



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Dates to Remember	
Thurs 19 th March	Harmony Day and You Can Do It
Fri 20 th March	High School Expression of Interest due
Mon 23 rd March	School Photos. Full summer uniform.
Wed 1 st April	Disco. Theme: Joker's and Clowns
Thurs 2 nd April	Easter Hat Parade 9.15am Raffle draw
Thurs 2 nd April	Last day term 1
Mon 20 th April	Staff return. Term 2
Tues 21 st April	Students return Term 2

STAFF VARIATION

We congratulate our School Administrative Manager, Jodie Parker, upon her selection as SAM at Barnsley Public School. Jodie commences at Barnsley next Monday. We wish her all the very best with the rest of her career.

Kim Lane will be Relieving SAM and Melissa Clark will be Relieving School Administration Officer (SAO).

A permanent replacement for Mrs Parker will be filled by Merit Selection as soon as possible.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2014

The report is nearing completion and will appear on our school website early in Term 2. Paper copies will be available from the office upon request from Week 3, Term 2.

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. This application must be returned regardless of what high school your child intends to attend. Please return by **Friday 20th March, 2015**.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 23rd March 2015

Reminder that school photo day is Monday 23rd March (next Monday).

Full summer uniform must be worn which includes black shoes with black laces. Individual envelopes were issued to students last week. Please return these envelopes on photo day with correct money inside. Sibling envelopes are available at the office.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 13 March we celebrated the 9th National Ride2School Day event, where over 300,000 Australian students, rode or walked safely to school. Students who rode safely to school were met at the school gate by our school leaders and received a sticker and a You Can Do It reward ticket. Unfortunately it did rain on the day but the messages of using the crossing safely, wearing a helmet and getting physically active were still able to get across. Thanks to our wonderful School Captains and Leaders for standing at the School Entrance to welcome our riders.

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 an 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 have placed a class basket in the office for your donations over the next two weeks. 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 now. The winning class with the most donated eggs in weight will receive a class party. 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**.

SHOPPING TRIP TO SYDNEY

Saturday 30th May

Don't forget to buy your ticket on the bus for our fun day shopping at DFO Homebush. \$25 a head. Morning tea on the bus on the way down. Payment can be made at the office by cash or eftpos. The bus departs school at 8am. Arrive at DFO 10am and depart at 4pm for a 6pm arrival back at school. This is sure to be a fun day. Come along and have a laugh and grab some bargains.

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.

WALLARAH ZONE SOCCER REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations Riley Spillane, Otis Millard Jorda and Joel Perrin on their selection in the Wallarah Zone boys soccer team last week. These three boys will now trial again for a place in a Northern Central Coast, Wallarah/Tuggerah combined zone team. Well done boys!

WALLARAH ZONE SWIMMERS AT THE SYDNEY NORTH REGIONAL CARNIVAL

Good luck to our wonderful swimmers who are competing at Homebush at the Sydney North Regional swimming carnival today. Jorja Kowalaski, Nathan Williams, Abbie Spillane, Riley Spillane, M.J Lowe and Charlotte Lowe will represent the 14 schools in our zone and we all wish them the best of luck.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 7		
KA	Skye Smith	Great work in Reading Groups
	Taleeha Duncombe	Good listening in the classroom
	Shaylee Bateman	Co-operating with her classmates
	Coby Murphy	Excellent painting in art
KW	Jonti Adamson	Excellent effort in class
	Mia Harris	Excellent effort in class
	Dezzel Gow	Excellent effort in class
	Blake Curley	Excellent effort in class
1J	Indi Gorham	Beautiful bookwork
	Annie Watmore	Fantastic effort in narrative writing
	Jesse Cooper	Trying hard and helping others in maths
	Louis MacAlpine	Good sportsman ship during fitness
1W	Karly Rogers	Fantastic family portrait
	Kira Whitney	Beautiful butterfly artwork
	Blaze McCrory	Excellent effort in Reading
	Rebecca Tattersall	Fantastic narrative in writing
2W	Tylar Bushell	Improvement in Reading
	Aria Knight	Fantastic work on Mathematics
	Willy Lambert	Excellent monkey art work
	Kaley Bull	Neat presentation of work
2P	Storm Rath	Being an excellent peer mentor
	Sharni Pagett	Being organised and helpful in the classroom
	Hayden Titley	Improvements in spelling
	Tea Rampone	Creative ideas in writing
YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS		
GETTING ALONG	Ashley Carmichael	
CONFIDENCE	Annabella Kenny	
ORGANISATION	Tore Adamson	
RESILIENCE	Cooper Myers	
PERSISTENCE	Lachlan Day	

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen is having a meal deal next week. Your pre-order forms are included with today's newsletter. Please return your orders by this Friday.

New winter menu coming next term. We would welcome new healthy ideas that students can enjoy.

DISCO. The canteen will be open from 4.30pm prior to the Disco so parents can pre-order and pay for their child's meal if they wish.

TERM 1 WEEK 8

WHAT IS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING? - PART 2

The kinds of social and emotional skills that are important for children to develop have been identified by researchers as:

Self-awareness - Understanding feelings, self-confidence.

Social awareness - Respecting and understanding others, and appreciating differences between people.

Self-management - Managing emotions, being able to set goals and stick to them.

Responsible decision-making - Choosing wisely and thoughtfully.

Relationship skills - Cooperating, communicating, making friends and resolving conflict.

HOW PARENTS AND CARERS CAN HELP

You continue to have a critical role to play in supporting children's social and emotional learning throughout the school years. Your child's school will let you know what approach they have chosen for their social and emotional learning curriculum so that you can use some of the ideas at home.

Children learn best when they are encouraged to practise the skills they learn at school, at home and in the real world.

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

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	Thursday 9 th April	Friday 10 th April	
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Outdoor Cubby Building	Excursion Easter Show	Cooking day Mystery Guest	Excursion Movies @ Lake Haven	
Monday 13th April	Tuesday 14th April	Wednesday 15th April	Thursday 16th April	Friday 17th April	
Excursion Darling Harbour Chinese Gardens	Science Day	Excursion Hogs Breath @ Tuggerah	Excursion Maritime Museum Sydney	Super Hero Disco party	
Mon 20 th April					
Surprise Day LOTS OF FUN					

