



Mr. Osland's Oracle

We would like to say how impressed we have been with the wonderful start to the term. Students are working extremely hard and their efforts have been noticed across the school.

This week the schools across NSW celebrate Education Week. This is an opportunity for our school to showcase classroom activities, special programs and support quality relationships across our school. We invite **all the parents & friends of Gwandalan PS** to come along to our **OPEN DAY tomorrow (29th July)**. More information available next page.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as we can because ***Great partnerships build great schools.***

Working Bee

We **INVITE ANYONE** that can **HELP** to come along to a Working Bee that has been scheduled for **Wednesday the 12th August**. Mr Osland will be working on the front garden area and entry gates. We hope to enhance the front of our school for parents and community members. Anyone that can assist with removal of shrubs and concreting please let us know. Please bring along gardening tools, sunscreen and your hat if you would like to help on the day. **Lunch and drinks will be provided to all volunteers.** Any questions please contact the school.



Premiers Sporting Challenge

This term all students at GPS will be involved in the Premiers Sporting Challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage students to be more active, more often! Students record the activities they complete over a ten week period, with an award given to each student and the school at the end of the term. Physical activity can include playground games, school sport, community sport or incidental activity such as walking the dog or washing the car. ***Students will regularly complete a log books at school, recording how much activity they do each week. Have fun getting active!***

Camp and Excursion Reminders

Great Aussie Bush Camp Instalments can be made via the office. Payment can be made by eftpos, cash or cheque.

Zoo Snooze There are only **5** places left to attend our excursion which stays overnight at Taronga Zoo. There is a buzz of excitement amongst the students about the places to be visited on October 13th and 14th!! Could **all** Year 3 and 4 students please return notes this week **whether you are attending or not**. Thankyou.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Notes were sent home last week. If you require an interview with your child's teacher please return your slip as soon as possible.

Absences

If your child is not attending school for more than two days you are required to contact the school and advise why your child is absent. All student absences are to be explained to your child's class teacher upon their return to school. You may speak to the teacher directly, send in a letter or use the skool bag app to explain their absence.



Stage 3 Enrichment Maths group

Last week, our group had a special visitor to teach a lesson; Mr Shead, head of the Maths Department at Lake Munmorah High School. He was invited to teach a lesson on the applications of the Pythagoras theorem and the patterns involved. We also discussed the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the statue in Samos, travelling with protractors, Pythagoras's accusation of murder and hatred of beans!



Education Week– OPEN DAY

Celebrating local Heroes

We ALL have many heroes in our lives that make us strong and help us strive for success. Schools give us the opportunity to learn, grow, develop and get ready for the future.

Wednesday 29th July 2015

Schedule of events

9.30—11am Open Classrooms (All parents welcome)

11-11.30am Extended Picnic recess (please bring a rug. Our canteen will be selling delicious morning treats or bring your own morning tea)

Assembly including Dance Performance

11.45am 1.20pm K-2 Sports Carnival

See Information below

2—3pm Creative & performing Arts (CAPA) groups as per normal—Parents are invited to participate in their children's CAPA groups.

K-2 Sports Carnival

Wednesday 29th July 2015

Schedule of Events

11.45 March Past

12.00-1.20 Grade Races, Parents Race (Dad's followed by Mum's). Hoops, Hurdles, Sacks, Tunnel, Pizza Race (bean bag on bat around cone) ,Balance Beam and many more activities.

We ask all students to come in their Sport House Colours on the day (with comfortable joggers). It will be a fun filled day with positive participation and enjoyment the main goal for the day.

Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 2

3/4S	Callum Cook	Welcome to Gwandalan P.S
3/4S	Nolan Clark	Great Start to Term 3
3/4S	Jorja Kowalski	Great recount writing
3/4S	Nathan Williams	Answering BTN questions
4/5C	Lee Sant	Working tough and not giving up
4/5C	Montanna Scott	Displaying a positive approach to learning
4/5C	Felicity O'Brien	Always striving to do her best
4/5C	Alicia Casey	Working hard to achieve her goals
5A	Ethan Bell	Excellent Effort in Mathematics working with Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
5A	Bradley Reed	Always trying his best
5A	Alexis Renshaw	Striving for Excellence at every opportunity
5A	Joshua Smith	Excellent China Project
You Can Do It Awards		
	Getting Along	James Dunn
	Confidence	Jasmine Gramat
	Persistence	Breanna Hickson
	Resilience	Olivia Crane
	Organisation	Molly Pittman



Athletics Carnival 2015

Our annual Athletics carnival was held last week at Tunkuwallin oval.

We were very lucky with the weather providing us with sunshine and great conditions. All students enjoy the format where they rotate through activities and enjoyed competing in a fun, friendly environment.

Our annual parent race was a highlight once again with Mrs Honey and Mr Kakahi winning their respective parent/community races.

Many parents assisted on the day and the day couldn't not have been a success without your help. Mrs Belinda Tandberg, Mr John Edwards, Mr Frank Cuddy and Mrs Jill Cuddy were wonderful helpers and we would like to thank any other parents who assisted and supported the kids on the day.

Thanks also to Bill Soult for setting up the track and preparing the oval. Bill does a lot of work behind the scenes and makes days like this run smoothly. Long Jump activities will now be completed this week at school. Students will be notified if they qualify for zone on the 28th August at Mingara in the near future.

Regards Wade Vine and Staff of Gwandalan Public School



Great Cheer Squads



**Parents Race won by
Mrs Honey!!!!**



**Another race off to a
great start!**



Calendar Of Events Term 3 2015

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P&C Trivia Night

The P&C Committee have been working very hard to organize a Trivia Night in support of our school. This event is a major fundraiser for 2015. Money raised on the night will go towards the P&C's target of \$15000 for the purchase of additional iPads and School Applications for our Students. Please come along to this fabulous community event for a family night of fun & music whilst supporting our School and Students. Tickets to this event are available at the GPS Front Office or from the bowling club. Be sure to purchase your raffle tickets that were sent home last week and be in the drawer for some fabulous prizes.

- 28/29 July Parent Teacher Interviews
- 29th July Open Day K-6, 9am-11am—Recess with Children and open CAPA groups from 2pm
K-2 Sports Carnival 11:45am
- 31st July Year 6 GATS program for Lake Munmorah High School Visit
- 4th Aug P & C Meeting. 7.30am in the community room. We are trialling this time slot. Please drop in with your input.
- 5th Aug Yarn Up Morning Tea (10am –Community room)
- 12th Aug **Working Bee 9.30am to 2.30pm. (details in this Newsletter– Please come along if you can)**
- 21st Aug Science and Technology Taster Lessons
Lake Munmorah High School
- 28th Aug Zone Athletics Carnival
Year 6 GATS Lake Munmorah High School
- 1st Sept Year 6 Transition Program 1, 10.30—12.30
- 2nd Sept NRMA Science and Road Safety Day K-6
- 7th Sept Sydney North Regional Athletics
- 8th Sept Transition Program 1, second session 10.30-11.30
- 9th Sept School Concert 6.15pm - 8pm

Woolworths Earn and Learn



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

Woolworths
the fresh food people

You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every \$10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when its complete. The sheets or stickers can be dropped into the collection box

Canteen Open Day

The canteen will be open for Morning Tea at tomorrow's Open Day Event. Serving fresh Muffins, Tea and Coffee.

We are currently looking for volunteers. If you can spare a few hours please contact the Office or see Lyn our friendly Canteen Supervisor.



Social and Emotional Learning

How Parents and Carers can help children manage feelings—Part1

1. Notice feelings

Before we can learn how to control feelings, we first have to notice them. You can help your children notice feelings by noticing them yourself and giving them labels: happy, sad, excited, frustrated, angry, embarrassed, surprised, etcetera. Giving feelings names helps to make them more manageable for children. Learning to pay attention to how they are feeling helps children understand that all feelings are okay and that they can have emotions without being controlled by them.

This resource is part of a range of Kids Matter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au