

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

PARKING

Problems arise at School between 8.50am – 9.10am and again in the afternoon at 2.50pm – 3.10pm. Parents all want to park as close as possible to school. This situation is impossible to improve in the short term, without massive inputs of money from local and state government. Parking across the road in the bush area is illegal and at no time has permission been granted by any government body, for parking to be allowed. Rangers will book motorists for parking in this area as *Trespassers will be Prosecuted* signs have been erected some weeks ago. Parents are asked to ease the demand for parking spots by riding bikes with their children, walk, bus or share transport with neighbours.

P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TODAY 3.15pm in the Community Room

Thank you to our 2014/2015 P & C for their commitment to students. There have been many successful fundraising events conducted throughout the year such as Father and Mothers Day stalls and breakfasts, Annual Fete, Easter Guessing Competition, Crazy Calenders and more. Only last week a \$3,600 fundraiser in conjunction with the Variety Splash event. This money will be used to provide readers for K to Year 6. All positions will become vacant at today's AGM. Please consider joining the team and working together to support your School.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

We thank all students for their efforts in tidying up their piece of Australia, Gwandalan PS, on Friday afternoon. We also thank Mrs Aird for her efforts in organising the day.

MEET & GREET THE TEACHER

Around 102 parents attended our Stage Meet & Greet The Teacher over the last two weeks.

We thank parents for taking the time to attend.

If you need to speak to a Teacher one on one, please make an appointment.

ANZAC DAY MEDALLIONS

This week representatives from Doyalson – Wyee RSL will present 100 year Commemorative Anzac Day medallions to our school leaders. These in turn will be presented to students at a later date closer to Anzac Day.

TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

Expression of Interest forms have been distributed to all Year 6 students. This form should be completed by parents and carers requesting placement in Year 7 at a NSW government school next year. However, on the form there is an indication to parents and carers if you are not seeking enrolment at a

government school.

Please complete this form and return to school by **Friday 20th March, 2015.**

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

A Reminder that orders for the Year 6 Polo shirts must be in by this Friday 6th March, 2015. If you are unsure of sizes there are some sample size shirts available at the school office.

Cost of a shirt is \$35 each.

UKULELE GROUPS CAPA GROUP

Last week we offered a free taster lesson to students who have shown an interest. Ukulele lessons with Carmel (and Mrs Tangye) are held on Wednesdays after lunch for an hour, for 11 weeks and only costs \$55!.

Tomorrow is the last chance to enrol in these classes. Don't miss out!

Many thanks,

Helen Styant and Hannah Carew

EASTER HAT PARADE

This year our parade will be on Thursday 2nd 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 16th march to Friday 27th 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**.

HEADLICE

Please check your child's hair daily and treat if necessary. Students can attend school as soon as hair has been treated.

CANTEEN NEWS

NEW FRESH HEALTHY IDEAS PROMOTION

Two weeks ago we asked students for some **Great New Ideas** that they would like to see in their canteen, made fresh and possibly added to the canteens future menu. The ideas were fantastic. Thank you to all students who participated.

Mason Bell of 4/5c was the lucky entrant to receive the \$5 lunch voucher. **ICE CREAM CONES.**

Vanilla ice-cream cones will be on sale every Monday for the remainder of Term 1. \$1.00 each.

Assembly Awards 2015 Week 5		
Class	Name	Reason for Award
KA	Zoey Blight	Excellent attitude to her learning
KA	Tyson McBride	A great helper in the classroom
KA	Lauren Boslem	Great work in reading groups
KA	Harper Morrison	Enthusiastic learner in Reading groups
KS	William Honey	Being a kind and friendly student
KS	Erica Scott	Fantastic homework
KS	Boyd Wilks	Fantastic work in Maths Groups
KS	Layla Morrison	Very neat handwriting
KW	Cooper Corbett	Presenting news clearly and confidently
KW	Bryson Clarke	Fantastic work in Maths groups
KW	Warren Rockwell	Fantastic effort in Reading
KW	Dezzel Gow	Being helpful in the classroom
1J	Olivia Adams	Beautiful book work
1J	Flynn Baggott-Stone	Always being organised and ready to learn
1J	Tayla Arnott	Fantastic work in narrative writing
1J	Brooke Pittman	Consistent effort in spelling
1W	Paige McBride	Fantastic recount
1W	Zak Holt	Excellent narrative writing
1W	Cooper Myers	Great work in counting and addition
1W	Thomas Trang	Fantastic self portrait
2W	Alice Rockwell	An excellent ape information report
2W	Zachariah Wahby	Excellent work in Accelerated Literacy
2W	Isabella Francis	Being an excellent peer mentor
2W	Jayden Coutts	An excellent attitude in PE

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual swimming carnival was held last week at Swansea Pool. The carnival is designed to cater for all swimming levels and there is a big focus on participation. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and there were some outstanding results achieved. I would like to thank John Kowalski and Jason Renshaw for their assistance with running the starting and time keeping duties. Thankyou also to the students and parents who personally thanked Mr Vine for organising the event. Congratulations to the following students who will compete this Wednesday at the Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival at Mingara. Good luck to all our swimmers.

GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM 2015

M.J.Lowe	Abbie Spillane
Riley Spillane	Amelia MacAlpine
Nathan Williams	Alexis Renshaw
Billy Smidt	Emily Bush Charnock
Bailey Whitney	Natasha McDonald
Alex Perrin	Casey Knight
James Pepene	Jorja Kowalski
Josh McNamara	Emma Dyer
Joel Perrin	Ella Munsie
Charlotte Lowe	

GWANDALAN AGE CHAMPOINS 2015

Junior Boy	M.J. Lowe
Junior Girl	Abbie Spillane
11 Years Girl	Alexis Renshaw
11 Years Boy	Josh McNamara
Senior Boy	Riley Spillane
Senior Girl	Charlotte Lowe
2015 Winning House	Coomalong

SWIMMING CARNIVAL PHOTOS

We have many wonderful photos that we would like to share. However until every family returns their General Permisson Notes we are not able to publish any photos. If you still have not returned your note please do so tomorrow.

Dates to Remember

Tues 3 rd March	P & C AGM
Wed 4 th March	RSL to present Anzac Medallions to students
Thurs 19 th March	Harmony Day
Mon 23 rd March	School Photos. Full summer uniform.
Wed 1 st April	Disco
Thurs 2 nd April	Easter Hat Parade 9.15am



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