



Term 4 -Week 10

This Newsletter is the last for the year. I truly believe we have a great school with an amazing community that are always willing to support our students so that they can achieve and be the best they can be. We look forward to 2017 and all that we can build upon from this year. We will continue to embed our school vision (where students will have success for today and be prepared for tomorrow), strengthen our Positive Behaviour for Learning -S.T.A.R.S. initiatives and continue to update our classrooms so that we enhance the learning opportunities provided for ALL our students.

We will continue to foster Creativity, Innovation, Effective Communication and Positive Relationships as our core fundamentals. Thanks again for all your support, generosity, feedback and conversations throughout the year-it's greatly appreciated.

AWARDS DAY

Congratulations to all our award recipients for 2016. This showcased the talents we have in our school. It was wonderful to see the students supported by their parents, grandparents and friends. Special thank you to those who helped behind the scenes to make it all possible and run so smoothly. Thank you to our school leaders **Alexis, Noah, Harry, Emma, Olivia, Matt, Isabella and Oliver** who led the assembly and represented the school with pride. To all our sponsors and presenters, it would not be possible without your support; thank you.

COMMUNICATION—CONNECTIONS

Our school App has been updated for those who have Apple mobiles (please update in your settings and ALLOW (enable) Alerts). We have our school website that will be updated as we move into another year. We hope to continue to share and update AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. Special thank you to Mr Martin for all his efforts behind the scenes in maintaining our school webpages.

BEST WISHES

We would like to thank Mrs Styan, Mrs Clua, Mrs Dixon and Mr Wheeldon who are not with us for 2017— Their efforts and support at GPS has been greatly appreciated. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

WORK MAINTENANCE

Over the Christmas break, some maintenance will occur at the school. Upgrades to our front fence and new gates to match our previous upgrades. Reviewing classrooms to ensure we continue to create engaging learning environments. Also we are hoping to see the install of our new demountable classroom for 2017.

We hope to continue to improve our settings within our school so that our school continues to shine

SPECIAL THANK YOU to OUR COMMUNITY

Can we start by thanking our P&C for their kind donation of \$10000. The money will go towards STUDENTS learning opportunities and the implementation of our NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM Shop for our community.

Over the year we have seen many parents, community members and friends of Gwandalan PS support our great school. Your help by positive praise, getting the kids ready for school, helping with homework, reading at night as well as the help we receive inside our school gates. **WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU; it is GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

SCHOOL SECURITY in the HOLIDAYS

Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should any child or children be inside our school grounds **UNSUPERVISED** during the holiday break. Please ensure we look after our school over the break and report any behaviour of concern.

Please contact School Security on (02) 9672 2000 if you notice any concerns

SPECIAL DATES for 2017

Parent and Friends of Gwandalan PS please lock in these dates for 2017.

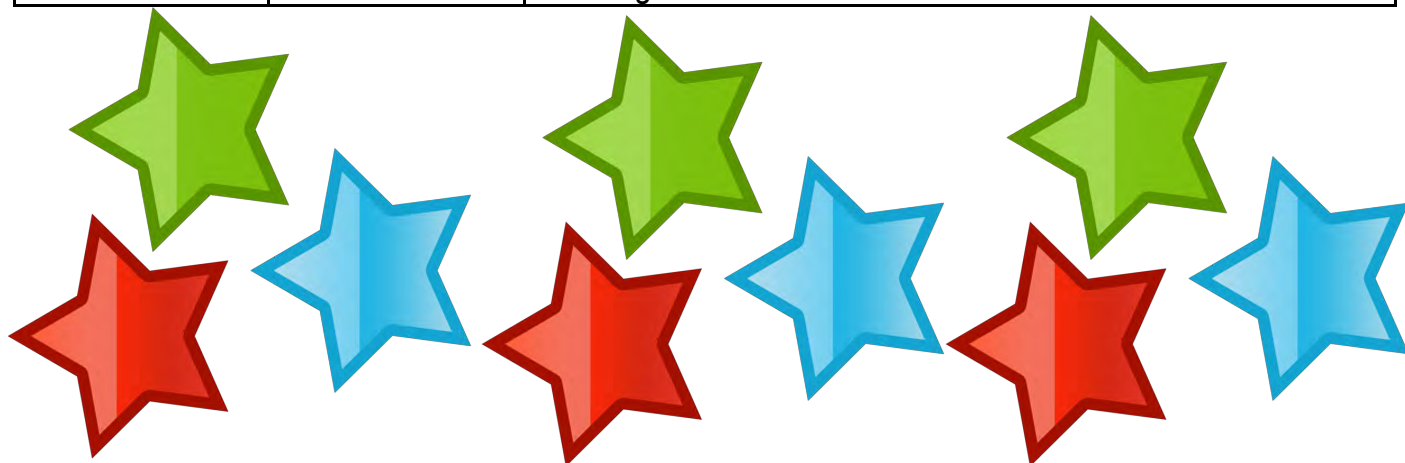
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN (Friday before we come back to school)
See P&C Facebook page for additional information or contact

Staff return to School— FRIDAY 27th January

Students Year 1 to 6 Return—Monday 30th January

FIRST FULL DAY—Kindergarten 2017— Thursday 2nd February—ALL Parents & Friends WELCOME)

| Class | Name | Reason |
|-------|---------------------------|--|
| KA | Quinn Yule | Great participation in sporting activities. |
| KA | Taj Fitzsimmons | Neat writing in his elf journal. |
| KA | Mitch Connor | Being a kind and caring classmate. |
| KA | Georgia Marsh | Always completing her homework and sight words. |
| KS | | |
| KW | Keira Addy | Remembering to 'count on' in addition |
| KW | Hunter Muxlow | Writing interesting sentences in Literacy Groups |
| KW | Lilly Wells | Fantastic illustrations in her 'Elf on the Shelf' journal |
| KW | Kobi Gavin | For completing homework and sight words all year. |
| K/1D | Oliver Stott | Consistently completing homework all year |
| K/1D | Blake Curley | Goodbye and Goodluck from Gwandalan Public ! |
| K/1D | Jarred Waibel | Graduating from Reading Recovery, Well Done! |
| K/1D | Shelby Fischer | Being a positive class role model |
| 1J | Jacob Gray | Fantastic effort during writing lessons. |
| 1J | Bryson Clarke | Improvement in writing. |
| 1J | Boyd Wilks | Being a kind and friendly class member who is always willing to help others. |
| 1J | Skye Smith | Fantastic effort during 'Focus on Reading' lessons. |
| 1I | Tiana Eastough | Excellent application in all tasks |
| 1I | Kaiana Shortland -Cummins | Improved book work |
| 1I | Lucas Hislop | Showing persistence in writing |
| 1I | Hayden Guest | Always completing his homework |
| 2W | Indiyana Gorham | Excellence in dancing |
| 2W | Kira Whitney | Always using class time wisely to complete set tasks |
| 2W | Hendrix McGrath-Green | Improved confidence and willingness to have-a-go |
| 2W | Aaliyah James | Excellent Christmas craft. Well done! |
| 2A | Kiara Walton | Always trying her best |
| 2A | Flynn Baggott-Stone | Improved Persistence in all learning areas |
| 2A | Lyndsie Higgins | Improved sentence writing |
| 2A | Zak Holt | Working well with others |



Gwandalan Public School

Draft Classes for 2017

Dear Parents and Families of Gwandalan Public School,

This year we will be publishing DRAFT CLASSES for 2017 in this, the final Newsletter. This will give students the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming year. As our numbers have risen dramatically in 2016 these class layouts are **ONLY in DRAFT form** and may change in 2017.

We would like to **REMIND** all of our community that classes are made up by social, academic and personality components whilst supporting the opportunities for individual success. There will be some changes to where teachers are located with majority of classes grouped together.

SPECIAL NOTE : Classes may change in the event of student numbers across the school.

Final class allocation will occur in the Week 2- Term 1 - 2017.

Please we ask ALL Parents and Friends of Gwandalan PS to please review these classroom allocations in a positive manner as we hope to hit the ground running in 2017.

We are hoping to generate more collaboration, parental support and positive interactions across our school in 2017.



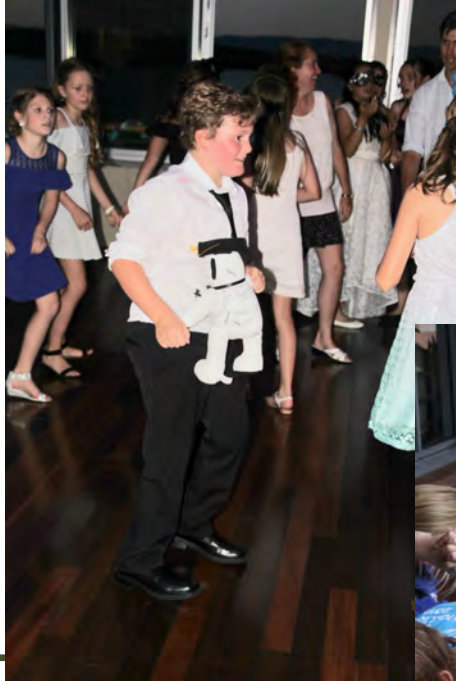
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LAYOUTS for 2017

may change pending Enrolments

| | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Mrs Walker | Mrs Sanderson | Ms Spicer | Mrs Abbott | Mr Vine | Ms Walters | Mrs Ritchie |
| | 2/3 | 3/4 | 3/4 | 4/5 | 5/6 | 5/6 | 5/6 |
| | Jonti A | Kaley B | Tori A | Heidi S | Cooper Ti | Mason B | Cooper Ta |
| | Erica S | Tea R | Keili K | Zophia K | Kodey B-G | Shane H | Cameron N |
| | Tyrone B | Briella G | Kyiah | Alice R | Dylan W | Blake B | Jackson C |
| | Boyd W | Summah D | Bodhi H | Zoe B | Ashton M | Cooper D | Dane G |
| | Dezzel G | Brandon B | Jacinta C | Savanah O'B | Fletcher P | Billy S | Bailey B |
| | Charles R | Phoebe | Makyla M | Olivia B | Wally L | Finn H | Seth M |
| | Lauren B | Beau | Willy L | Maddy D | Conner T | Luke M | Noah V |
| | Gabriella M-H | Blake S | Tylar B | Aleson T | Krystal P | Hunter G | Kurtis F |
| | Sierra-Faith R | Brayden K | Koby M | Jayden C | Sophie S | Bailey W | Alex P |
| | Ethan M | Hayley G | Indiyana G | Zach W | Tori S | Daisy L | Ava O |
| | Amber W | Charli J | Sienna F | Marcus B-C | Taylor Mc | Mariah O'N | Alicia C |
| | Nash W | Tara A | Bella D | Kyse S-C | Amiah T | Montanna S | Georgia L |
| | Taylah Ja | Erin B | Chelsea G | Isabella F | Billie-Jean F | Lillian H | Hayleigh-Shae H |
| | Cooper C | Riley C-B | Lilly J | Taj F | Beth M | Charlotte T | Hannah M |
| | Jacob G | Amy D | Annabelle T | Baylan M | Rhys T | Hayley K | Darcy C-B |
| | Nash F | Lyndsie H | | Oliver Y | Lachlan A | Zanda J | Hayden M |
| | Liam K | Nevaia M | Aaliyah J | Thierry H | Cooper C | Curtis B | Nolan C |
| | Keiren M | Elli M | Chloe K | Isaac D | Liam W | Nathan W | Riley M |
| | | Brooke P | Paige Mc | | Lucas S | Luke P | Travis H |
| | Prysais C | Kira W | Rebecca T | Sharni P | Tyler S | Joshua J | Zac W |
| | Karly R | Lincoln A | Braden W | Kahlia C | Nevaeh W | Jayden M | Rhys J |
| | Kiara W | Sonny B | Damon B | Kiahna W | Jorja K | Zac N | Hamish B |
| | Seriah Z | Flynn B-S | Jesse C | Blake T | Laura D | Noah S | Mykil M |
| | Samual Mc | Thomas D | Bryce G | Mason H | Brodie M | Andrew G | Connor F |
| | John Mc | Aidan F | Zak H | Mackenzie S | Zeke P | Molly P | Kayleb P |
| | Cooper M | Nathan G | Louis Mc | Zach K | Jack G | Marnie A | Finn J |
| | | Cameron L | Hendrix M-G | Lilly H | Claire C | Lara B | Emily L |
| | | Blaze M | Cody N | Daniella K | Abbie S | Jordan L | Angel Z |
| | | Beau W | Ashton O'B | Lolli W | Chloe B | Kayedince S-C | Annalise R |
| | | Aria K | Braden W | | Mia D | Ivy R | Natalie M |
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YEAR 6 2016 SAY GOODBYE



Gwandalan Public School Leaders 2017



Congratulations to the following students on being selected for School Leaders of Gwandalan Public School 2017.—Thanks Parents for your support.



From Left to Right:

Krsytal & Alex (Prefects), Daisy & Finn (Vice-Captains), Ava & Ashton(Captains)

In accepting these positions of School Leader's, these students pledge to:

Uphold the schools best traditions

Be loyal to our school

Always be courteous and helpful to our staff and fellow students

Always set a fine example to our school community

Wear our school uniform with pride

Always live up to our school universals /Values that we are **STARS at Gwandalan Public School**.

(We display safety, we encourage Teamwork, We Aim High, We show Respect so that we can achieve.)





1J



This term in 1J we have been busy learning all about China. We have learned about the Chinese culture including celebrations and traditions. We have compared and contrasted how their houses, schools, food and transport are different to Australia, and we have studied lots of different Chinese landmarks and animals. I think our favorite has definitely been the Giant Panda. We have also played lots of different traditional Chinese games during our P.E lessons.



A couple of weeks ago we learned how to use chopsticks, this was difficult! We used the chopsticks to paint decorations on our Chinese drums during a CAPA lesson.

It was lots of fun and our drums sounded great.



Christmas in 3/4E

3/4E have been getting into the Christmas spirit. We have been hard at work creating decorations for our tree, angel pin art, Grinch and Rudolph artworks. We even turned ourselves into elves!





Fishing Fun



Gwandalan Public School Book Pack 2017



Dear Parents,

In 2017, all students K-6 will be receiving a specialised book pack with the required number of exercise books, pencils, coloured pencils, glue and other items that every student will need for the year.

As a result of this Gwandalan Public School will be waiving the school contribution as well as the separate payment required for textbooks. Next year there will be no textbooks. The cost of the book packs will be **\$60.00** per student for the year and cover all purchases of books and stationary. Included in the book pack is a Mathletics subscription and Reading Egg subscription. These invaluable learning tools are available for parents to work with students at home as well as students at school and further information on them can be obtained at the following websites

<http://www.3plearning.com/mathletics/>

<http://readingeggs.com.au/>

From Thursday 15th December, 2016 the book packs will be available to buy prior to the start of 2016 from the School Office. However, students will not receive them until day 1 2017, they will be available for purchase next year and each student will be invoiced for the cost of a book pack.

If you would like to purchase your book pack this year please fill out the slip below and send the required amount of money in an envelope to school before Monday 19th December, 2016. Alternatively you may pay in person at the School Office where Eftpos is available. All Book Packs will be kept at the school until the start of 2017 and marked with the student's name. This is a great way for parents to plan for the coming year. All equipment purchased are top quality products that are of a high standard. Thank you for your ongoing support.

T.Osland

Principal



Gwandalan Public School Book Pack 2017

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

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Payment by: * Cash enclosed \$ _____ * Cheque \$ _____

* Parent Online Payment \$ _____ Receipt No: _____ Date paid _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____ Phone _____

* Credit Card \$ _____ Card Number: _____

Full name on card: _____ Card expiry date: _____ CVC # _____

Uniform Shop



Our uniform shop is up and running by our wonderful parent volunteers.

Hours of operation in 2017 are:

Friday 27 January 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm

Monday 30 January 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm

Tuesday 31st January 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm

Wednesday 1 February 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm

Thursday 2 February 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm

Friday 3 February 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm

After this period the shop will operate at the following times:

Monday and Wednesday at 8.30-9.30am

And Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

Prices

Tunic \$40.00

Hoody \$40.00

Shorts \$20.00

Shirt \$30.00

Skirt \$30.00

Cullottes \$25.00

Track pants \$25.00

Zip Jacket \$45.00



WELCOME New Staff for 2017



I am extremely excited to introduce myself to the Gwandalan Public School community.

My name is Paula Ritchie and I will be working with Stage 3 as Assistant Principal at GPS in 2017. I have been teaching for 15 years on the Central Coast and I am really looking forward to starting the next chapter of my career at Gwandalan PS.

After spending a day with Mr Osland, it is easy to see why I have heard so many amazing things about GPS and what a wonderful school community I will be working with.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday break and I will see you in 2017.



Welcome -
Ms Jessica Walters
who will be
working on
one of our
5/6 classes
in 2017



Welcome -
Ms Jodie Pullman
who will be
working on
our K/1
class in
2017



Welcome—
Ms Myra Lowe
who has been
appointed to
our school in
2017. She will
be working on
our 1/2 class.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone for your amazing support of our Book Fair.

Our school has received \$1000 value to be used on resources.





2016 P & C Xmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle. Total money raised \$1037.55.

We would like to thank the following business for their continued support:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bunnings Lake Haven | Bunnings Morristet |
| Phoenix Pest Control | Taronga Zoo |
| Hunter Wetlands | Divine Hair Design |
| Ashlee Smeeth Photography | Choice Pharmacy |
| Bungalow Lovin | Post Office Summerland Point |
| The Creative Artspace | Dizzy Scent |
| Café at the Point | Lake Haven Shopping Centre |

Congratulating to the winners:

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Belinda Munday | Clair Gardner | Noah Vine | Sharni 3/4V |
| Jarred Warel | Alicia Casey | Tracy Lochrin | Noah Brown |
| Bill Robinson | Charli Yates | Harry Davis | Lara-Rose Bull |
| Georgia Marsh | Lyndsie | Chris Murphy | Hamish Brown |
| Harry Davis | Melissa Perricone | Jason Marsh | Hendrix McGrath-Green |
| Maureen 3/4V | Charli Yates | Eileen Hickson | Sonny Cooper |
| Jenny Weir | | | |

The class who sold the most tickets was KA. Congratulations! You have won a class party.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Fri 16th Dec | Students last day 2016 |
| Mon 30th Jan | Students return 2017 |
| Mon 30th Tues 31st Wed 1st | Kindergarten Best start testing |
| Thurs 2nd Feb | Kindergarten First Full Day |
| Friday 10th Feb | Year 3 to 6 School Sport Starts (Point Wolstoncroft) |
| Mon– Fri- Week 3 -13-17 Feb | Meet the Teachers sessions |
| Wed 15th Feb | Surf Fun Day Stage 2 |
| Wed 22 Feb | Surf Fun Day Stage 3 |
| Tues 28th Feb | Swimming Carnival. Swansea Swimming Centre |
| Wed 8th March | Wallarah Zone Swimming |
| Mon 20th March | Sydney North Primary Swimming |

