



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Dates to Remember	
Thurs 19 th March	Harmony Day and You Can Do It
Mon 23 rd March	School Photos. Full summer uniform.
Wed 1 st April	Disco
Thurs 2 nd April	Easter Hat Parade 9.15am
Thurs 2 nd April	Last day term 1
Mon 22 nd April	Staff return. Term 2
Tues 23 rd April	Students return Term 2

Staff Changes

It has been an honour and a privilege to have been Principal at Gwandalan Public School for 8 years and one term.

I have relinquished my position as Principal of Gwandalan Public School. I will be taking Long Service Leave from 20th April, 2015, until my retirement in February, 2016.

I will continue as Principal until Thursday, 2nd April, this term.

Mrs Tangye will be Relieving Principal whilst a new principal is appointed. This process will be led by Director, Lisa Muir and will be completed as soon as possible.

Mrs Valerie Petersen will teach 5/6T and Miss Spicer will work two days a week. One day on supporting our new teachers and one day on a Relieving Assistant Principal's class. Mrs Tangye's Assistant Principal role will be filled by an existing teacher from Gwandalan before the end of the term. An Expression Of Interest process will be implemented.

I thank our current and previous P&C's as well as the many parents and community organisations, who have assisted in supporting teachers in implementing programs, to enhance student learning throughout my time as Principal.

I am so proud of our students and staff as we have achieved many excellent outcomes and are primed up to achieve many more in coming years.

I must own up and confess that it was me who wrote Don Begg is handsome and Mr Begg is the best looking Principal, on the blackboards around the school. I only did this 1,647 times and I'm honestly unsure of the villain that wrote it the other time.

Don Begg. Principal

COMMEMORATIVE 100TH YEAR SINCE GALLIPOLI ANZAC DAY MEDALLIONS

Members of our Student Leadership Team received medallions from Doyalson -Wyee RSL representatives Denis and Bob last Wednesday. They are an outstanding medallion and will be a valuable reminder of Anzac Day for many years to

come. The remainder of our students will receive these at our school Anzac Day Ceremony.

PROGRAMS PLANNED TO BE CONDUCTED AT GWANDALAN IN 2015.

The staff, parents and community work well as a team to deliver programs and initiatives to allow students to excel and develop skills and self-esteem.

These include:

- public speaking
- guitar/ukulele
- bus safety
- didgeridoo
- learning to swim
- sculpturing
- assembly items
- singing
- concert
- visual art
- performances at Lions and Lioness functions
- dance festival
- Lake Munmorah High School festival
- reading key cards chess
- gifted and talented camp
- university academic competitions
- athletics
- attendance and assembly awards
- out of uniform days you can do it program
- school discos
- school fete
- year 6 fun day
- visiting performers at school
- police liaison
- rewards day
- Easter Hat and Book parades
- NAIDOC and Harmony day celebrations

The above list confirms that we attempt to cater for all students and we also offer sport which can involve all students along with visiting sporting groups. Some of which have been AFL (Swans & Collingwood), Basketball, Cricket, Rugby League (Knights, Country League & Sydney Roosters) and Soccer (Mariners).

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 STUDENTS

Applications are open for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong High School's 2016 year 7 Technology class. There will be an information evening on the 10th March 2015 with school tours running from 5.30pm and the presentation to commence at 6.00pm. We have a limited number of applications for this high school available at the school office if you are interested in your child attending this school. For any further information please contact Wyong High School Ph: 4353 1088



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.

HARMONY DAY AND YOU CAN DO IT!

On **Thursday 19th March 2015**, every class will be participating in Harmony Day and *You Can Do It!* activities. This day will also be an out of uniform day with students being asked to wear a colour from the *You Can Do It!* Foundation skills.

Kindergarten and Year 1 to wear **Green** - Getting Along

Year 2 to wear **Red** – resilience

Year 3 to wear **Purple** – persistence

Year 4 to wear **Yellow** – confidence

Year 5 and 6 to wear **Orange** – organisation

In class students will be participating in activities to demonstrate the skills of Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

Creative and Practical Art Groups

All students from Years 3 to 6 have settled in well to this term's Creative and Practical Art Groups. Students are learning about and creating artworks using a variety of mediums. Visiting teachers

have been employed to teach ukulele and guitar and class teachers are enjoying teaching different components of the CAPA curriculum including; Visual Arts, Tie Dyeing, Paper craft, Sculpture, Dance,

Aboriginal Dance and Aboriginal Art. It is a positive experience during CAPA time to witness all students enjoying their activities and being engaged in their learning.

Sculpture. students are looking at the human body figure for inspiration. We have looked at sculptures by Alberto Giacometti and have begun forming and shaping the human figure using different mediums.



Tye Dying. The first project is a cushion cover which will be tie dyed, decorated and sewn. The school has generously provided all of the necessary materials expect stuffing. If you have any hobby stuffing that you are willing to donate please do. Students will also need a paint shirt (old adults t shirt) and rubber gloves. CAPA groups are on every Wednesday afternoon after lunch.

We will also be tie dyeing an item of clothing. This item needs to be 100% cotton. Suggestions: T shirt, singlet, skirt or shorts. These are often available from department stores for approx. \$5.00. Please label with your child's name and send into Mrs Styan or Mrs Jones.

ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to all of our wonderful swimmers who competed at the Wallarah Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival at Mingara last week. Our school was once again highly competitive, finishing 2nd overall and winning the small schools trophy for the second year in a row. We had some fantastic results with 6 students qualifying to swim at Sydney North regional this week. Thanks again to all the parents and grandparents who travelled to Mingara to support our swimming team.

Regards Mr Vine

Walarah Zone Representatives

Jorja Kowalski

Abbie Spillane

Nathan Williams

Riley Spillane

Charlotte Lowe **2015 12/13 years Age champion**

M.J. Lowe **2015 Junior boys Age Champion Wallarah Zone.**

Congratulations also to **Kyan Perricone** who was selected in the 11years boys Wallarah Rugby League Team last week. Kyan will now trial next week for a place in the combined Wallarah/Tuggerah Northern central Coast team.

Term 1 Week 7

What is social and emotional learning? - Part 1

School is not only about reading, writing and arithmetic. It's also about making friends, learning how to work with others, and knowing how to be responsible for yourself.

Knowing how to manage feelings and get on with others are important skills for everyone. This kind of learning starts in early childhood with parents and carers as children's most important first teachers.

Research has found that teaching children social and emotional skills at school as well as at home makes a positive difference to

their wellbeing. Social and emotional skills help school children settle in the classroom and get on with learning.

Useful skills to learn include:

- coping with frustrations or worries
- getting along with others
- solving problems.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 6		
4H	Alex Perrin	Great work in division
	J.D. Parkinson	Great work during writing
	Kurtis Fry	Outstanding effort in all areas
	Mariah O'Neil	Outstanding work in literacy
4/5C	Olivia Daniel	Writing outstanding "Powerful Paragraphs"
	Amiah Thompson	Writing outstanding "Powerful Paragraphs"
	Lee Sant	Working hard and not giving up
	Amelia MacAlpine	Being a confident member of 4/5C
5A	Noah Brown	Being a settled and confident learner
	Isabella Smith	Showing persistence in her learning
	Sophie McAlister	Always being ready for learning
	Cody Manuel	Always trying his best
5/6T	Madison Duce	A mature and sensible attitude towards all activities
	Natasha McDonald	Outstanding report writing
	Carter Van Eden	Displaying great getting along skills
YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS		
Getting Along	Malakye O'Moore Louis	Brianna Nichols
Confidence	Lara-Rose Bull	Kayla Honey
Persistence	Cooper DeCarlo	Jeffrey O'Neil
Resilience	Jayden Murphy	Cameron Thurston
Organisation	Tyler Smith	Jack Davis

Direct Factory Outlets Homebush Bus Trip Saturday 30th May 2015

P & C are hiring a bus to travel to the Direct Factory Outlets in Homebush.
\$25.00 per person.

Morning Tea provided on the bus as well as Raffles and Games

Bus will depart 8am from School
Arrive DFO's 10.00am
Depart DFO's 4.00pm

Get in quick. Pay at office. Eftpos available.



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

Gwandalan OOSH Vacation Care Program 4976 1005 or 0450 208 519
Monday 6th April-Monday 20th April 2015 Opening Hours 7am-6pm

Fees can be as little as-with CCB% reducing your fees

Centre Day	\$5.56	Excursion	\$13.61	Easter Show Day	\$18.21
Monday 6 th April		Tuesday 7 th April		Wednesday 8 th April	
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY		Outdoor Cubby Building		Excursion Easter Show	
Monday 13 th April		Tuesday 14 th April		Thursday 16 th April	
Excursion Darling Harbour Chinese Gardens		Science Day		Excursion Maritime Museum Sydney	
Mon 20th April					
Surprise Day LOTS OF FUN					
Friday 10 th April				Friday 17 th April	
Excursion Movies @ Lake Haven				Super Hero Disco party	

Please not that all excursions have limited places and could be cancelled due to weather or not enough bookings

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.