



Term 4 -Week 6

Welcome parents and friends of Gwandalan PS to our week 6 edition of our Newsletter. Term 4 has already seen so much happen, please continue to support us as we move into the end of the 2016 school year.

The next 4 weeks will see our Kinder Stars orientation visits start up again, 2017 Leadership speeches and selection, the continuation of Friday sports, Year 6 fun day, Red faces, Presentation day and Year 6 Farewell with them starting Year 7 at Lake Munmorah in week 9. We will endeavour to continue to update our calendars so that everyone stays informed. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding upcoming events.

We again remind all parents and students they ALL have access to both **Reading Eggs and Mathletics** which they can do at HOME—these are great learning tools that students can utilise to support their learning at school. Any questions regarding your child/children's learning please discuss with our wonderful classroom teachers

CHANGES to Normal Routines

This term has seen many situations where our normal regular staff have been outside of the school due to illness, Professional Learning and school-based events. We do ask that students and parents understand that these situations occur and that our school expectations continue.

Staff this year have completed training in targeted initiatives in PBL(Positive Behaviour for Learning), Focus on Reading, TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy), Quality Teaching practices, Carl Jarvis' learning environments for success, Engoori Leadership just to name a few. This allows our staff to be at the forefront of current best practice for our students.

We will not except unsafe and / or disrespectful behaviour across our school— these actions will be dealt with in accordance with our Departmental and school guidelines. Students have the right to achieve their potential and strive for success. Please communicate with us if you have any situation that you may be unsure about. Thank-You

REMEMBRANCE Day

Last Friday (November 11th) we remembered all those who have given their all to make our country the best it could be. We would like thank all those who have, and continue to serve our wonderful country-Australia.

Congratulations to our school community for the wonderful display of respect of honour you all showed on the day.

Special thanks to our School Captains (Alexis and Noah) and Mrs Sanderson who represented our school at our local Lion's Club Ceremony. Well Done!

WE NEED your FEEDBACK for 2016-2017— Tuesday 29th November

Our community viewpoint is extremely important to us. We realise how busy we all are and if you have any time to comment on our school—we would love your feedback. We are offering a number of Feedback sessions towards the end of term with the first to occur on Tuesday 29th November at 2 different time slots— 8.50am and 2.50 pm. We will also have students asking community members some similar questions to continue to grow and develop our school.

Strong schools have Strong community connections and we already know what a great community we have. Please support us through this process.

Information will come home with students with some information regarding these sessions—please consider attending so that you can have your say. Any support or feedback is considered confidential and treated with the utmost respect. Your support is greatly appreciated.

BOOK PACKS available for 2017

We realise that we do not want to wish the year away but we are in the process of organising **Book Packs** for next year. Again students will be supplied with all their needs for the year in a bundle so that parents do not have to worry. They will also again have access to learning tools utilised at school. Please see the office if you have any questions regarding our 2017 Book Packs.

Newsletter Quote :

*When Challenged how do you respond, with defensiveness or with possibility ?
Let's look at the possibilities together to continue to succeed in what we do*

Primary Assembly Awards 2016 Term 4 Week 5

Class	Name	Reason
3/4E	Lolli Williams	A warm welcome to Gwandalan Public School
3/4E	Koby Metcalf	Having a more persistent attitude towards school
3/4E	Zachariah Wahby	Always working hard to produce high quality work.
3/4E	Laura Dunn	An outstanding 'fox' artwork.
3/4S	Chloe Brigden	Persistent efforts in all tasks
3/4S	Kiahna Williams	Persistent efforts in writing
3/4S	Hamish Brown	Efforts in Creative Arts
3/4S	Mia Debono	Persistent efforts in all tasks
3/4V	Nathan Williams	Displaying empathy and caring about others
3/4V	Zac Wilberforce	A great attitude at all times
3/4V	Abbie Spillane	Producing high quality bookwork
3/4V	Natalie Mannion	Intelligent input in all class discussions
5/6W	Janayah Coutts	Working hard to improve her academic skills.
5/6W	Seth Moore	Improving the quality of his bookwork.
5/6W	Daisy Luckman	Always demonstrating outstanding classroom behaviour.
5/6W	Atlanta Hall	Great work writing information reports.

Infants Assembly Awards 2016 Term 4 Week 5

Class	Name	Reason
KA	Carter Considine	Achieving Level 6 in Reading.
KA	Addison Burr	An excellent presentation of her family celebration.
KA	Ila Milton	An excellent description of her house in Writing.
KA	Ian Ballard	Improvement in reading.
KS	Connor Bennett	Trying to improve the presentation of his work
KS	Lily Attard	Writing interesting sentences.
KS	Willow McGrath-Green	Working hard in Literacy groups
KS	Andrew Spithill	Excellent skip counting
KW	Chace Myers	Being a respectful listener
KW	Aaliyah McCormack	Always willing to help others
KW	Lilly Wells	Writing interesting sentences in Literacy Groups
KW	Jett Smith	Confident and fluent reading
K/1D	Gemma Higgins	Displaying kindness to others
K/1D	Allyra Markham	Always being ready to learn
K/1D	Billy Zreika	His amazing artwork showing a built environment
K/1D	Shelby Fischer	Her fantastic presentation to the class about a special celebration.
1J	Kobie Eaton	Being a focused worker during 'TEN Time'
1J	Charli Yates	Improvement in reading
1J	Warren Rockwell	Creative ideas during writing lessons
1J	Nash Fitzsimmons	Being a kind and caring classmate
1I	Harper Morrison	For a creative description of a panda using the 'Chatterpix' app.
1I	Keiren Meehan	For assisting peers in using the 'Seesaw' app
1I	Zoey Blight	Completing homework every week this year
1I	Ethan McAlpine	A fabulous panda artwork
2W	Amy Dalton	An excellent Japanese carp
2W	Ashton O'Brien	Excellent work on our Japan unit
2W	Riley Campbell-Butler	Working hard in Maths groups
2W	Beau Williams	Improvement in comprehension skills
2A	Sienna Fowles	Doing her best in Key Learning Areas
2A	Seriah Zreika	Improved confidence in Maths
2A	Chelsea Gutierrez	Getting Along with Others
2A	Bryce Gibson	Being a considerate class member

You Can Do It Awards	
Resilience Award	Paige McBride
Organisation Award	Harmony McMullen
Persistence Award	Cooper Myers
Getting Along Award	Henry Robinson
Confidence Award	Cooper Corbett

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition 2016

Last term Year 5 and 6 sat for the annual Newcastle Permanent Mathematics competition. Our students overall did very well with two Year 5 students receiving a distinction award.

Results are as follows:-

Year 5

Distinctions to Finn Hutchinson and Montanna Scott

Merit Awards to Tori Sharp, Fletcher Payne, Mason Bell, Kurtis Fry, Connor Tandberg, Kodey Bodkin Gallagher, Alicia Casey and Cooper Tippet.

Year 6

Merit Awards to Sean Gibson, Otis Millard-Jorda, Carter Van Eden, Matthew Austin, Harrison Peard, Alexis Renshaw and Oliver Forbes.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the competition as well as to our award winners.



**Sonny Bruen from 2W recently won the
NSW Minikahana State Title 50cc division.
Congratulations Sonny!**





Celebrating



- PBL -

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Last Thursday saw the launch of PBL at school. PBL is the new Wellbeing system we are undertaking. Throughout this process there are daily assembly awards, and class awards.

The awards are tiered to allow students success and recognition given when targets are reached.



Our PBL Day



Our **new expectations** are:

We display

Safety

We encourage

Teamwork

We

Aim High

We show

Respect

So that we can **Succeed**

Students have been participating in lessons surrounding Sun safety (Safety) and Respecting our environment (Respect).

We are STARS



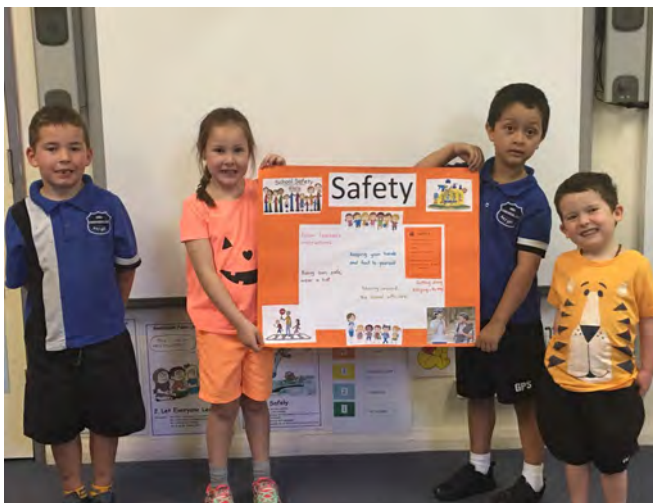


PBL!



Launch day with KA!

KA enjoyed the PBL launch day on Thursday 10th November. We discussed the four expectations – Safety, Teamwork, Aim High and Respect which help us to Succeed! Then we talked about what these expectations look like and found pictures demonstrating these expectations. After that we made posters about the four expectations and displayed them in our classroom. KA had a wonderful time being Gwandalan Public School Stars wearing orange coloured clothes, having their photos taken and receiving a star balloon to take home!



Gwandalan Kinder STARS

Aiming high for our new Kindergarten Student's 2017

Please remember

Orientation Session 3: Monday 21st November

9am parents to drop Children to Kindy Rooms, please pick up from kindy rooms at 11am – parents use this 2 hours at your leisure!

Orientation Session 4: Monday 28^h November

9am parents to drop Children to Kindy Rooms, please pick up from kindy rooms at 11am – parents use this 2 hours at your leisure

Orientation Session 5: Monday 5th December

9am parents to drop Children to Kindy Rooms, please pick up from kindy rooms at 11am – parents use this 2 hours at your leisure

Please contact the office if you have a
child starting school next year

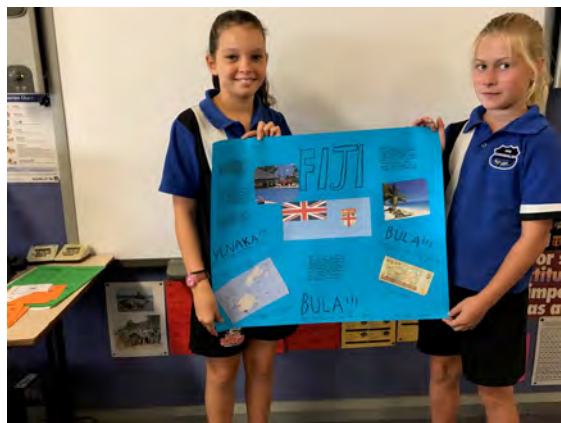
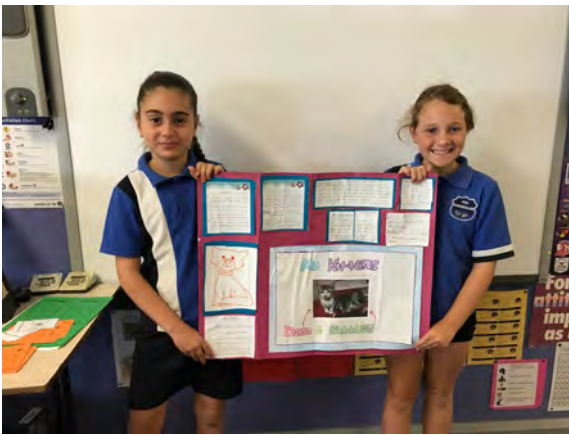
♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten



2W Sport - Golf



3/4V Term 4 Projects!





Stage 2. Blue Mountains



Remembrance Day 2016



Partner Dancing

5/6W and the rest of Stage 3 have been learning how to partner dance. Some were reluctant at first while others have thrived on the opportunity. All students are having a great time and getting some good exercise.



YEAR 6 FUN DAY. TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER



Our year 6 students will be running a fun day on 22nd November. They will be running activities for the children to enjoy. Some of the activities are; scooter board/ haunted house, mini carnival, sponge toss, nail salon as well as many other activities.

Cost will vary from 50c to \$2.00.

All the fun happens after recess and is finished at lunch.

(11.30 am to 1.20pm). Come prepared for a fun day.



Congratulations to the students of 3/4E for gaining their pen license.



Uniting

Tuning in to Teens

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program
for parents of adolescents aged 10 – 18

Would you like to learn how to:

- Improve ways of talking with your teen?
- Develop a better understanding of your teen?
- Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

*Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop
emotional intelligence*

Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Northern Lakes Family Centre
Colongra Bay Hall, Colongra Bay Rd, Lake Munmorah

When: Tuesday's 14 February 2017 – 21 March 2017, 9:30 – 11:30am

For further information and bookings contact: Sarah Sammons - RAPT Caseworker,
Phone: 4325 9618 or Cathy Devries - Community Development Worker, Phone:
43583148, by 10 February 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 17th Nov	Primary Assembly Oz Tag. Stage 3
Mon 21st Nov	Infants Assembly 2017 Prefects Speeches Kindergarten Orientation
Tues 22nd Nov	Year 6 Fun Day
Mon 28th Nov	Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs 1st Dec	Primary Assembly Year 6 Farewell
Mon 5th Dec	Infants Assembly Year 6 Rewards Day
Tues 6th Dec	Red Faces
Wed 7th Dec	Presentation Day
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

Many thanks to Mel and Rick from PHOENIX Pest Management (Local Business) who kindly support our school in creating safe learning spaces. It is greatly appreciated.

