



Term 3 Week 8. Wednesday 7th September, 2016

Principal's Report

Can I say upon returning how impressed I am with our students, teachers and the wonderful community of Gwandalan.

We are always grateful for any offers of help within our school community; your support with time and effort is greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL Thank-You for those who stepped up whilst I was away. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PLANNING FOR 2017 and Beyond

In the coming weeks we will be starting our evaluation of some of the activities, processes and programs offered in our school. We will be asking for feedback to support our directions and initiatives for 2017 AND BEYOND. The information collected will be confidential and extremely helpful in moving our school forward.

If you are interested in being a part of this evaluation process, please let me know.

School Administration & Support (SAS) Staff Recognition week

Last week recognised the work that SASS staff do across ALL schools. I would like to thank all my SASS staff from Mrs Shoobridge, Mrs Lane & Mrs Cain in the office right through to Mr Sault—our excellent GA.

It takes many components to have a school grow and develop. A lot of the work our SASS staff do is behind the scenes and often quiet diverse. They assist in making our school the best it can be.

Many thanks also to Mrs Ingram, Mrs Feetham, Mrs Bruce, Mrs Vine, Ms Walters and Mrs Dellar (our canteen supervisor) for all your efforts. It is greatly appreciated.

WE ARE ENROLING NOW FOR 2017

If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child that wishes to enrol please ask them to come in and have a look at the school.

Our first Kinder transition program day will be **Thursday 22nd September** with our Picnic in the park. This will be a part of our KINDER STARS program to support students coming into our school.

We will also be offering ongoing morning visits within the classrooms to assist new students with their journey into big school.

Our **Kindergarten numbers are very important** for our school structure; information is needed so that we can plan accordingly.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped out with our Father's Day Celebrations. We hope all our dad's and special fellas had a great day.

Many thanks to all the friends of Gwandalan PS who came out to support our breakfast. It was great to see so many support our school.

Thanks to our P&C, Teachers, Canteen and volunteers who supported our brekkie and stalls. Thank-you.

New SIGNAGE— At GWANDALAN PS we are STARS

You may have noticed our new signage.



Newsletter Quote :

"Everyone is a genius. But if you only judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that is unsuccessful and a failure.." —Albert Einstein

FROM THE OFFICE

We have had a new eftpos machine installed in the office.

Our new machine enables the customer to pay wave, insert card or swipe card.

If payments are made over the phone we now need the CVC code. That is the number on the back of your credit card.

Payments can also be made by online payments by going to our website, click on make a payment and continue to payments.



CANTEEN NEWS

After careful consideration the school has decided to close the canteen on Mondays due to reducing sales.

We are currently closed on Tuesday but from this week Our Canteen will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

If parents have any questions please come in and see us.

Thank you for your understanding.



STAGE 2 EXCURSION- BLUE MOUNTAINS

Many thanks to the wonderful parents who have already paid for this excursion in full. Final payments are due by Friday, 16th SEPTEMBER (Term 3 -Week 9).

Don't forget you have the option to send smaller payments to the office each week to help you pay it off.



Zone Athletics

On Friday the 2nd of September the Wallarah Zone held its Zone Athletics Carnival for 2016. Gwandalan Public School athletes competed with pride and great sportsmanship.

Overall Gwandalan finished ninth and **second in the small schools** category. Due to outstanding efforts on the day Gwandalan also finished with Ava Osland becoming the 11yrs Zone Champion (1st 100m, 200m and Long Jump) and Cooper Tippettt placing second for the Junior Boys (1st Discus, 2nd 200m and 3rd 800m). Special mention to Bailey Moore who also placed third in the Senior Girls Shot Put.

Congratulations to all our athletes for a great effort on the day, well done Gwandalan we are proud of you!

The Sydney North Carnival will be held on Monday the 12th of September at the Sydney Athletic Centre Homebush. Our school will be represented by Ava Osland and Cooper Tippettt.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to ALL the parents that assisted on the day in trying weather (torrential rain) to support our students. It was extremely pleasing to see our students give their all and support one another.



Congratulation to Ava Osland who represented our school at the recent NSW PSSA touch carnival.

Despite having to play 12 games in challenging weather conditions her team finished 3rd overall in the State.

This was a great achievement given the competitive nature of the carnival. Sydney North lost only 1-0 in the semi final to the winning team Sydney-East.

Ava wishes to thank everyone for their positive comments from the school-it is greatly appreciated



INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK TERM 3 WEEK 7

Class	Name	Reason
KA	Quinn Yule	Great effort learning ABOUT O'clock time
KA	Ila Milton	Displaying enthusiasm during the Mini Olympics
KA	Addison Burr	An excellent jellyfish J
KA	Ian Ballard	A fantastic watermelon W
KS	Evie-Lee Adams	Always being a responsible student
KS	Angus Moreau	Improvement in Reading
KW	Kobi Gavin	A huge improvement in Handwriting
KW	Tyler Neale	Independently writing a recount of his weekend
KW	Keira Addy	Always doing lovely neat work
KW	Harrison Maria	An enthusiastic participant in class discussions.
K/1D	Blake Curley	Improved application to learning
K/1D	Thomas McInnes	Trying hard in writing
K/1D	Lilly-June Bower	Always willing to help others, you are a true leader!
K/1D	Dezzel Gow	Using commas during independent writing activities
1I	Ethan McAlpine	Improved application to class work
1I	Shaylee Bateman	Always being willing to help others
1I	Harper Morrison	Contributing to class discussions
1I	Cooper Corbett	Displaying enthusiasm during all lessons
2W	Riley Campbell-Butler	Participation in the Mini Olympics
2W	Amber Cunningham	Excellent "Best Beak in Boonaroo Bay" writing
2W	Cody Nuttridge	Excellent spelling results
2W	Cameron Lobb	Consistently producing neat work
2A	Kiara Walton	Improved confidence in Maths
2A	Nathan Gray	Excellent Spelling results
2A	John McHale	Always doing his best in Art
2A	Damon Boslem	Improved contributions to class discussions



YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS TERM 3 WEEK 7

Getting Along	Lachlan Day
Confidence	Cody Nuttridge
Organisation	Harmony Baxter
Resilience	Hayden Guest
Persistence	Mitch Connor



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2016 TERM 3 WEEK 6

Class	Name	Reason
3/4E	Mykil Merritt	Working hard and assisting others during Mathematics.
3/4E	Keili Kirchner	Working extremely hard in all areas of Mathematics.
3/4E	Heidi Smidt	Excellent organisation of the Stage 2 iPads..
3/4E	Oliver Yule	Outstanding organisation of the Stage 2 iPads.
3/4S	Kyiah Kakahi	Persistent ukulele involvement
3/4S	Marnie Angus	Outstanding Olympics Project completion
3/4S	Mason Hamilton	Gold Medal construction
3/4S	Finn Jenkins	Improved handwriting efforts
3/4V	Makyla Merritt	Great work in literacy lessons
3/4V	Olivia Bell	Beautiful manners and respect for others
3/4V	Molly Pittman	An outstanding attitude and always displaying enthusiasm
3/4V	Nolan Clark	Fantastic research on the 'Olympic Games' unit.
5/6T	Finn Hutchinson	For enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour on the Canberra excursion
5/6T	Luke Casey	Enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour on the Canberra excursion
5/6T	Ella Munsie	Outstanding application across all Key Learning Areas
5/6T	Oliver Forbes	Always displaying and producing excellent work



YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS TERM 3 WEEK 7

Getting Along	Kiahna Williams
Confidence	Cooper Taylor
Persistence	Montana Seaburn
Resilience	Noah Vine
Organisation	Noah Brown



KW



This term KW have been learning about the **Five Senses**. Last Friday the children spent the day using their sense of touch, smell, sight, hearing and taste in a variety of games and activities.



The children had a great time reaching inside "Ned's Head" and feeling around for different objects, working out what smells were in the jars, guessing who was speaking in a funny voice, trying to make their way around the room blindfolded and tasting and describing a variety of foods.



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5S Zone Athletes



Ashton Myers - 11yrs Long Jump, Discus and Senior Relay

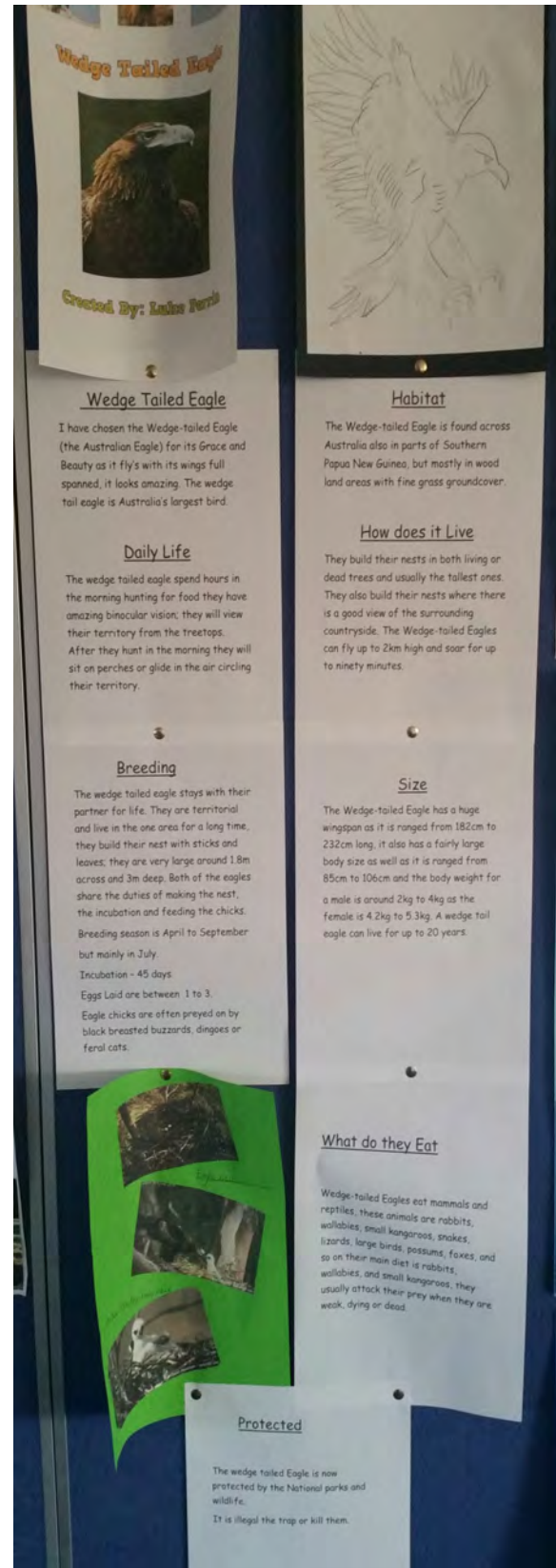
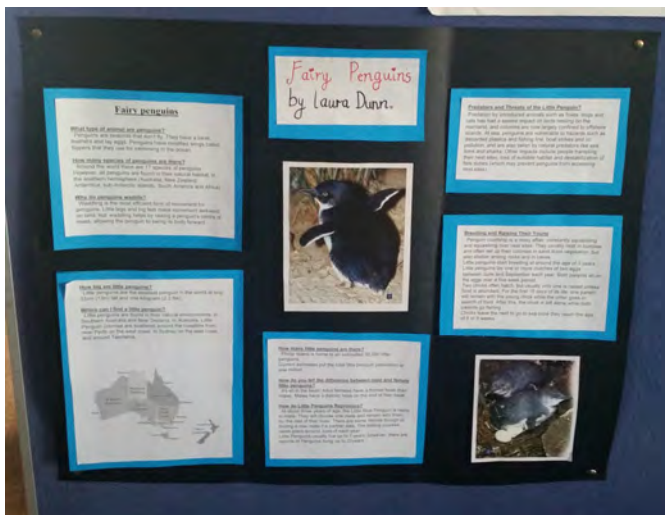
Krystal Pearce - 11yrs Shot-Put and Discus

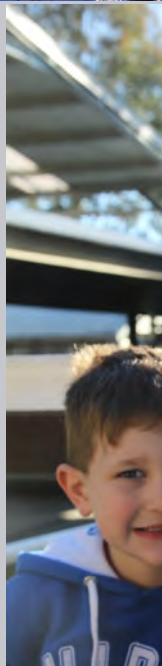
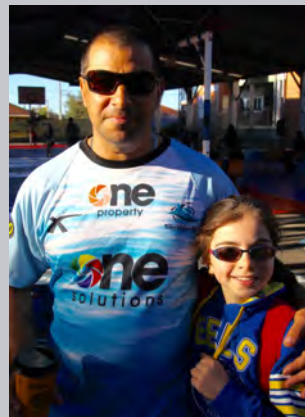
Sophie Smith - 11yrs 100m and 200m sprint

Dylan Warren - 11yrs Shot-Put and Discus

Big Congratulations to these students!

Students in 3/4 E had the opportunity to complete a project on an Australian bird of their choice. These are just a few examples of the wonderful work that was brought in.

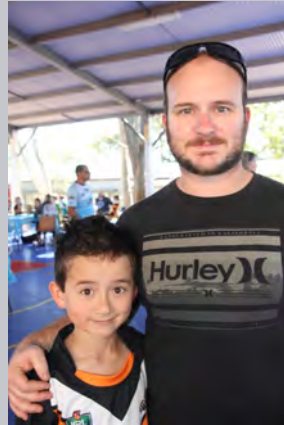




FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

2016

There are many more wonderful photos on our website.



AVOCADO

In Season	All year round
What to Look For	Avocados should have no black spots, and be slightly soft. They can be bought firm and ripen at home.
How They Grow	From a seed. Avocado trees can take a couple of years before they produce any fruit.
Nutrition	source for omega- 3 fatty acids, antioxidants, Vitamin E, Vitamin K and fibre. Eating avocados on a regular basis helps develop strong hair, nails and healthy skin.
Cooking	Eat raw in salads, on sandwiches, in dips or by its self.
Storage	Sprinkle cut avocado with lemon to prevent browning , store covered in refrigerator.
For more Information	http://www.kids-cooking-activities.com/avocado-facts.html http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipe/avocado-salsa-L10973.htm

AVOCADO SALSA

- 1 avocado diced
- 2 tomato diced
- 1/4 red onion diced
- 1 garlic clove finely chopped
- 1 chilli finely chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup of coriander chopped
- 2 tbs fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 1 pinch pink rock salt



Carefully mix all ingredients together.

Serve atop of your favourite meats, on burritos or as a simple dip.
YUM!

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Closed Mondays

Canteen is now open on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.

Eat Fresh & Win !

Sydney Markets Eat Fresh and Win Canteen Campaign is going strong.

Many children are enjoying their fun new pencils. Simply purchase fresh fruit & vegetables from the canteen to enter the draw for some fantastic prizes.

When making a fresh fruit and/or vegetable purchase, students are instantly rewarded with a sticker, which is placed on the entry form.

Once students have collected two stickers, they return the completed entry form to the canteen and receive a Fresh for Kids pencil and eraser.

Enter as many times as you like, think fruit pieces, salad on wraps, fruit cups, smoothies and keep an eye on the specials board for entry opportunities

Only two weeks to go.

Entries must be in by Friday 16th September.

Entries are then sent in for the major prize draw.



Term 3 Menu

Menus can be found on the Skoolbag App, in the newsletter, collected from the canteen or office. Please check the prices on the current menu when placing your orders, as there has been some changes.

Keep an eye out for Wednesday specials coming soon.

Lunch Orders

Limited hot food is available at lunch times over the counter. If you would like to order from the Sandwich /Salad Bar or Hot Food Favourites please place a lunch order. This can be done via the class baskets or at the canteen during recess.

Lunch order bags

Strong large lunch bags can be purchased from the canteen for 10c each or a bundle of 25 for \$2.

Bags should be clearly labelled with your child's name & class.

To help with processing the orders please use the correct change where possible, and avoid sticky tape and staples.

With Thanks

A special thanks as always to **Woolworths Lake Munmorah** for providing us with a fruit and veg box each week.

To our **wonderful volunteers**, the canteen could not function without you, and our school **gardening group** who also provide us with fresh harvested goods.

So fresh & yummy.

Much love and happy taste buds to you all.

Jane



Mark Hughes Foundation Beanie for Brain Cancer Day

Students of Gwandalan Public School have organised for us participate in a Brain Cancer Awareness day. Students and friends of Gwandalan PS are invited to wear a beanie on the last Friday of Term 3.

When: Friday 23rd Of September 2016

All students are encouraged to wear a beanie on the day. A Gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated with ALL funds raised going to the Mark Hughes Foundations.

Thanks for your support

Kick It for Mick.



Around our School

Good Luck to our students who are involved in Summerland /Gwandalan Netball Teams who are into their Grand Finals on Saturday. Best wishes to everyone involved.



Ukulele Master group and Singing Performances at Summerland Sporties Club.

On Saturday night with the support of our wonderful instructor Carmel and Mrs Tangye our students performed for a extremely supportive and appreciative crowd.

It was great to see the confidence of our students as they performed .

Great work everyone



U12 Grand Final Victory—Congratulations

Gwandalan Cobras Vs The Entrance

On Saturday morning some students from Gwandalan Public School played in the U/12 divisional Grand final at Plum Park in Ourimbah. In the first half the Cobras scored 2 goals in the first half, both were scored by Carter and the 1 in the second half scored by Luke which gave the team a 3-0 lead, in the last 10 minutes

The Entrance rolled in 2 late goals which made Gwandalan a bit nervous but when the full time whistle went there was a great relief. Afterwards we went to the presentation tent and got our trophies for premiers and league champions. **All cobras teams that made grand finals won– a great achievement for our community club.**



Special thanks to all the parents, coaches and supporters who always supported the club.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 8th September	Gibalee Day (Aboriginal students only) Primary Assembly 2pm 3/4E will be running it
Monday 12th September	Infants Assemble 2.20pm
Wednesday 14th September	Spelling Bee at Lake Munmorah High School (selected year 5 and 6 students)
Friday 16th September	Final payments due for Stage 2 Excursion—Blue Mountains
Tuesday 20th September	Bilby Bash (Aboriginal students only)
Wednesday 21st September	Performing Arts Showcase and Special Assembly Disco Evening
Thursday 22nd September	Picnic in the Park (First 2017 Kindergarten orientation)
Friday 23rd September	Last day term 3 Beanie Day—Gold coin donation for Brain Cancer Awareness

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017

Information packs have now been posted to all our new Kindergarten students. Please return these to the office along with the child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate and proof of residency.

We look forward to welcoming you at all at the Picnic in the Park on
22nd September, 2016



**Welcome to
Kindergarten**