Belmont 16 ft Sailing club raffle. 5pm
Tues 24 th February	Swimming Carnival Hunter Sports Info Night
Wed 25 th February	Parent Information Session – Years 3,4,5,& 6 at 3.30pm in the hall
Fri 27 th February	Clean up Australia Day
Tues 3 rd March	P & C AGM



Stage 3 students will be doing a new health activity in class this term called *How RU travelling?*

This is a one week activity to support your child to make the following healthy lifestyle choices:

- Active travel to school by walking /catching the bus/riding a bike
- Eating fruit/vegetables/drinking water for Crunch&Sip® fruit break at school each day
- Eating vegetables (aim for 5 serves each day)
- Being physically active (aim for at least 60 minutes each day)
- Limiting screen time (time spent on computers/smartphones/tablets/watching TV) – aim for no more than 2 hours each day.

Each student will receive a card to record their progress. We encourage you to support your child by helping them with these healthy choices, and signing their card at the end of the week.

Thank you for your support.

Newsletter snippet provided by
Central Coast Health Promotion Service.



THE *TELL THEM FROM ME* STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.



Northern Lakes Power AFL

Sunday 1st March

11am-1pm

Northlakes Oval, Emu Drive, San Remo

Auskick 5-8yrs (incl Auskick backpack) \$80

Youth U9s-U17s \$130

Uniform (shorts & socks) \$25

Register online for the 2015 season by clicking the new "sign up" button on our facebook page.

It's the perfect opportunity to get fit, meet new friends and to have some fun during winter.

There are modified rules of the game to suit boys and girls five years and older, as well as an open

-age competition for adults. <https://www.facebook.com/NLPAFL>

Gwandalan OOSH

Are you working, studying or want your child to socialize with their peers? OOSH provides care during the following times:

Before School 7am-9am

After School 3pm-6pm

Vacation Care 7am-6pm

Fees can be a little as:

Before school care \$6.34

After school care \$6.64

Vacation Care \$5.56

Call in to pick up an enrolment pack or email orana222@tpg.com.au

We offer high quality at affordable prices. All students are delivered and picked up from the School COLA. Book today to confirm your child's place.

Many thanks
Lisa