



Term 1 Week 11 Wednesday 6th April 2016

Mr. Osland's Messages

Welcome to the last edition of our Newsletter for Term 1. This term has seen many great things happen across our school. We have seen students grow, develop and work hard towards their goals. Our school's expectations are to provide ALL children the opportunity to succeed, feel valued and foster life-long learning.

We recognise the connections we need to nurture, foster and enhance with our students, parents and community members as we are ALL part of a HOLISTIC learning community.

SPECIAL THANK-YOU

Many thanks to ALL our parents and friends who have helped out, supported events and always assist their children to be the best they can be. Special thanks to our **P&C & the local Gwandalan Lion & Lioness Clubs** who always go well beyond to support our school.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

During the holiday break we ask that all students and families have wonderful break (if you can) and have a safe and much deserved break.

We would like to remind our community that our school grounds are not to be utilised during the holiday breaks unless arrangements have been organised with the school.

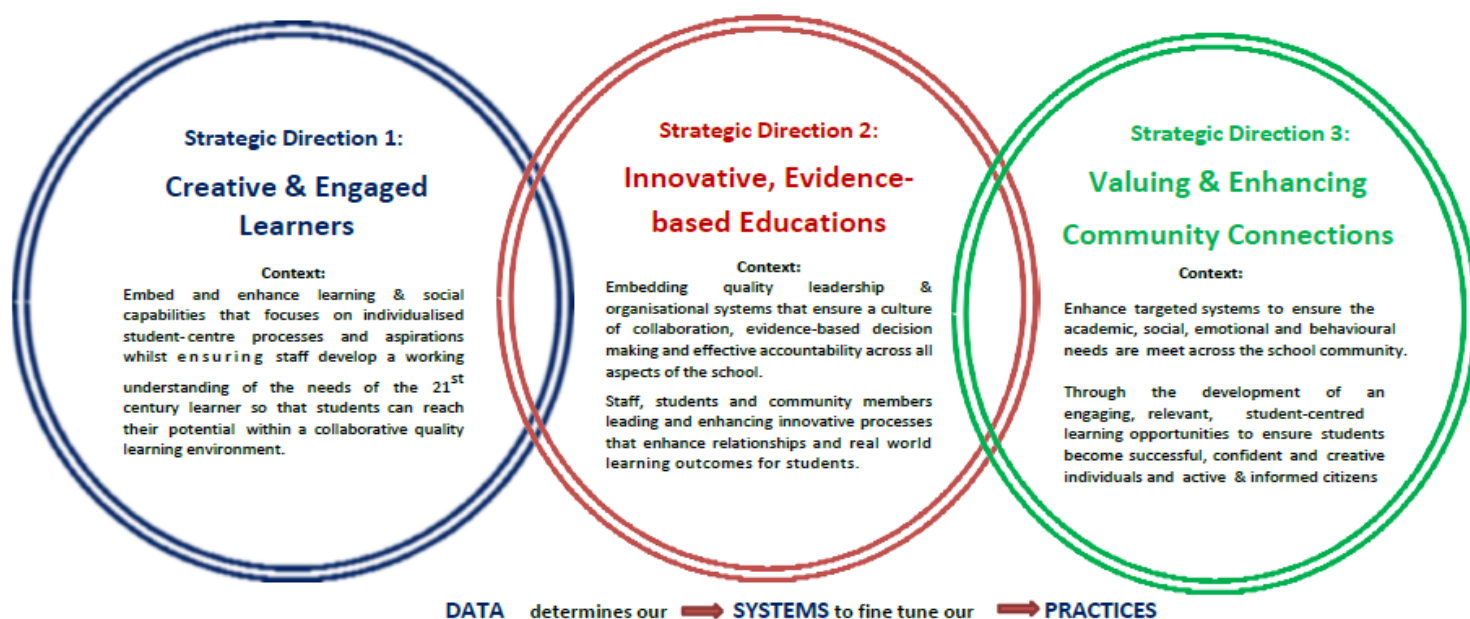
We ask that we all strive in what we do to make our school the best it can be and if you notice anything negative to please contact the security unit (1300 880 021).

Thank you for ALL your support in keeping our school safe.

ANZAC Ceremony at Gwandalan Lions Park

We invite all students to come along to commemorate ANZAC day on Monday 25th April. Our school leaders will be involved in the service before marching with those present to the bowling club. If students can attend- we will meet at the Lion's park at 10.45am. ***Please come along in Full School Uniform and represent our school with pride.***

Our Directions for the future -Gwandalan Public School.



From The Office

Parents are reminded that office hours are 8.30 am until 3.15pm each day.

We are always HAPPY to HELP

Payments

Thank you for your prompt payments to date. We will be going onto a new Finance System with the Department and all payments need to be processed prior to May 2016. Your support is greatly appreciated.

On Line Payments

Information for On Line payments information is available from our website.

<http://www.gwandalan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

This is a great way for parents to pay for school expenses.

The Department of Education requires all permission notes to be signed, dated and returned to the School prior to the commencement of any activity. We ask that ALL permission notes be returned to school as this is a legal requirement.

Parent CONTACT Information Update Forms

We ask that all Parent Information Update forms be returned to the office As Soon As Possible.

The Department of Education has requested that *all* forms be completed and returned by this date. The information submitted will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and securely stored at the completion of the data update.

The information gathered determines how much funding the school receives from the Government for Educational purposes to support learning across our school.

Permission to Publish

Please also be reminded that forms recently sent home regarding Permission to Publish for your child/children need to be returned as soon as possible. Without your signed permission we cannot print any pictures of your child/children. We often print class items in our newsletter and it would be a shame for your child to miss out!



ASSEMBLY AWARDS—INFANTS

Infants Assembly Awards 2016 Term 1 Week 7		
Class	Name	Reason for Award
KA	Addison Burr	Creative Artwork
KA	Lyla Morrison	Kind and Helpful to classmates
KA	Dennis Veitch	Working well in his number book
KA	Henry Robinson	Sharing and being respectful
KW	Brittney Forster	Always doing lovely neat work
KW	Kobi Gavin	Improvement in cutting and colouring in
KW	Lara Forster	Sounding our words in Writing groups
KW	Declan Middleton	Great work counting in Maths
1I	Max Davy	Being a kind and considerate class mate
1I	Ethan McAlpine	Improvement in listening
1I	Harper Morrison	Creating fabulous visualisations
1I	Joel Ware	Improvement in reading
2W	Amber Cunningham	Excellent number work
2W	Chloe King	Excellent Easter craft
2W	Jesse Cooper	Always being willing to help others
2W	Indiyana Gorham	Fluent reading
2A	Maddison O'Connor	Trying her best in class
2A	Sienna Fowles	Outstanding results in spelling
2A	Blaze McCrory	Improved work in mathematics
2A	Louis MacAlpine	Improved listening in class



You Can Do IT Awards

Getting Along	Lily Davies
Confidence	Karly Rogers
Persistence	Bella Dundas
Resilience	Xavier Hind
Organisation	Chace Myers

ASSEMBLY AWARDS—PRIMARY

Primary Assembly Awards 2016 Term 1 Week 7		
Class	Name	Reason
3/4E	Cody O'Connor	A warm welcome to Gwandalan Public School
3/4E	Luke Perrin	Always demonstrating outstanding classroom behaviour
3/4E	Tea-Amelia Rampone	Consistently producing quality class work
3/4E	Laura Dunn	Always producing quality work
3/4S	Callum Cook	Terrific work with mapping
3/4S	Aria Knight	Persistent effort in all areas
3/4S	Savannah O'Brien	Focus on art and craft activities
3/4S	Marnie Angus	Persistent efforts in writing

You Can Do IT Awards

Getting Along	Gabby Chambers
Confidence	Bailey Moore
Persistence	Oliver Yule
Resilience	Carter Van Eden
Organisation	Jake Mullin





Learn to Sail this school holidays at the H2O Kids Holiday Camp 18-20 April

3-days of learning to sail using a mixture of boats in a safe and fun environment. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is included plus we mix in other fun activities such as; paddling, beach volley ball, tennis, swimming, giant board games, fun games, arts and crafts and more!

The camp runs 9am-5pm but staff and residential campers will be onsite and available to sign your kids in from 8am- 6pm, should you require extended hours of care at no additional cost.

Gwandalan Public School Student Special Offer

for ALL of the above: \$180 per person **To book,**

email:

info@h2o-sports-academy.com

Or call, Laura on: 0450 041 644

More info,

visit the H2O website: www.h2o-sports-academy.com





Gwandalan Public School was involved in another very successful Earn and Learn Program with Woolworths last year. With the support of our parents and community we were able to collect over 36,000 points. A large number of resources were obtained that can be used across all areas of the school.





P & C News

The P & C would like to thank Parents, Carers, Students, Teachers and the Community for the overwhelming donation of Easter Eggs for our Raffle. We had over 75 kg of chocolate donated in total.

The Class Winner was KA.

A special thank you to Treacy Dunn for hand making the lovely Easter Bunny's and to Miss Stewart for the donation of the Coles Gift Cards. We raised just over \$1,500.00. This will go to towards our goal to purchase an electronic sign for the front of the school.

Entertainment books are available now from the School Office at \$60.00each. \$12.00 profit goes back to the School for each book purchased.

The P & C are also looking for volunteers to help out at our Mother's Day Breakfast BBQ and Stall to be held on Friday 6th May. Our BBQ will commence from 7am to 9am - we are requesting volunteers from 6.15am to 9.30am. The Stall will commence at 10am in the Community Room - we are requesting volunteers from 10.00am to 2.30pm. If you are able to help out, please leave your name, number and available time to volunteer at the School Office.

Your help is appreciated!

We are also looking for any new or unwanted items that can be used to sell at our Mother's Day Stall.

The P & C thanks you for your continued support.



CANTEEN

Our canteen has had a very successful start to 2016. Jane, our new manager, has noticed that many students like to buy hot food at lunch time. However, all hot food must be ordered by way of a lunch order.

Fresh food is available over the counter at lunch time. Eg fruit, drinks, yoghurt, custard, vegetable sticks, just to name a few.

Thankyou to all our new volunteers. We appreciate your wonderful assistance. We are always looking for volunteers.. If you can help please contact the school on 4976 1318 or the canteen directly on 4976 2054.



UNSW -ICAS Testing

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools is an independent skill-based assessment program for students from Year 2 to Year 6. Over a million students from over 20 countries participate in the tests.

This year, Gwandalan P.S. students have the opportunity to participate in Spelling, English and Mathematics exams. The fees to participate are: Spelling \$12.00, English \$8.00 and Mathematics \$8.00.

Notes will be distributed later in the term for interested students.

Expression of Interest Forms

High School expression of Interest forms have been handed out to all year 6 students. These forms need to be **returned as soon as possible**. Even if you are not intending to send your child to a public school this still needs to be indicated on the form.

S.Tangye— Stage Supervisor

Hunter Sports High School

Applications are now open for the Talented Sports Programs at Hunter Sports High School. Application and trialling forms are available at our school office and online at www.huntersports.com.au. Application close for 2017 on 2nd May, 2016.

In 2017 Hunter Sports High offers 14 sports— AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Boys cricket, Girls Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Rugby League, Boys Rugby Union, Girls Rugby Union, Swimming, Tennis and Touch Football.

Debating and Public Speaking at Gwandalan Public School

This year we have six very talented students interested in debating and representing our school at the Premier's Debating Challenge. They are Sophie Smith, Ava Osland, Cameron Thurston, Ella Munsie, Mariah O'Neil and Samarra McHale. These students recently attended a Debating Workshop at Mannering Park Public School. Participating in information sessions on how to debate, all culminating in a short individual debating speech. The students did wonderfully well.

The Premier's Debating competition begins next term, with debating held every Wednesday lunchtime. We are always looking for more interested students.

Public Speaking

Next term Stage 2 and 3 students will be competing and participating in the Multicultural Public Speaking competition. The competition will give four representatives from GPS a chance to represent the school at the local final. There will be two Stage 2 and two Stage 3 students chosen.

All students will need to give a speech for class assessment, however, they will have the choice to give this speech in their Stage finals if chosen. There will be two students from each class chosen and a Stage final run.

Teachers will be looking at speech making techniques and giving lots of tips to all students next term.

Good luck and all the best!



Gwandalan OOSH School Holiday Program

Gwandalan OOSH Vacation Care Program

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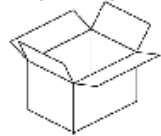

Email orana222@tpg.com.au

OOSH opening hours -7am-6pm

Daily in Centre Fee \$50.00 Could be as low as \$6.33

(CCB% may reduce your fees)

Excursion Daily Fee \$65.00 Could be as low as \$14.96

Monday 11 th April	Tues 12 th April	Weds 13 th April	Thurs 14 th April	Friday 15 th April	What to Bring to OOSH every day
Centre Day OOSH Kitchen Rules  Real chef (not Caroline & Lisa)	Excursion Movies  Lunch with community members Staff Suggestion	Centre Day Bike and Scooter Day  Childs suggestion	Excursion Taronga Zoo Excursion  Childs suggestion	Centre Day OOSH has talent  Band musical day Childs Suggestion	Please pack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hat • Refillable water bottle • Morning tea • Lunch • Afternoon tea
Monday 18 th April	Tues 19 th April	Weds 20 th April	Thurs 21 st April	Friday 22 nd April	Remind your child
Excursion Newcastle Fort Scratchely Excursion  Childs Suggestion	Centre Day Tye Dying Day  Crayon melt Craft Staff Suggestion	Excursion Paddys Markets  Chinese take away for lunch Childs Suggestion	Centre Day Messy craft day  Recycle art Staff Suggestion	Centre Day Book swap  OOSH Mini Fete Childs Suggestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be respectful • Use their manners • Try new things • Be a kind friend • Have fun

Gwandalan OOSH Vacation Care Booking sheet April 2016

BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED UNTIL BOOKING SHEET, EXCURSION PERMISSION AND PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE. ALL FEES ARE TO BE PAID BEFORE FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

Please write your child's name on the days they are attending

Monday 11 th April	Tuesday 12 th April	Wednesday 13 th April	Thursday 14 th April	Friday 15 th April
OOSH kitchen Rules	Excursion Metro cinemas Community Lunch	Bike and Scooter Day	Excursion Taronga Zoo (please note the fee for today will be \$70) Speak with Lisa or Caroline to confirm your fee for today's excursion	OOSH has talent and music band day
Monday 18 th April	Tuesday 19 th April	Wednesday 20 th April	Thursday 21 st April	Friday 22 nd April
Excursion Fort Scratchely Newcastle	Tye Dying Crayon melt craft	Excursion Paddy's markets Sydney	Messy craft Recycle art	Book swap Mini fete day

I understand that payment must be made before Friday 8th April and that any cancellations made after this date will still incur the normal daily fee.

Parents Name

Signature

Date

Office use only

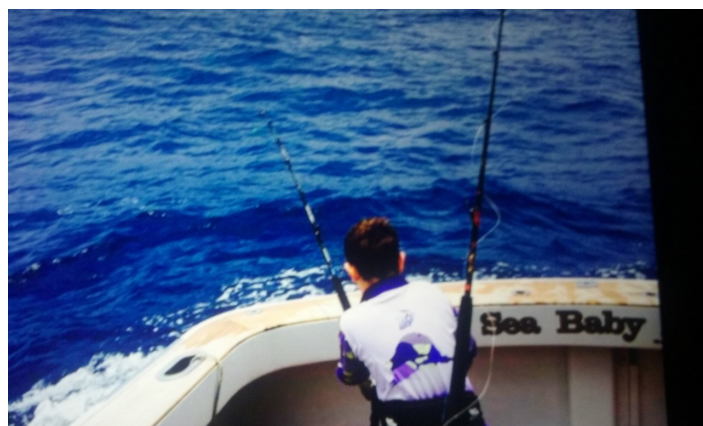
Date

Payment received

Booking & permission note

Confirmed Booking

Congratulations Rhys J on your Great Catch!!



*Marlin Fishing
Record Breaking*



Cross Country



8-9 Year Boys

- 1st Nathan Williams
- 2nd Jayden Coutts
- 3rd Brandon Bell

10 year Boys

- 1st Lachlan Adams
- 2nd Billy Smidt
- 3rd Connor Fowles

11 Year Boys

- 1st Bailey Whitney
- 2nd Connor Tandberg
- 3rd Ashton Myers

12-13 Year Boys

- 1st Otis Millard Jorda
- 2nd Carter Van Eden
- 3rd Harry Peard

8-9 Year Girls

- 1st Tori Adamson
- 2nd Molly Pittman
- 3rd Maddy Duggan

10 Year Girls

- 1st Jordan Lonergan
- 2nd Emily Hodder
- 3rd Mariah O'Niel

11 Year Girls

- 1st Ava Osland
- 2nd Amelia MacAlpine
- 3rd Alicia Casey

12-13 Year Girls

- 1st Olivia Austin
- 2nd Montana Seaburn
- 3rd Kyah Van Den Berg



DATES TO REMEMBER



Wednesday 6th April	Anzac Ceremony—School
Friday 8th April	Last day Term 1
	Infants CROSS COUNTRY : 1

Holidays

Monday 25th April	ANZAC day—Leaders and students to support local events (if available)
Wednesday 27th April	ALL STUDENTS return Term 2.
Friday 6th May	MOTHER'S day Breakfast & Stall (WE NEED YOUR HELP!)
10th, 11th & 12th May	NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5
16th May	School transfers over to the new Department Finance & Wellbeing systems (more information will be available to parents)

Health Corner

A friendly reminder to please check your child's hair for head lice using the methods recommended on the NSW Health web site www.health.nsw.gov.au

If you find any eggs or lice we recommend that you commence treatment as soon as possible.

We appreciate your assistance in regards to this matter and ask parents to please remind their child not to share their hats.

Please have a safe and happy school holidays and we will see the children back ready to learn on Wednesday 27th April