



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents

### Dates to Remember

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Disco. <i>Theme:</i> Jokers and Clowns
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Hat Parade 9.15am Raffle draw
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day term 1
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff return Term 2
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Students return Term 2

### JODIE PARKER

I have arrived at Barnsley PS safely and look forward to getting involved in my new school.

I would like to say thank you for my time at Gwandalan Public School although short but sweet.

Thank you to Kim in the office who made me feel so welcome. I think we worked well as a great team.

Good luck to the P&C who are a few passionate individuals who fundraise tirelessly to support the Gwandalan students. They could always use more members but the fundraising continues regardless. I will miss the faces of the regular students and parents who made a steady flow through the office over the year.

My biggest thanks goes to Mr Begg, who supported me with the many changes that were made whilst I was there. I hope these changes were beneficial to not just the smooth running of the office but supported the parents also.

Mr Begg, I hope you have a wonderful, well deserved retirement. Gwandalan will not be the same without you.

Thanks again for having me, but another venture awaits.  
Jodie Parker.

### STAFF VARIATION

We welcome Melissa Clark as relief SAO in our office. Jodie Parker has moved to Barnsley PS and Kim Lane will be our Relieving SAM, replacing Jodie

### IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

Parents are reminded to please use the crossing located on Kanangra Drive when exiting the school. It is particularly important to note that no access is available via the two staff car parks at any time of day. Please use any of the three gateways located on Kanangra Drive or access is available through the OOSH gate on Orana Drive. Please set a good example for our students when entering and exiting your school.

### P & C NEWS

#### DIRECT FACTORY OUTLET

##### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Don't forget to buy your ticket on the bus for our fun day shopping at DFO Homebush. \$25 per person. Morning tea is provided on the bus. 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.

### DONATION OF EASTER EGGS

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 school 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**

### HARMONY DAY AND YOU CAN DO IT! ACTIVITIES

This year's theme for Harmony Day was 'Harmony Day - Everyday.' Thursday was a wonderful day to witness students and teachers at Gwandalan participating in a variety of activities demonstrating the five foundation skills of Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, Resilience and Confidence. All students and teachers dressed in their You Can Do It! colours and looked fantastic as they celebrated working in harmony with each other. A big thankyou to all families for their efforts.

### CONGRATULATIONS M. J LOWE-STATE SWIMMING.

M.J.Lowe finished second in the 9 years boys 50 metres freestyle at the recent Sydney North regional Swimming Championships. M.J will now compete at the NSW state swimming carnival on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations on your wonderful achievement M.J, the whole school will be supporting you on the day and keep following in your sisters footsteps. Regards Mr Vine.



Riley  
Spillane

MJ Lowe

Nathan  
Williams

Jorja  
Kowalski

Abbie  
Spillane

### EARTH HOUR

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

This year Gwandalan Public School is supporting Earth Hour 2015. Earth Hour encourages Australians to show their support for climate action by switching off their lights for sixty minutes on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm. This year's theme is about how our food and farming is affected by global warming. Thank you for your support of this important event.



DSCO

The Theme of this terms  
Disco is Jokers and Clowns.

Entry Fee \$5.00

5pm – 6.15pm Kinder, Year 1 and year 2

6.30pm – 8pm Years 3,4,5 and 6

Canteen will be available on the night.

## Easter Hat Parade

### 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 an Easter hat. We hope to have a visit from the Easter Bunny as well.

Term 1 week 9

### ABOUT SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING – Part 1

Social and emotional learning is about learning how to manage feelings, manage friendships and solve problems. These are essential life skills that support wellbeing and positive mental health. Social and emotional skills promote children's ability to cope with difficulties and help to prevent mental health problems. Children who have developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about themselves and the world around them.

*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](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)*

### EASTER EGG DONATION COMPETITION

Class weights to date are as follows in grams

KW	2,475
KA	1,430
KS	6,465
1J	1,625
1W	3,411
2W	2,933
2P	170
3T	6,055
3/4S	3,518
4H	6,330
4/5C	1,290
5A	825
5/6T	1,115
6V	3,735

## Canteen News

**Canteen will be closed next Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> March for stocktaking.**

We would also like to thank the following volunteers for your much appreciated help in the canteen this term.

Donna McCormack, Margaret Elsie, Margaret Gallagher, Diane Taylor, Sue Day, Kirsty McCormack, Sharon Stott, Liz Gardner, Margaret Bourne, Melanie Bourne, Racquel Gray, Rebecca Meehan, Linda Bourne and Kristy Stiff.

We look forward to your continued support next term in keeping our canteen open 5 days a week and making yummy healthy treats for all students to enjoy.

Gwandalan OOSH Vacation Care Program 4976 1005 or 0450 208 519  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April-Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>				
Surprise Day LOTS OF FUN				

**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.**

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