



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 26th May, 2015

Dates to Remember

27th May	Round 2 CAPA begins Multicultural Public Speaking Stage Finals
28th May	Rugby League Gala Day
29th May	Zone Cross Country
1st-4th May	State Rugby League
2nd June	P&C Meeting. 3.15pm
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

Last week we had a very productive week with several students involved in a range of activities around the school. Some of the activities included the ongoing Chess competition, Netball Knock out and the Book Fair. All of these activities really showcased the students at Gwandalan and their persistence and confidence they have in doing their best every time.

This week seems to have started how we finished last week with Leah Ingram and selected Year 5 and 6 Indigenous students winning the Reconciliation Art Award prize in the section K-6. I was extremely proud to be at the ceremony on Sunday along with Leah Ingram and Shannon Clarke representing our Indigenous students. Congratulations to all those students involved with the artwork, it really does make a statement for reconciliation. The exhibition will be shown at the Gosford Art Gallery from 23rd May until the 12th July, 2015. Please see photo included in this newsletter.

We have 48 of our talented Cross Country runners representing us at the Zone Cross Country this Friday. We wish all of the runners the best and a big thank you must also go to Mr Vine and Mr Turner for organising this event. On Thursday we also see the Junior and Senior Rugby League players competing at a GALA Day, we wish them all the best for a great day!

Social and Emotional Learning: Suggestions for families- Part 2

Encourage discussion of feelings

Encourage children to talk about how they are feeling. Listen with empathy so they feel understood. Help them see that feelings are normal and that all feelings are okay, it is important to understand them, and that understanding and talking about feelings helps you to manage 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

Chess Bonanza

On Friday 22nd May both our chess teams had multiple chess games.

First, we played against Lake Munmorah Primary school, a strong team, and had one draw and three losses.

Against Warnervale, we had 8 games with some wins, some losses and many draws. Results came out 6:10, their way.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Last week all Stage 2 and 3 students presented their Multicultural Speeches to their class. All students in both Stage 2 and 3 presented with confidence and are to be congratulated on delivering high quality speeches.

Each class selected two or three winners and they will be progressing through to the Stage finals on Wednesday 27th May 2015.

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)		Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)	
3T	Natalie Mannion Brodie Munsie	5C	Amelia MacAlpine Olivia Austin
3/4S	Nathan Williams Georgia Lyford Finn Jenkins	5A	Izabella Triolo Shannon Clarke
4H	Cameron Thurston Sophie Smith	5/6T	Emmett Titley Joel Perrin
4C	Alicia Casey Amiah Thompson	6V	Charlotte Lowe Daemon Titley

Congratulations to all the winners and to all students who participated.

Assembly Awards 2015 Term 2 Week 5

Class	Name	Reason for Award
KA	Keiren Meehan	Working hard in maths
KA	Tom Harborne	Excellent effort in reading groups
KA	Annabella Kenny	Excellent work in maths groups
KA	Tyson McBride	A fantastic lazy lion!
KS	Kealeigh Wilkinson	Trying hard to sound out words
KS	Noah Jarman	Always trying to be neat
KS	Boyd Wilks	Writing a great sentence about Lizzie the Lizard
KS	Erica Scott	Writing fantastic sentences
KW	Mia Harris	Excellent work habits
KW	Shaneeka Batty-Cross	Fantastic effort in singing
KW	Kobie Eaton	Presenting quality artwork
KW	Billy Zreika	Improvement in maths
1J	Olivia Byrnes	Outstanding bookwork
1J	Tara Austin	Improvement in reading
1J	Damon Boslem	Fantastic effort on his information report about wombats
1J	Aidan Fry	Fantastic effort on his information report about koalas
1W	Bella Dundas	A fantastic information report on Koalas
1W	Declan Grant	An excellent information report on Wombats
1W	John McHale	Fluent and accurate reading
1W	Nevaia Markham	Interesting and informative journal writing
2W	Kyse Siebenlist-Conroy	Improvement in recognition of sight words
2W	Kyiah Kakahi	Excellent effort in PE lessons
2W	Ayden Matheson	Improved attitude towards reading
2W	Olivia Bell	Trying harder to participate in all activities
2P	Aleson Thompson	Improved concentration and effort
2P	Hannah Inwood	Always offering to help others
2P	Summah DeCarlo	Improvement in reading
2P	Koby Metcalf	Improvement in narrative writing



Reconciliation Art Award

P&C News

Our shopping trip to the DFO at Homebush has been cancelled due to low numbers.

Canteen News

Meal Deal this week available from Wed 27th May to Tue 2nd June.
Spaghetti Bolognaise (small serving) + Choice of any Drink = \$ 4.50
Chicken Noodle Soup (trial size) = \$1.00 OR (regular size) = \$2.00
These meals will be freshly made in the canteen.
Volunteers welcome. Keeping it Fresh, Healthy & Tasty!

Lyn & Megan
Canteen Supervisors



Parking

Parking is now available in Fairwater Drive in the new estate. Parents and children are reminded to access the school through the appropriate school entries not staff parking area's.
Problems arise at School between 8.50am – 9.10am and again in the afternoon at 2.50pm – 3.10pm. Parents all want to park as close as possible to school. This situation is impossible to improve in the short term, without massive inputs of money from local and state government. Parking across the road in the bush area is illegal and at no time has permission been granted by any government body, for parking to be allowed. Rangers will book motorists for parking in this area as *Trespassers will be Prosecuted* signs have been erected some weeks ago. Parents are asked to ease the demand for parking spots by riding bikes with their children, walk, bus or share transport with neighbours.

Newsletter

We would appreciate your feedback on our newsletter delivery.
We are looking to trial the electronic version only and any family wishing to receive a hard copy may visit the office to collect.
Please let us know your thoughts.