



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 19th May, 2015

Dates to Remember

20th May	Knockout Netball Elenor Duncombe Hearing Tests
22nd May	Walk Safely to School Day
27th May	Round 2 CAPA begins
28th May	Rugby League Gala Day
29th May	Zone Cross Country
1st-4th May	State Rugby League
8th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
10th June	Sydney/North Cross Country
23rd June	NAIDOC Day
24th June	Disco
25th June	Presentation Day Reports to go home
26th June	Last Day of Term
13th July	Staff Development Day Term 3
14th July	Students return

Principal's Report

Thank you to all the Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed the NAPLAN tests last week. I was so impressed and know the staff were as well with the persistence and confidence shown by all students completing the tests. Well done everyone! Results of these tests should be available in Term 3.

This time of year is very busy with many classes completing assessment tasks and projects connected with our reports. This week we see Years 3-6 complete their Multicultural Public Speaking tasks, giving a rehearsed speech to their class mates. This can be very daunting for some students, however the experience of giving a speech to their peers can help gain confidence and the more practice they have can only prepare them for future tasks. I know that at Gwandalan Public School we have some very talented speakers that are up and coming. On the subject of public speaking, our Debating team won their first debate against Kanwal-fantastic effort! Thank you, Mrs Styan.

The Year 5 and 6 boys who represented us at the Classic Shield did us proud on Friday as well, with great team effort and pride shown. Well done, boys. Thank you to Mr Vine

Don't forget our Bookfair this week- there is a wonderful collection of books available and Mrs Leyshon has certainly gone to a lot of trouble promoting this event. Is it Mrs Leyshon or the Queen!!

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday 18th May our school Captains and Prefects represented Gwandalan Public School at the GRIP Leadership Conference in Newcastle. Guest presenters presented topics on; making the most out of leadership opportunities, the importance of generosity and looking for opportunities to lead. We look forward to hearing more about their day and the fantastic opportunity they experienced by attending the conference. Thank you Mr Vine and Mrs Ingram for supervising the day. A big thank you also to Gwandalan Bowling Club for donating their bus for transport

Walk Safely to School Day 22nd May 2015

Walk safely to school day is an annual, national event where all Primary school students will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. This year the event will be held on the 22nd of May. **Mr Vine and the Year 6 student leaders** will be handing out 'You Can Do It' reward slips and stickers to students who enter the school safely

Classic Shield Rugby League

The classic shield Rugby League Gala day was held Last Friday at EDDSAC oval, The Entrance. The event had been cancelled several times due to wet weather and it was great to finally get the games played. The boys had a great win against Wadalba 22-4 and played very well against a strong Lake Munmorah team when they were defeated 20-4. Tries on the day were scored by Damian Day (2), Jonah Bonser (2) and Joel Perrin (1). Billy Watmore, James Dunn and Cody Hughes were standouts in defence. Well done to all players, especially those boys playing their first game of Rugby League. Thanks again to Scott Brown and Craig Perrin who helped run the water to the players. The next gala day for Rugby League will be on the 28th of May for both our Under 10s and senior teams. Notes will be distributed when I am informed of ground locations and times. Thanks, Mr Vine-Sports Coordinator.

2015 Classic Shield Rugby League Players

Damian Day, Adam Ings, Cody Hughes, James Pepene, James Dunn, Jonah Bonser, Riley Spillane, Billy Watmore, Jack Davis, Nathaniel Daly, Joel Perrin, Korbyn Pepene, Kyan Perricone, Noah Brown, Jake Mullin.

Primary Assembly Awards 2015 Term 2 Week 4

Class	Name	Reason
3/4S	Tyler Smith	Consistent and persistent work efforts
3/4S	Laura Dunn	Consistent work efforts
3/4S	Mykil Merritt	Terrific persuasive writing
3/4S	Nathan Williams	Terrific persuasive writing
4/5C	Sophie Larkham	Improvement in Reading
4/5C	Finn Hutchinson	Demonstrating fantastic leadership skills
4/5C	Baily Whitney	Working hard to achieve his goals
4/5C	Tori Sharp	Outstanding commitment towards learning
5A	Mitchell MacDonald	Showing a You Can Do It Attitude in NAPLAN
5A	Breanne Hickson	Outstanding Artwork Creating Picasso Faces
5A	Izabella Triolo	Always Doing Her Best
5A	Matthew Austin	Outstanding Achievements in Key Learning Areas

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Getting Along	Mackenzie Shephard
Confidence	Alicia Casey
Persistence	Nathaniel Morgan
Resilience	Montana Seaburn
Organisation	Hannah Moreau

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. We know that with serving at recess and lunch time it can get quite busy some days and with our volunteers help it keeps the waiting time down for the students. If there are any parents, grandparents or caregivers who have a spare couple of hours a day/ weekly/fortnightly/monthly who would like to help just call the school office or you are most welcome to drop in to see us in the canteen. We are there between 10:00am to 2:30pm.

This week there will a new winter menu sent home and you will notice we have deleted some items and added a few new ones to suit the cooler weather. We have some favourites back and there has been a decrease in price due to smaller portions being offered eg: wedges. Just a reminder that all children ordering iceblocks or icecreams with their lunch orders, need to bring their lunch order bag back to the canteen to collect, as we don't put these items in lunch order baskets, thank you.

Lyn & Megan

Cross Country 2015

On Wednesday we held our annual Cross Country event at Tunkawallin Oval. The day was a huge success with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participating. It was wonderful to witness students running, jogging and walking the track and all doing their personal best. Students who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd will be handed their ribbons at the next major assembly. Any student who finished in the top six placegetters from the 8/9 year old races and above will be given a note to attend the **Wallarah Zone carnival on 29th May at Wyong Race Course**. Thankyou to the Year 6 Sports House captains who did a wonderful job as course officials. Thanks to all parents and community members who supported the students at the event. Regards- Mr Vine Sports Coordinator

5/6 years boys

- 1st Sonny Bruen
- 2nd Hendrix McGrath-Green
- 3rd Harper Morrison

5/6 years girls

- 1st Brooke Pittman
- 2nd Layla Morrison
- 3rd Lauren Boslem

7 years boys

- 1st Baylen Murphy
- 2nd Kingston Lowe
- 3rd Louis MacAlpine

7 years girls

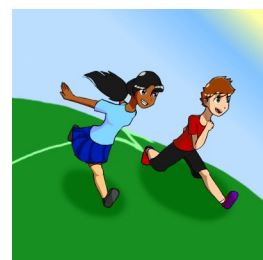
- 1st Tara Austin
- 2nd Allegra Adamson
- 3rd Paige McBride

8/9 years boys

- 1st M.J Lowe
- 2nd Cooper Tippet
- 3rd Hamish Brown

8/9 years girls

- 1st Molly Pittman
- 2nd Tori Adamson
- 3rd Mariah O'Neil



10 years boys

- 1st Connor Tandberg
- 2nd Ashton Myers
- 3rd Bailey Whitney

10 years girls

- 1st Amelia MacAlpine
- 2nd Emma Dyer
- 3rd Alicia Casey



11 years boys

- 1st Otis Millard Jorda
- 2nd Carter Van Eden
- 3rd Harry Peard

11 years girls

- 1st Emily Bush Charnock
- 2nd Nikkia Holmes
- 3rd Ella Munsie

12/13 years boys

- 1st Logan Bell
- 2nd Billy Watmore
- 3rd Joel Perrin

12/13 years girls

- 1st Charlotte Lowe
- 2nd Ella Blundy-Edwards
- 3rd Natasha McDonald

