



Term 4 -Week 6

Welcome everyone to the second last edition of OUR Newsletter for 2016. I continue to be amazed by the wonderful community we have at our school. It is important to remember that we ALL want our students/children to achieve their potential, keep safe and build on their strengths.

PRESENTATION DAY

We WELCOME all our parents and friend's of Gwandalan Public School to come along and join us in celebrating our successes and the many talents we have at Gwandalan.

Our End of Year Presentation Day is on **Wednesday 7th December 2015**. All parents, grandparents, carers and friends are invited to come along from 9:30-11.30am.

Any questions please contact the school.

NEW 2016 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITIONS

This **Monday (5th December)** finalises our **Gwandalan STARS—2017** Kindergarten Transition program. It has been great to see so many children attend our sessions.

We are looking forward to seeing all our Kinder STARS for their first day of school on **Thursday 2nd February**. We hope to have classes finalised before the end of the term – An **alert will be sent out on our APP** when they are available on our Website. Thanks again for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

FRIDAY SPORT

Our school sport will continue for another 2 weeks (Friday 2nd and Friday 9th). Please ensure students continue to bring the appropriate gear for their sport.

Many thanks to our parents, Point Wolstoncroft staff, our wonderful Fishing Volunteers and the staff of GPS—Through this support we are able to create the opportunities we do for our students. Thanks

CLASSES for 2017

We are currently working extremely hard to generate a DRAFT class list for 2017 by the last Newsletter date ((Wednesday 14th December). Thank you!

BOOK FAIR

Our Library currently has set up our final Book Fair for 2016. If parents or grandparents want to come in and have a look it starts next Monday and goes to next Thursday. More details later in this newsletter.

Year 6 TRANSITION to High School

Wow!!! Where has this year gone! Our Year 6 students whom will be attending Lake Munmorah High School will commence there from Thursday (8th December).

Important Year 6 Dates:

Thursday 1st December— Year 6 Farewell at Point Wolstoncroft— 5.30pm-9.15pm

Monday 5th December— Year 6 Reward Day at Tree Tops **9.00am— 3.00pm**

Presentation Day-Wednesday 7th December, followed by Whole school Farewell Arch at school 2.45pm. **All parents and friends invited.**

Our Year 6 students started their educational journey in Kinder in 2010. It has been an honour and privilege to get to know our Year 6 students who are an extremely impressive group of individuals. The strengths and capabilities of our students will put them in a great position for the future. May you all continue to work hard, set goals and always strive to reach your potential.

REPORTS HOMES to Parents

This year again will see our Year 6 reports go home earlier than the rest of the school. Reports will go home for Year 6 on **7th December** (Presentation Day). ALL other Year levels will be sent home on **Friday 9th December**. Any concerns please contact the school.

Newsletter Quote :

It is not trespassing to go beyond your own Boundaries. Sometimes taking a risk in learning something new or different has the greatest reward.



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Great work to ALL our future leaders during our leadership speeches. They all displayed a wonderful attitude and promoted the values we stand for here at Gwandalan PS. We are in extremely good hand with the leadership potential we have in the school. Congratulation to ALL STUDENTS who were involved in the process.

School Leadership Elections and Speeches

Congratulations to all those Year 5 students who took part in the 2016 elections for School Leadership in 2017. You all have done very well with outstanding posters on display in the library and well prepared speeches.

All speeches and posters really showed the commitment all the candidates had for leadership in 2017.

The results of the elections have seen **Alex Perrin, Ashton Myers** and **Finn Hutchinson** gain positions on the leadership team, along with **Daisy Luckman, Krystal Pearce and Ava Osland** for the girls on the leadership team.

On Presentation Day we will be announcing the Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects.

Congratulations again to all who went for leadership and please remember that we **will be looking at candidates to fill our Ministerial positions in 2017 in the areas of Education, The Environment and Wellbeing.** We will also have the House Captain elections in 2017 being included in the leadership team.

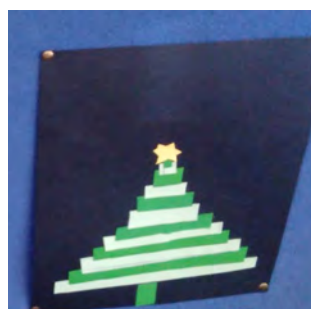
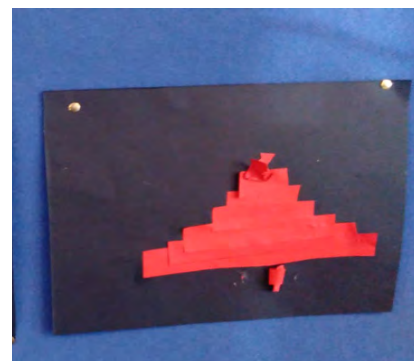
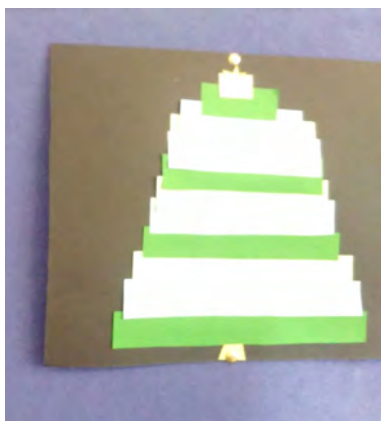


KW – Friday Sport

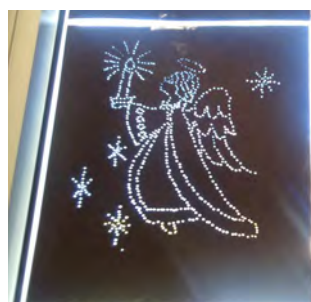
This term, Kindergarten have been participating in rotational sports activities on a Friday morning. Each activity focuses on a particular skill such as throwing, catching, hitting, balancing or jumping. Best of all, we've had lots of fun with our friends using the fantastic equipment we

have

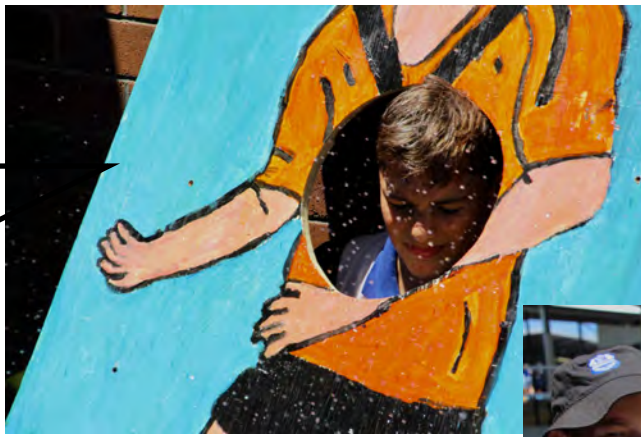




3/4S have just started their Christmas craft activities. They look terrific!







INFANTS AWARDS WEEK 7		
Class	Name	Reason
KA	Lyla Morrison	Being a respectful listener
KA	Nathan Jackson	Excellent work in his literacy book
KA	George Jurd-Weir	Big effort during Sport
KA	Dennis Veitch	Enthusiastically presenting news
KS	Willow McGrath-Green	Showing persistence in writing
KS	Xavier Hind	Being an expressive reader
KS	Alysha MacGregor	Producing creative artwork
KS	Blair Wright	Excellent story writing
KW	Kaitlyn Alston	An interesting and detailed recount of her holiday
KW	Lara Forster	Fabulous skip counting by 5's
KW	Nate Griffen	Always completing homework and sight words
KW	Deklan Middleton	Being a respectful listener
K/1D	Noah Jarman	Working hard to edit his work
K/1D	Chelsea Cooper	Becoming more independent during writing
K/1D	Maddison Gutierrez	Trying hard to sound out words during reading and writing
K/1D	Mia Harris	Writing longer persuasive stories to influence an audience
1J	Erica Scott	Working hard during 'TEN' lessons
1J	Tyrone Bennett	Fantastic effort during writing lessons
1J	Amber Wu	Improved 'sight word' knowledge
1J	Jacob Gray	Being a more focused worker during Literacy groups
1I	Cooper Corbett	Always helping others
1I	Max Davy	Being a cooperative class member
1I	Isabella Turner	Participating in all 'TEN' lessons with enthusiasm
1I	Coby Murphy	Using our class 'Seesaw' app with confidence
2W	Rebecca Tattersall	Excellence in singing
2W	Chloe King	An excellent Japanese carp
2W	Sonny Bruen	Excellent origami
2W	Paige McBride	Continued application in all areas of school work.



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 7

Class	Name	Reason
3/4E	Heidi Smidt	A quality presentation on Fiji,
3/4E	Travis Higgins	Being a respectful and hard working student.
3/4E	Lilly Howard	Consistently working hard to produce high quality work
3/4E	Jorja Kowalski	Always being a quiet and diligent worker
3/4S	Kyse Siebenlist-Conroy	Trying hard to improve his writing
3/4S	Aria Knight	Persistent Literacy efforts
3/4S	Lachlan Adams	Pin art activity
3/4S	Phoebe Walker	Pin art activity
3/4V	Tyler Smith	Working hard and doing his best
3/4V	Lucas Sant	A wonderful attitude and approachable nature
3/4V	Nolan Clark	Outstanding work on homework projects
3/4V	Aleson Thompson	Great work on Spelling tasks
5/6W	Jeffrey O'Neil	Constantly adhering to our school values.
5/6W	Amelia MacAlpine	A great ecard design in our laugh out loud unit.
5/6W	Kyah Van Den Berg	A great ecard design in our laugh out loud unit.
5/6W	Alicia Casey	Showing respect at all times.

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

	Getting Along	Alicia Casey
	Confidence	Ashton Myers
	Persistence	Alex Perrin
	Resilience	Amiah Thompson
	Organisation	Ava Osland



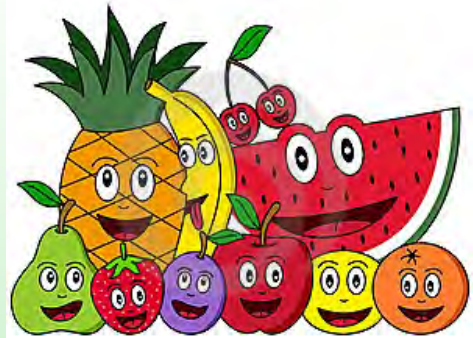
CANTEEN NEWS

Our canteen is open Wednesday Thursday and Friday every week.

We are always looking for helpers. Please consider helping out next year, even if its only 1 day a month. Your children will love it.

The canteen will be closed on the last day of school- Friday 16th December.

On this day our canteen will be cleaned and a stock take done. If you can spare any time during this day to help please contact the school.



Payments

All money sent to the school is to be brought to the Administration Office and placed into the letterbox slot on the front wall near the counter. This will allow payments to be placed securely, even when the office is not open. Please do not leave money on the counter.

The school also has Eftpos facilities, as well as the a Payment on Line facility through the schools website.

The preferred method of payment is Payment on Line. This procedure allows payments to be made 24 hours a day and provides an immediate receipt sent to your email.



POP
Payment on Line



BOOK PACKS 2017

Book packs will again be available for purchase for 2017.

These packs will contain everything your child needs for class. Each pack will cost \$60.00. This includes the on-line subscription for our reading and maths programs.

Parents/carers will be able to pay for their child's pack from Monday 5th November. Students will receive their packs next year in their new class. Payments can be made by eftpos, cash, cheque or the preferred payment of POP (payment on line).

Change to Ukulele Performances

Please note that the performance on Saturday 3rd December, 2016 has been cancelled at the Summerland Sporties Club.

The only performances the Master's Group are required to perform at are **Presentation Day Wednesday 7th December, 2016** and **Gwandalan Carols– Sunday 11th December, 2016.**

Look forward to seeing you all there!



BOOK FAIR

<i>Monday 5th December</i>	<i>8.30-9.00am</i>	<i>3.00-3.30pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 6th December</i>	<i>8.30-9.00am</i>	<i>3.00-3.30pm</i>
<i>Thursday 8th December</i>	<i>8.30-9.00am</i>	<i>3.00-3.30pm</i>

Parents/carers are most welcome to visit the library during the above times.

Students have been given the opportunity to browse the books on sale this week.

Students can purchase throughout the day on Monday 5th December.

It is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. 20% of takings comes back to the school in resources.





2016 P & C Xmas Raffle

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It is that time of the year again, and the P & C have organised a Xmas Raffle. 1st Prize will be a **“Christmas Money Tree”** with instant scratch-its adorning the branches.

We would like to add more “Scratch-It Ornaments” to this tree and are seeking your donations of a scratch-it to any value.

Our Christmas Money Tree will be located on the office counter and you are able to come in and with the help of the Office Staff, add your “Scratch-It Ornament” to our tree.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$10.00 for a sheet of 12 tickets. There will be a prize – A Class Party – for the class that sells the most raffle tickets. When returning tickets & money, don't forget to write your name & class on your envelope. The Xmas Raffle will be drawn at the end of Presentation Day – Wednesday 7th December. More raffle tickets can be obtained from the office if required. Please return all tickets & money by Monday 5th December.

The P & C would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our Students and their families for their support over the 2016 year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to your continued support in 2017.

Gwandalan Public School P & C Committee

This prize is definitely worth winning. There are many more prizes, hampers and vouchers to be won also.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 1st Dec	Primary Assembly Year 6 Farewell
Mon 5th Dec	Last Kindergarten 2017 Transition NEW School Uniform Shop -OPEN Infants Assembly Year 6 Rewards Day
Tues 6th Dec	Red Faces
Wed 7th Dec	Presentation Day—9.30-11.30am Last Day for Year 6 attending LMHS
Thurs 8th Dec	NSW Teachers Federation Industrial Stoppage
Thurs 8th Dec	Year 7 Orientation. Lake Munmorah HS
Wed 14th Dec	End of Year Rewards Day
Fri 16th Dec	Students last day 2016
Mon 30th Jan	Students return 2017
Thurs 2nd Feb	Kindergarten First Full Day