



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Tuesday, 24 February 2015**

**Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School**

## **VARIETY SPLASH EVENT**

Last Friday our P&C prepared a delicious meal for approximately 60 Variety Splash Club members at Summerland Point. Our Aboriginal Dance & Didgeridoo groups provided entertainment.

The Variety Club sponsored our P&C to cater for the luncheon, donated a box full of prizes for future fundraisers as well as around \$3000 towards readers for our students. Thank you to those who provided support on the day for this fundraiser.

## **ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL AT SWANSEA SWIMMING CENTRE**

Congratulations to all students for their participation in today's carnival.

All levels of swimmers were catered for by conducting 50m, 25m and novelty events in the smaller pools.

## **BUS TRAVEL TO & FROM SCHOOL**

Recently, the afternoon buses have been picking up our students late. Bus 1 is due to collect students at 3:07pm and Bus 2 at 3:18 pm. When and if we are notified that buses are late we will endeavour to let families know by posting the information on the Skoolbag App.

## **P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING . Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:15pm**

We are hoping to have many parents attend our Annual General Meeting. Teachers will present sections of our new Three Year Plan using a different format introduced by the NSW Government to be implemented in 2015 – 2017.

## **DISABLED CAR PARKING**

The designated markings on the road in Kanangra Drive have faded. Wyong Council has been contacted and it is anticipated that the markings will be redone in the near future.

## **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](http://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. Parents are also reminded that supervision in the mornings before school starts at 8.40. Please use the OOSH centre if your child needs to be at school early.

## **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Carnival Hunter Sports Info Night
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Session – Years 3,4,5,& 6 at 3.30pm in the Hall
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Clean up Australia Day
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	P & C AGM
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> March	RSL to present Anzac Medallions to students
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Photos
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Disco
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Hat Parade 9.15am

### UKULELE GROUPS CAPA GROUP

We are keen to start a ukulele group at Gwandalan Public School, with the idea that they perform at the school concert and/or Performance assembly.

At this time, we do not have enough students who have paid for lessons with our talented, professional Carmel, in order to run the group during CAPA (Creative and Practical Arts) groups.

Ukulele lessons with Carmel (and Mrs Tangye) are held on Wednesdays after lunch for an hour, for 11 weeks and only costs \$55!.

We are offering a free taster lesson to students who have shown an interest.

Any other students who are interested please let us know ASAP.

Many thanks,

Helen Styan and Hannah Carew

Primary Assembly Awards 2015 Term 1 Week 4		
Class	Name	Reason
4H	Cameron Needham	A settled start to 2015
4H	Beth Meehan	Great work in contractions
4H	Cooper Tippet	Outstanding testing results
4H	Darcy Campbell-Butler	Outstanding results in spelling
5A	Kyah Van Den Berg	Being a willing participant in all areas of learning
5A	Paige Fitzgerald	Working hard in Writing tasks
5A	Josh Smith	Always being ready to work
5A	Nathaniel Morgan	Showing persistence in his learning

### 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](mailto: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

### EASTER HAT PARADE

This year our parade will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.15am. Early stage 1 and Stage 1 (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2) students are asked to make a fancy Easter hat at home to wear. Pre-school children are also welcome to wear a Easter hat. We hope to have a visit from the Easter Bunny as well.

### DONATION OF EASTER EGGS

After last years success, a challenge has been set again by the P & C for the most donated eggs **per class in weight**.

The P & C will place a class basket in the office for your donations over a two week period. The eggs will be calculated in weight every few days and the results advertised through the newsletter and skool bag app. Please send in your donations from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> march to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The winning class with the most donated eggs in weight will receive a class party catered for by the canteen. All donations end up as prizes and all profits made go back into purchasing resources for students. So start shopping for all those heavy eggs.

The P&C is also looking for donations for their **Mother's Day stall**.

## 2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

**PRE-ORDERS** for Entertainment Books are now being taken at the office. If you wish to purchase one, the cost is \$60. EFTPOS is also available for purchases over the phone or in the office. These books are GREAT MOTHERS GIFTS....Get in Early