



# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

Term2 Week 3

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The weather is gradually getting cooler and looking at the whole school last week I was reminded how good our school uniform looks. However girls, please be advised that tights or leggings are not our school uniform and black trousers can be worn as an alternative to shorts. A reminder also that school jumpers/jackets are a great fashion accessory when the weather is cool. They look good and they are warm! The School information booklet states the following:

Boys	Girls
Black shorts	Uniform dress or shorts
School shirt	School shirt
Black trousers	Black trousers
Royal blue tracksuit	Royal blue tracksuit
Black shoes	Black shoes
White socks	White socks

Our uniform is available at Lowes, Lake Haven. Pre-loved uniforms are available from the office.

A reminder that the **Mother's Day stall and BBQ** will be held this Friday. Please remember to bring in money for that special present for mum. Mother's Day is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. Thank you to the excellent job our P&C do in fundraising and giving opportunities for students to buy something special on not only Mother's Day but Father's Day as well.

Our new **three year school plan** is now available on our school website. Please make sure you have a read of the initiatives and planning processes for the next three years. This school plan is different to the previous school plan and contains a whole school vision statement, along with three strategic areas devised through the consultation with the staff, parents and the school community.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to our many students who have represented us at the Zone level and those who are currently trying out for Zone teams. In the last week I have signed permission notes for Natasha McDonald, Emily Bush Charnock and Riley Spillane. Well done on your enthusiasm and commitment to your chosen sport. A thank you must also go to Mr Vine for organising the students to go to these sporting trials.

Last week we also saw our chess team compete against Tacoma PS on Friday. This was our first chess competition in many years. It is great to see such an enthusiastic group of students, willing to learn and to improve their chess skills. Thank you Mrs Styan for the expert advice you are giving the group.

Coming up we have our 14 leaders attending the Grip Leadership conference on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. This conference is new to Gwandalan students and I look forward to hearing all about it. Mr Vine will be accompanying them to Newcastle along with Mrs Ingram. We thank Gwandalan Bowling Club for allowing us the use of their minibus for this occasion.

## STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House is an organisation that provides holidays and services for school children in need of a break from their everyday life. These services are entirely funded by donations. All donation envelopes will need to be returned to school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. Thankyou for your support.

## JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

Gwandalan Public School has now joined the Junior Chess League - Rookies category.

Our two teams will play against other teams in local schools once a week, some we will host and some will be hosted at other schools.

Some of our students had a game on Friday. We had 8 games against Tacoma, a very strong team.

Two games were a draw and Tacoma won the other six games. Our students were good sports and learnt a lot about strategy from their first games.

The teams are as follows;

### Gwandalan A

Jared Meehan  
Logan Bell  
Mason Pichler  
Mariah O'Neil  
Rogan Pichler (reserve)  
Beth Meehan (Reserve)

### Gwandalan B

Frazer Howe  
Finn Hutchinson  
Luke Mitchie  
Alivia Williams  
Jordan Lonergan (Reserve)  
Sophie Smith (Reserve)



## NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN Testing from next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May till Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May is set aside for catch up testing. A note explaining your child's participation in NAPLAN went home last week; however we are aware that some students may not have received this. Please ask your child's teacher for a note.

Dates to Remember	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Country
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	BOOK FAIR
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Zone Cross Country

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Contact Details

We have had two occasions in the past week when we attempted to contact a parent only to find our contact details are out of date. Please advise the office of any changes to your own contact details or your emergency contacts. It is very distressing for your child when they are not well or have injured themselves and we are unable to contact anyone.

### Headlice

As always we ask that you are diligent in checking your child's hair for head lice. This needs to be done on a daily basis. If you find eggs or lice please treat immediately. You will need to treat the whole family. Treatment should be repeated again in 2 days. If your child has a serious case you may need to continue treatment for several days to completely eradicate the lice. Your child can attend school once the hair has been treated. Should you require any further information please refer to

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/headlice/infosheet.php> or you may prefer <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are holding a Mother's Day Breakfast BBQ this Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00am to 9.00am. Everyone is invited to come and

### Mother's day Celebrations

#### Thank you

#### Skool Bag

If you haven't done so please download the Skool Bag app. There is no cost involved. Just go to the play store and type *Gwandalan Public School*. This is a valuable communicative tool. It can be used to advise us of absences and you will receive alerts relating to many activities happening at school.

#### Payment Of Money

All payments should be handed in to the class teacher at 9am when School starts. The money will then be sent to the office for processing. A receipt will be given to the teacher who will return it to your child. Parents are welcome to pay at the counter or over the phone if paying by ETFpos

#### Medication

Parents of children that currently receive daily medications at School are asked to call into the office in order to replenish medications when needed. We cannot have students carrying medications to School on themselves.

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We are holding a Mother's Day breakfast BBQ this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 7am to 9am. Everyone is invited to enjoy a BBQ breakfast. Sausage & Onion Sandwich \$3.50 Egg & Bacon Sandwich \$3.50 Tea, Coffee & Cordial will be FREE of charge.

Our **Mother's Day Stall** will also be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am. Items range from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

We are also seeking donations of items for our stall.

If you are free to help out on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, please let the Office know.

## GET THE EDGE DANCE PROGRAM

This exciting program will be taught by specialised teachers who have designed and adapted a dance program, to meet the requirement of the skills and fitness components of the PDHPE syllabus.

Primary Assembly Awards 2015 Term 2 Week 2		
Class	Name	Reason
3/4S	Jayden Murphy	Persistent work efforts
3/4S	Jorja Kowalski	Consistent classroom efforts
3/4S	Lara-Rose Bull	ANZAC craft activities
3/4S	Zeke Parker	ANZAC Day activities
4/5C	Emily Andrew	Outstanding commitment towards learning
4/5C	Jake Mullin	Giving every task 100% effort
4/5C	Keanan Hudson	Fantastic effort in class
4/5C	Alivia Williams	Outstanding contributions to class discussions
5A	Montana Seaburn	Improved Confidence in Maths
5A	Kayla Honey	Striving to do her best in all areas
5A	Mitchell MacDonald	Showing Improved Confidence
5A	Luke Casey	Always Doing His Best
5/6T	Tyler Myers	Displaying an excellent attitude in all areas of his work
5/6T	Frazer Howe	Occupying his time constructively
5/6T	Natasha McDonaals	An excellent and informative BTN report
5/6T	Ella Munsie	Work accurately and neatly done

## You Can Do It! Awards

Getting Along	Mitchell Smith
Confidence	Ella Blundy-Edwards
Persistence	Alivia Williams
Resilience	Jared Meehan
Organisation	Emily Bush-Charnock

## THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Scott family for the donation of a Softball Bat & Helmet.

## ABOUT SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING – Part 5 SUPPORTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Talk about feelings – help children explore theirs.

### Keys to supporting social and emotional skills and development

It's important to recognise that social and emotional skills develop over time, and that they may develop differently for different children. Parents and carers and schools working together to help children develop social and emotional skills can really make a positive difference for children's mental health.

#### Key Points

- Get involved – find out about the social and emotional learning program your child's school is using. Learn the language and basics and look for opportunities to apply them at home.
- Talk about feelings – help children explore theirs.
- Be a model – use the skills yourself and show children how they work. Parents and carers don't have to be perfect; showing them you can make a mistake and learn from it can be really helpful too.
- Be a guide – turn difficulties into learning and opportunities.
- Acknowledge and appreciate – provide explicit feedback and praise.

*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)*

## CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN

The GPS Annual Cross Country Carnival will be held this Wednesday at Tunkawallin Oval. This year students will be running on a safe, open track where teachers will be able to watch and monitor each student as they run the course. Students will be running the perimeter of the oval and will be running on the grass. This year we are aiming to get as many students involved in running, walking or jogging the course. It is important to remember that students who turn 8 or 9 years of age this calendar year will be running in the same event, as they are expected to do at Zone, Regional and State level. The top six place getters from age races 8/9yrs and older will be invited to attend the Wallarah Zone Carnival at Wyong Race Club on the 29<sup>th</sup> May. Students will be walking to and from the oval in age groups. Parents should remind their children of what age race they will be competing in before the day. If parents wish to take students home after their event they must do so from the school office and not from Tunkawallin oval.

Thanks again for your cooperation,

Mr Vine

Sports Coordinator

## CROSS COUNTRY/ FUN RUN CONT'D

Approximate start times for events. Girls age races will start after boys have completed their race.

5 and 6 years boys 9:30am

7 year old boys 9:50am

8 and 9 year old boys 10:30am

10 year old boys- 11:30am

11 year old boys 11:50am

12 and 13 year old boys 12:20pm

## CANTEEN NEWS

Unfortunately, this term we've had a couple of volunteers unable to return to help us out at the school canteen. Thank you to those ladies for their time in helping us to maintain a healthy fresh menu for all the students to enjoy. If there are any parents, grandparents or caregivers who have a spare couple of hours a day, week, fortnight or month who would like to help just call the school office or drop in to see us in the canteen. We are there between 10:00am to 2:30pm every day.

Attached to this newsletter is our new winter menu. You will notice we have deleted some items and added a few new ones to suit the cooler weather. Some favourites have returned. Good News: there has been a decrease in price due to smaller portions being offered eg: wedges. Just a reminder that all children ordering ice blocks or ice creams with their lunch will need to bring their lunch order bag back to the canteen for collection. We don't put these items in lunch order baskets. Lyn & Megan look forward to hearing from you.

## BOOKFAIR

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

In the Library

Sales for students from 9am with class teacher

Sales for parents 3pm to 4pm

All the latest books for sale at great prices.  
The School receives a commission on sales.

