



## Term 3 Week 4 Tuesday 4th August, 2015

### Mr. Osland's Oracle

Wow, what a busy week we have had. The school is abuzz with hard work and positive interactions that can only support individual learning across our school. Last week saw our parent teacher interviews & our Open Day– this was a great opportunity for our whole school community to come together and look at the positive opportunities that are occurring for our students. Many thanks to staff, parents, carers and friends of Gwandalan PS who gave up their time to connect with us. This reinforced one of my favourite ideals —

***Great Partnerships build and support Great Schools.***

### Public Speaking

We wish ALL our students involved in our local area Public speaking competition at Mannering Park this Thursday– the best of luck. We have commented on the wonderful standards that have been displayed across our classes. Many thanks to everyone involved.

### Working Bee

We **INVITE ANYONE** that can **HELP** to come along to a Working Bee **OCCURRING NEXT Wednesday the 12th August**. We 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.



### P and C Meeting 7.30am Tuesday 4th August

The P&C monthly meeting was conducted in the Community Room this morning. Minutes will be made available to Parents, Carers and Citizens as soon as possible.

### 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!***

### Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

We ask everyone in our community if they know of a little one who may be ready to start school next year, to advise the parents to come to the school office to add their child's name to our list.

This allows us to establish communication prior to the start of our **Great Start to Gwandalan** transition program starting early in Term 4.

Our Kindergarten transition will start with our picnic in the park on Tuesday 13th October from 12-1pm (invitations will be sent in the mail).

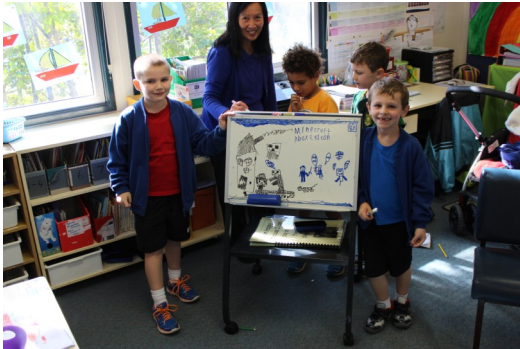
## Important Newsletter information

**From this week the school newsletter will be issued on a fortnightly basis. This will allow each of our classes to present an item of interest and allow for a more detailed newsletter.**

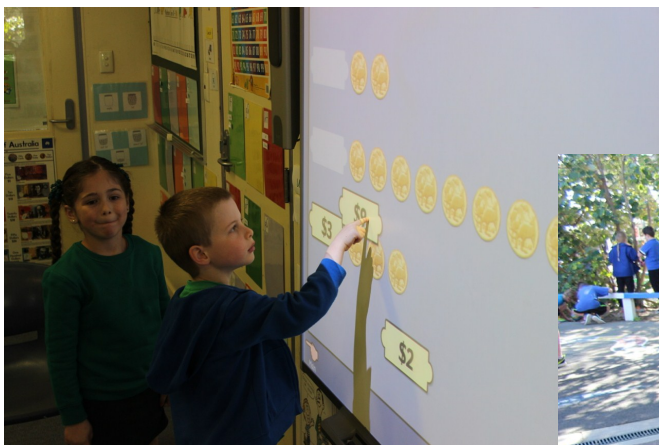


# Education Week– OPEN DAY

Wednesday 29th July 2015



Open Classrooms were a great success with Parents getting the chance to be hands on in the classroom.



Picnic Time





# K-2 Athletics Carnival 2015



Participation  
the key to  
Success!



Cheer Teams



Our Pre Schoolers Race



Our Mums Race



Our Dads Race





## School Uniform

Please be reminded that school uniform can be purchased through Lowes at any time throughout the year. Uniform is as follows:

- Girls Summer: School Dress, School Shorts, Blue Polo Jumper, white socks & Broad Brimmed Hat with school logo
- Boys Summer: School Polo, School shorts, Blue Polo Jumper, white socks & broad brimmed hat with school logo

As part of promoting school pride across our community, we ask that all students continue to represent our school in their uniforms. Uniforms connect us to a set of common values and strengths.

Thankyou for supporting our school, it is greatly appreciated



## Great Aussie Bush Camp - Stage 3 Excursion

There are still positions available for students to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 4. Some of the activities students will participate in are the dolphin cruise, giant swing, raft building activities and the county fair. This excursion links directly with the PDHPE syllabus and the You Can Do It welfare system. The total cost of the excursion is \$315 and payments can be made through the office.

Permission, medical and code of conduct notes will be sent home today. All three notes must be returned. Further information will be available closer to the date of the excursion.

Stage 3 Excursion Coordinator—Kerrie Abbott



## Zoo Snooze - Stage 2 Excursion

Don't forget to keep your payments for the excursion coming in.

Final payments are due by the 11th September.

Medical notes will be sent out soon.

## 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.

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 here at school or at Woolworths Lake Munmorah where a collection box is located.



## CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all the lovely Volunteers and Lioness ladies who helped us at the School Athletics Carnival, it was a very busy day and your help was greatly appreciated. Also thank you to Ray Elsie who chased up the shutter key for us to open.

This Wednesday we have a Meal Deal. Order forms were sent home last Friday. We will be accepting late orders on Wednesday.

- 1 Lasagne
- 2 Tuna Bake
- 3 Gwandy Burger -

All meals come with a Trifle Cup and Choice of Drink Choc/Straw Lite Oak Milk **OR** Spring Water for \$5.00.

Students can place their orders on Wednesday in class lunch baskets.

# Community Events



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 draw for some fabulous prizes.

We have had a lot of generous support from the Gwandalan Bowling Club, as a show of thanks please come along to support both the school and our local club.

## **For the Kids:**

Kids packs will include activities that will win prizes on the night, a gold coin donation will be required to enter each competition.

Games—paper plane (make & throw), clinker game, heads and tails and much more

## **For the Adults:**

Logo game, 100s club, buy a balloon—win a prize, gold coin toss and more

***Karaoke & Cash prizes as well as prizes for the best decorated table, why not have a theme!***

***Don't forget you are more than welcome to bring some cheese, biscuits, chips and nibbles for your table***

## **Lioness Club**

The Lioness Club of Gwandalan would like to invite everyone to attend our next pre-loved clothing sale on:

*Saturday 15th August*, to be held at Gwandalan Community Hall from 8:00am—till Midday.

We have a large selection of clothing for women. Men, children and babies, with most being sold for “fill a bag for \$5.00”. We also have specialist areas for the “Trendy Chic” suitable for teenagers, or working mums as well as more formal clothes for special occasions, Nothing over \$5.00 in these areas. There are also sections with linen, shoes and handbags as well as some bric-a-brac.

Come along and find a bargain or two

# Calendar Of Events

## Term 3 2015

- 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
- 10th Sept School Concert 6.15pm - 8pm
- 11th Sept School Concert Matinee Performance



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