



Term 3 Week 10 Tuesday 15th September, 2015

Mr. Osland's Oracle

Welcome everyone to our last edition of our Newsletter for Term 3. The past fortnight has seen a lot of action taking place in our school. Our Father's Day Breakfast, Outstanding representation at our local Spelling Bee competition & Regional Athletics, NRMA Road Safety day, Transition days to the High School, Gibalee Day at Mannering Park and **OUR WHOLE SCHOOL performance**, "The Story of US" - that showcased the many creative talents and strengths we have in our school.

We have started to prepare for our evaluation and consultation processes for next term as we move forward into our next year of strategic school directions. We wish to continue to build on our values around High Expectations, Positive Relationships and Quality Educational outcomes for Everyone. We greatly appreciate any feedback in enhancing our shared vision of Gwandalan Public School.

SCHOOL PLANNING FOR 2016-2017

We are looking to invite anyone who may be interested to our first school focus group on Thursday 12th October where we discuss the school from the viewpoint of you (parents, community and students), regarding what the school is doing well and how can we further enhance our school. The information collected is confidential and extremely helpful as we move forward. This is a great opportunity to assist the school's future directions. **Great schools have great partnerships.**

FATHER'S DAY Breakfast

A HUGE thank-you to all the dad's, brothers, grandads and friends of Gwandalan PS who attended our special breakfast. It was great to see the positive interactions on the day. Special thank-you to our P&C for the organisation of gifts and support running the BBQ.

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to **Tyler M, Emmett T, Emma D and Ella M** who represented our school with an outstanding attitude at last week's local Spelling Bee Competition. Excellent work.

SPECIAL THANK YOU—RE : The Story of US

A special thank you to the staff of Gwandalan PS, for all their efforts, enthusiasm and vision to create a memorable event across our school. It has been an amazing journey from initial conversations earlier in the Term to what came together last week. Well done. Many thanks to all our students, parents and friends of GPS for your support throughout our concert week—**THANK-YOU.**

DROP OFF ZONE

We ask parents and friends of Gwandalan PS to please utilise **our DROP off Zone at the front of our school** correctly. It is an extremely important area that enables ease of access and a safe point for students. **We ask that cars DO NOT park in this zone.** Your support is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL SPORT Term 4

Next term our school will be delivering a new approach to our School-Based sport for Years 3 to 6. All sport will occur on Fridays and provide opportunities for students to get involved in a variety of activities. A note will come home with students this week, please fill it in and return the tear off section by this Friday. Any questions please contact the school.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Charlotte Lowe, M.J.Lowe and Cooper Tippet who competed at the recent Regional Athletics Carnival. Charlotte won the 800m and will progress through to State later this year.

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 16th September— **School Crazy Hair Disco**

Infants—5-6.15pm & Primary 6.30 to 8pm

Friday 18th September -**Last day of Term 3**

- **Whole School Book Parade - 11.30am start**
⇒ **BBQ Community Picnic Lunch 1pm**

Students return—Day 1 Term 4 - Tuesday 6th October

FROM THE OFFICE

PHONES Parents are reminded that if students bring phones to school that they must be handed into the office in the morning and collected after the bell in the afternoon.

LATE NOTES Parents are also reminded that if your child is late to school they are asked to come into the office and explain the absence. Arriving late to school is counted as a partial absence.

CONCERT DVD's Order forms were sent home last week for you to order your copy of the concert DVD. Cost is \$10.00 each. Please return these orders with the money by Friday 16th October.

THANKYOU FROM KIM I have been the acting Admin Manager for 2 1/2 terms now. I would like to thank the **SASS** staff for their support while I have been relieving.

Thankyou to all 5 SLSO's for attending the concert and helping the teachers. Thankyou to the office staff for their help in seating parents and guests on both evening performances.

A huge thankyou also to Melissa Clark and Sarah Brown for your continued support in the office. Thankyou Jo Ham for all your help. Together we did it!

The Admin staff would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday.

LMG Spelling Bee Congratulations to Emma Dyer, Ella Munsie, Tyler Myers and Emmett Titley for their efforts on Friday in the LMG Spelling Bee. Our talented spellers were up against some equally talented students from Mannering Park Public School, Lake Munmorah Public School and Lake Munmorah High School. They all did very well and should be congratulated for their fine spelling of some very tricky words.

A special mention also goes to Ella Munsie who came third in the competition. Well done!



Primary Assembly Awards

Primary Assembly Awards 2015 Term 3 Week 8		
Class	Name	Reason
3/4S	Hannah Moreau	Improvement in reading fluency
3/4S	Tyler Smith	Great improvement in reading fluency
3/4S	Cooper De Carlo	Excellent Pattern Writing efforts for "The Lion Drummer"
3/4S	Lara-Rose Bull	Excellent Pattern Writing efforts for "The Lion Drummer"
4H	Taylah McNamara	Working hard in literacy
4H	Mariah O'Neil	Working hard in maths
4H	Nikita Watkin	Always being a delightful class member
4H	Alex Perrin	Showing increased confidence in class
5A	Luke Brookes	Improved spelling results
5A	Paige Fitzgerald	Excellent effort in dance
5A	Kyan Perricone	Dedicated support in the concert
5A	Isabella Smith	Always doing her best

You Can Do It! Awards

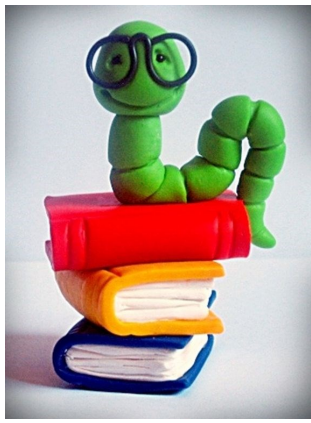
Getting Along	Hannah Moreau
Confidence	Keanan Hudson
Persistence	Ethan Barrett
Resilience	Luke Casey
Organisation	Lee Sant



Year 6 Fundraising Committee

Thank to all the parents who organised the fundraising activities last week- the sausage sizzle/canteen and the cake stall on Friday morning. A thank you should also go to all the volunteers who helped out and gave up their time to help raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. Much appreciated.

Our next Year 6 Farewell Committee meeting is on Thursday 8th October, 2015 at 3.15pm. We would welcome any other parents/carers who would like to be part of the committee.



Library Corner

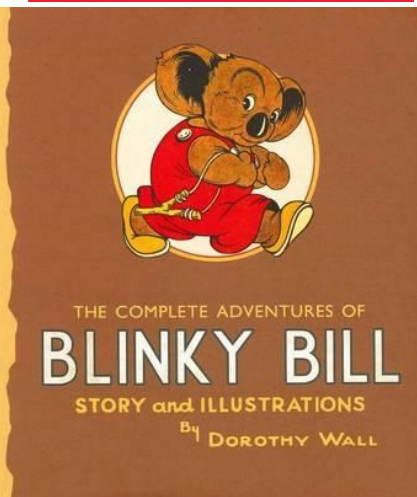
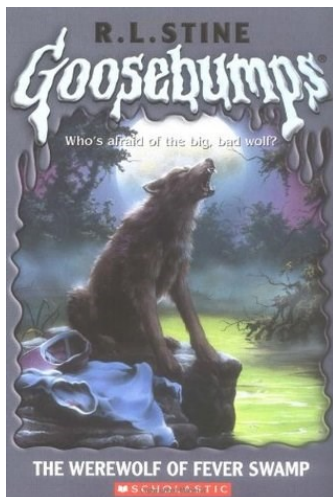
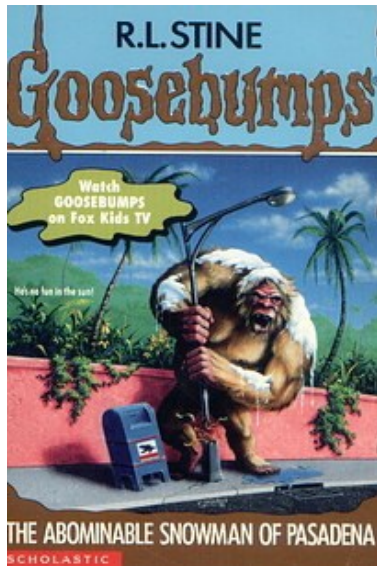
Hey Kids,

Have you heard there
are some great movies
coming .

Why not pop into the
library and pick up a copy of Blinky
Bills adventures or one of our
R.L.STINE Goosebumps books before
you see the new movies .

Melissa Leyshon

Gwandalan Public School
Library



Uniform was discussed at last weeks P&C Meeting. It has been decided that we will look at introducing a sports uniform to be worn on sports days only. We currently have three items with a manufacturer and they will be made available for Parents and Community inspection prior to being voted on by the school community at a future P&C Meeting.

In addition we are looking to introduce a revised school hat and will be voting on the design also at a future P&C Meeting.

CLOTHING POOL

We currently have a number of new items for sale in the school clothing pool.

GPS Shorts size 14 \$15.00

Jackets size 8 and a 10-12 \$25.00

Shirts size 16 X 2 \$20.00ea

Size 18 \$20.00

Dresses size 12 X 2 \$30.00ea and

Size 10 \$30.00

2015 BOOK PARADE

The Book Parade will be celebrated on Friday
18th September, the last day of term!

All students K-6 can dress up as their favourite
Book Character– Followed by a BBQ picnic
LUNCH at 1pm

TIME 11.30am Start

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!



Protecting Yourself Online

The Australian Government has recently released a second edition of a very helpful booklet covering what you need to know when using the internet. In these days of modern teaching computers are an integral part of daily classroom life. We recommend that every household have a copy of this booklet.

[Protecting yourself Online— What Everyone Needs to Know](#)

Inside this booklet you will find valuable information regarding

How to secure your computer

How to be smart Online

How to be safe online

In these days of modern life computers are an integral part of daily classroom life, home and working environments. We recommend that every household have a copy of this booklet.

For instance do you know how to use smart settings for your web browser?

What about controlling your internet connection and securing your wireless network. Keep in mind that an unsecured network is just like an unprotected computer—it leaves your personal and financial information vulnerable.

Do your children use Social Networking and are they using it safely?

The internet offers an exciting world of experiences for children and the whole family. It can be entertaining, educational and rewarding. However, using the internet also involves risks and challenges. Children might be exposed to content that is inappropriate. Make sure you know how to protect your Family while they are online.

You will also find advice on dealing with offensive content, protecting your children online

Stranger Danger applies to people online, just as it does in real life.

For more information see

<https://www.ag.gov.au/RightsAndProtections/CyberSecurity/Documents/PDF%20-%20Protecting%20Yourself%20Online%20-%20Second%20Edition%20-%20Booklet.pdf>

**Be Safe—stay informed and communicate about online behaviour with
your child**



Walarah Zone Athletics

On Friday 28th of August 46 students from Gwandalan Public School travelled to Mingara to compete in the annual Wallarah Zone Athletics carnival. All students who attended the event had a wonderful day representing our school against the other 14 schools in our zone. It was fantastic to witness students doing their personal best in many events and it was also the first time many students represented the school at a zone carnival. Thankyou to all students for their wonderful behaviour and to all parents and family members who went to the event to support our students.

Regards- Mr Vine (Sports Coordinator)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE NEWSLETTER



In Order to reduce our Environmental Global Footprint , Term 4 will see the launch of Gwandalan Public School's Electronic Newsletter. Hard copies will be available in the front office only upon request. Your support in reducing our paper usage is greatly appreciated.

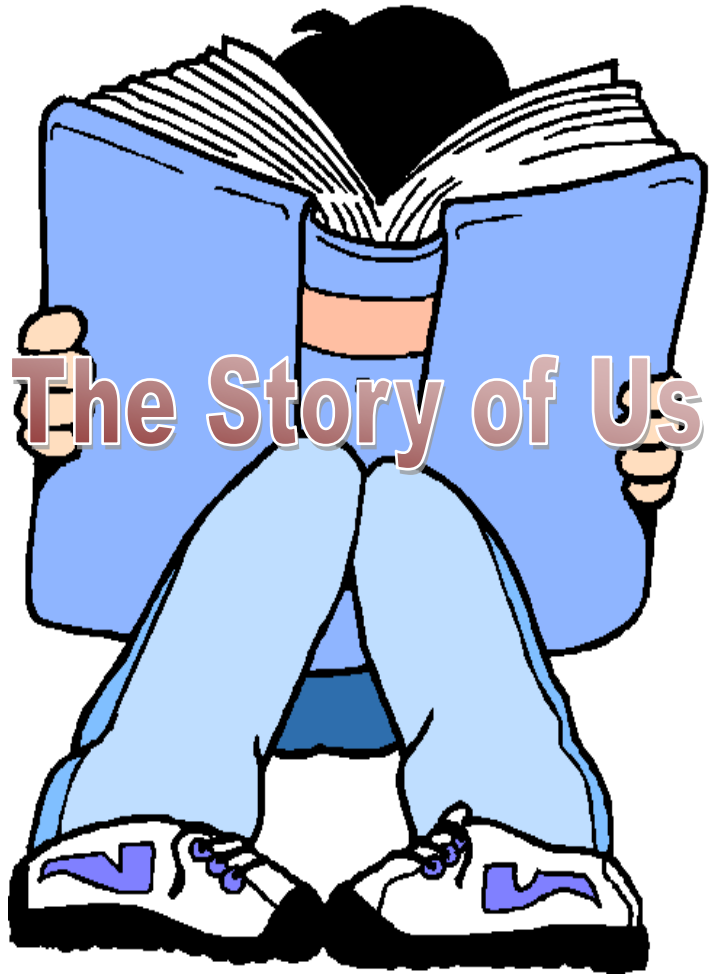
Electronic copies available on the school website and the Skoolbag App.



2015 Concert



The Story Of Us





About the show:-

This year we have endeavoured to present our history of Australia.

Throughout Australia's history we have seen many significant events happen that have shaped who we are today.

We hope that you enjoyed the performance and realise how very privileged we are to live in a truly beautiful and special part of the world.

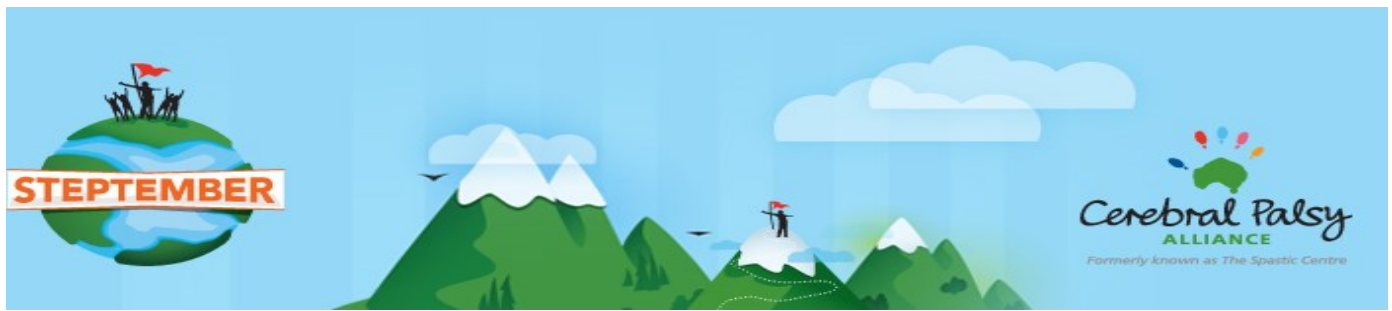
At Gwandalan Public School we believe that the children we teach are our future and their understanding of where we have come from will help them realise their potential in their lives.





Striving for Success





From the beginning of September, I have been taking on the challenge of completing 10,000 steps a day, for the entire month of September to raise vital funds for Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

The average office worker only takes around 3,000 steps per day, so 10,000 steps a day is going to be quite the challenge.

But it's for a very worthy cause.

Not only does the Cerebral Palsy Alliance help the kids with cerebral palsy which is the most common physical disability in childhood, but they also provide services and equipment for children with a wide range of additional needs including students at our school.

If you're not sure where to start, a donation of \$55 could help to purchase a walker to enable a child with CP or other additional needs mobility and independence.

You can donate to my fundraising page: <http://bit.ly/1JswX1s>

OR

Students can bring money in a bag to the school and give to their class teacher with their name on it.

Any amount you contribute would make a huge difference to children and adults living with cerebral palsy and other additional needs and of course encourage me to complete my 10,000 steps per day!

Thank you so much,

Mr Turner

P.S. You'll receive an automated receipt as every donation over \$2 is tax deductible

School Holiday Ideas

CHBPS 1915

Catherine Hill Bay Public School

Festival

Centennial Anniversary

Free Entry

School Reunion
bring a picnic lunch and catch up
with old school friends
School tours
talks by ex students
School memorabilia
old school photo displays

SATURDAY
SEPT 26
2015
10am to 4pm

26A Flowers Drive
Catherine Hill Bay



CHBPS 1915

Catherine Hill Bay Public School

Festival

Centennial Anniversary

Free Entry

Garden talks hosted by Linda Ross and Angus Stewart
Garden and Seedling Stall
School Tours
Surfboards & Book Stall
Face Painting
Petting Zop
and much more fun...

SATURDAY
SEPT 26
2015
10am to 4pm

26A Flowers Drive
Catherine Hill Bay



Gwandalan OOSH Vacation Care Program








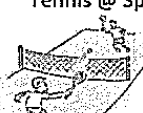


Gwandalan OOSH Vacation Care Program 4976 1005 or 0450 208 519

Daily in Centre Fee \$47.00 Excursion Daily Fee \$62.00

Monday 21st September -Friday 2nd October 2015

Opening Hours 7am-6pm

CCB% can reduce your fees

Monday 21 st September	Tuesday 22 nd September	Wednesday 23 rd September	Thursday 24 th September	Friday 25 th September
Wacky Wheels Day Bring your bike and scooter  You must bring a helmet	Excursion to Movies @ Lake Haven 	Lunch @ Top a lot Pizza Picnic at Tunkawallin Oval 	Mud Pitt  Make slime & other gooey things	Kidz Hq 
Monday 28 th September	Tuesday 29 th September	Wednesday 30 th September	Thursday 1 st October	Friday 2 nd October
Walk to community Garden  Plant OOSH Veggie patch	Pet day  Learn all about pets today A special visitor is coming to our centre today (may have 4 legs)	Tennis @ Sporties  Mystery lunch will be provided today	Walk across the harbour Bridge 	Come and have lots of fun face painting, carnival games, Every child will receive a prize today 

Please note that all excursions have limited places and could be cancelled due to weather or not enough bookings

Community Events and Information



Gwandalan Cobras Under 12s Premiers 2015!

Well Done to all the boys in the Under 12s Gwandalan Cobras Soccer team who won their Central Coast Grand Final last weekend. The boys defeated Woy Woy 4-2. Team Members- Riley Spillane, Joel Perrin, Jonah Bonser, Ethan Ferriera, Adam Ings, Troy Hayward, Nash Craven and Kyle Grew.



Swansea Sharks Swimming Club

Registration Day 13th October, 2015

6pm Swansea Swim Centre

If you have a love for swimming and want to have fun, keep fit and meet new friends, it's now time to swim with Swansea Sharks Swimming Club!!

Tuesdays 6PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT JASON 0438 658 803

Life is an Adventure !!

Join in the fun, learn skills & make new friends

Scouts for Boys and Girls

Bring this flyer for your first night free

Call Liz **0409 908 217**

1st Gwandalan Scouts

It's more than you think!



Want to keep the kids **ACTIVE** on a Sunday morning?
... then get them into **NIPPERS!**
10:00am to 11:30am Sunday throughout the swim season



Fun | Fitness | Surf Awareness | Rip Identification | Board Riding | Training Programmes | New Friends | Parent Involvement | Bronze Medallion
www.cathosisc.org.au | nippers@cathosisc.org.au

REGISTRATION DAYS

Sunday 13th September 10:00am - 12:00 noon
Saturday 19th September 10:00am - 12:00 noon
Sunday 26th September 10:00am - 12:00 noon

ALL ENQUIRIES

Josh Simpson, Jnr Activity Co-Ordinator 0427 918 533

Nippers ... the perfect way to get your kids active and outdoors!

Proudly Sponsored by
Raine & Horne Lake Munmorah
for the past 11 years

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

If you know of any families in the local area who intend to enrol for 2016 Kindergarten and who have not listed any details with the school could you please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

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

If you have enrolled your child for 2016 Kindergarten, please return all forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

Transition dates have been set for October 20th & 28th from 9am—11am and November 17th & 24th also from 9am—11am.

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. Final date for payment is **14th October**.



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—Please return these notes to the School as soon as possible.

Mrs Belinda Sanderson



Thank You



We would like to take this opportunity to send a special thankyou to the Gwandalan's Lions Club for their time and efforts spent supporting our school. In particular for running the BBQ at our 2015 Concert evening sessions.

Woolworths Earn and Learn



As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker Sheets and any loose Earn&Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Extra sticker sheets are available in the office.



P and C Fathers Day Raffles Winners

1st	Lilly's Dad 4H
2nd	Aaliyah's Dad 1W
3rd	Jarrod's Dad 5/6T
4th	Lillian's Dad 4H

Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast

A Big thankyou to all our Dad's who attended the fathers Day BBQ Breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces. Thankyou to all our volunteers on the morning who were involved in cooking and serving food and drinks.

Fathers Day Stall

We had a very successful Fathers Day stall and are happy to say that all children who attended left with gifts and smiles. Thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers again this year.

Dates to Remember

September 2015



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
14 YR 6 GATS Program Taster Lessons	15	16 School Disco Infants 5 –6.15PM Primary 6.30-8PM	17	18 BOOK WEEK Parade Time 11.30am LAST DAY TERM
19th September	Through to	5th October	SCHOOL	HOLIDAYS
TERM 4 BEGINS	6th October Students Return to school			

Mark your Calenders for the upcoming FETE Date
17th October, 2015



CANTEEN

If you can spare any time, please remember we are always looking for volunteers in the school canteen. Your children would love to see you in the there, why not come along and

CANTEEN NEWS

Here in the canteen we not only like to try and keep it Fresh, Healthy & Tasty, we also like to be environmental friendly. The school has a Vegetable & Herb garden that students, teachers & volunteers look after. The students are always popping in to give us a hand full of produce to use in our freshly cooked Lasagna, Beef Patties & Salads. All peelings are returned into the compost. Where possible, we would also like to cut back on some items that we serve in plastic cups. This week we will be trialling Frozen Yoghurt Fruit Cubes, made from lite yoghurt and fresh fruit for 20c. Students & Parents suggestions or new ideas are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

There will be a new Summer Menu out next term, a few items have been taken off and a price increase on some items. The new menu will be posted on our website, copies will be available from the canteen, office and on the Skoolbag app. We are looking for volunteers to help in the fourth term on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. If you can spare a few hours to help make some yummy food like pikelet's, fruit muffins, cutting up fresh fruit and with the serving of recess and lunch orders to keep waiting time down for students, we would very much appreciate your help and the children always love seeing a family member here.

Lyn & Megan (canteen supervisors)



Term 3

Reward Disco

DISCO CRAZY HAIR
THEME

16th

September

K—2 5.15pm—6.15pm

Years 3-6 6.30pm –8.00pm

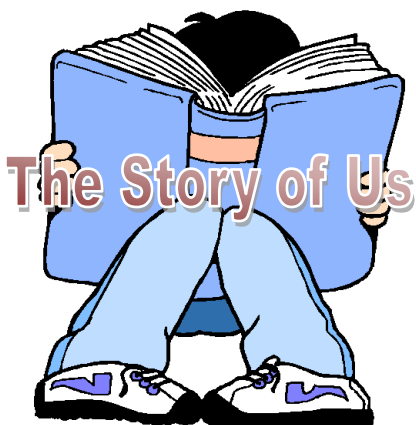
That's this **Wednesday**
NIGHT!!!!!!



BOOK PARADE The Book Parade
will be celebrated on Friday 18th
September, the last day of term!
Start Time 11.30am

Followed by a Community BBQ lunch.

We look forward to seeing you.



CONCERT DVD \$10 EACH

Don't Forget to get your order in for
your very own copy of this years
Concert Performance.