

GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 10 Thursday 27th September 2018

Fete

We have our Fete coming up on Sunday after our first week back after the holidays. I'm sure there will be more information later in the newsletter.

Our students will be running 4 stalls; Trash and Treasure, Lollies, Cakes and an Art Gallery. We will be asking for parents to send in lollies, cakes and trash and treasure in week 1 for our stalls.

Term 4 Sport

All students who wish to participate need to have paid by this Friday. Students will do 4-6 activities over an 7 week period beginning week 1 next term. The cost has been reduced to \$30 per student for the 7 weeks. All money and notes will need to be in for students to be able to attend. Further information has already been sent home. Sport at school will be available for those who do not want to be involved in the Point Woolstoncroft option and student assistance is available for families who have difficulty paying. Please ask at the office if student assistance is needed as we don't want to see students miss out .

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be vailable from mid-September 2018 at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7. The application website opens at that link on 9 October 2018 and closes on 12 November 2018. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the

Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Vision Statement Meeting

A big thank you to the 3 parents and 4 students who were able to attend our special meeting. It is important to have as much input from everyone as possible. We value your support.

PBL Reward Day

Our PBL End of Term Reward Day is this Friday. It will involve an ice block, movie and bring your own device. An ice block will be handed out at the beginning of lunch during eating time. Students will watch a movie during the middle session. Students who have not kept our school expectations will have a special lesson with Mrs Henry and Mrs Notley at this time. Students may have 'device time' for an hour at a time throughout the day. Student devices are not to have a sim card or 4G accessibility and are not to be connected to our school wi-fi. The students who are non-participants will still be in the room during this time but they will not have access to a device.

Crazy Hair Day

Our SRC will be holding a Crazy Hair Day early next term, Friday 26th October, in support of one of our students, Rebecca T who is having her hair cut off to make a wig for people having cancer treatment. Rebecca has a number of people in her family suffering cancer. All money raised will go to the Cancer Council. We are very proud of Rebecca for taking on this initiative.

NEW KINDERGARTEN Students for 2019

Our transition program began today with our picnic and activities. We were unfortunately not able to have it in the park, due to the weather but we were very lucky to have the Lions Club come up to the school and do the BBQ. The children were very excited and cute joining in activities with our kinder classes. Everyone had fun.

If you know of any families that may have a child that is starting school next year could they please come into the school office and put their name down so that they can receive all the information directly. We will then, during Term 4, run 4 transition days for students and their parents. This is a great opportunity for our students to get a wonderful start to their schooling journey.

Please contact the school if you require any additional information or just need to ask a question.

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TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY

It is important to us to have your opinions for our future planning.

We invite all our parents to participate in our 2018 TELL THEM FROM ME survey.

The Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is anonymous, voluntary, and easy-to-use. It is based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at school.

The survey results are an important part of our evaluation and planning for 2019. This is an **opportunity for everyone to have their say**.

Kind Regards

Sandy Notley

Principal

The staff at Gwandalan Public School would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday.

We look forward to welcoming you all back for Term 4







4/5G have been investigating EXTREME WEATHER events. They worked collaboratively to create informative posters about their chosen weather event & detailed ways to stay safe in an emergency.



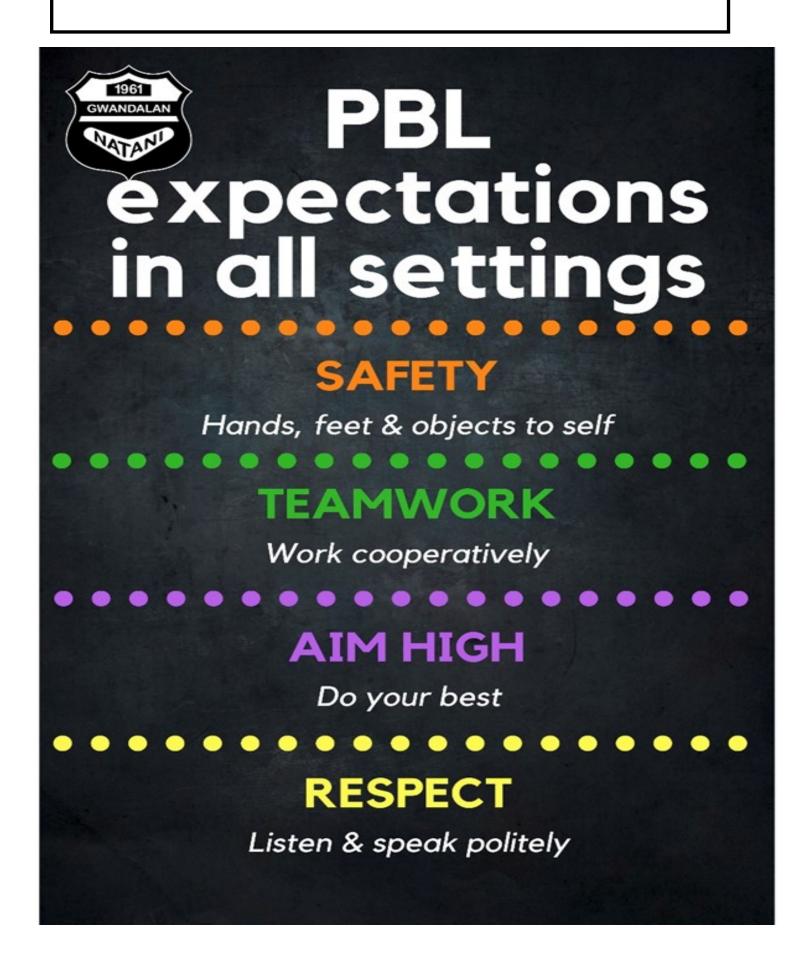






Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our K-6 PBL focus for Term 3 Week 10 is our core expectations across All Settings.





On Tuesday 18th September all students from Years K – 6 participated in a Science day. They rotated around to different classrooms & had lots of handson fun carrying out experiments & exploring the world of science.













Infants Assembly	Awards Term 3	Week 9		
Class	Name	Reason		
KA	Jezzlend B	Excellent Kangaroo Art work		
KA	Ruby M	Excellent Rainbow Snake Art work		
KA	Ryan H	Trying hard in Reading Groups		
KA	Jeremy W	Trying hard in Writing		
KS	Jad Z	Improvement in reading		
KS	Charlotte B	Working cooperatively in groups		
KS	Harry H	Demonstrating persistence in writing		
KS	Darci C	Always trying to produce 'QUALITY' work		
KW	Natalie W	For being a great role model in KW		
KW	Damian M	A fantastic effort with home reading		
KW	Pania C	A fantastic written recount about her weekend		
KW	Liam W	An awesome written recount of his weekend		
K/1I	Taysha E	Using adjectives in her writing to enhance descriptions		
K/1I	Layla E	Working hard during L3 Literacy Groups		
K/1I	Hailee P	Being a creative thinker during 'brain crunches'		
K/1I	Beau L	Showing kindness towards others		
1J	Tamika F	Always being a kind and caring friend		
1J	Imogen W	Always displaying a growth mindset in her learning		
1J	Carter C	Completing an independent research project on 'Hammer Head Sharks'		
1J	Kyla R	Writing an outstanding letter to the students of GPS about how they can make		
1/2K	Piper F	a change to reduce plastic pollution		
1/2K 1/2K	Kobi O	Being focused and ready to learn		
1/2K 1/2K	Savannah D	Carefully creating his zodiac pinhole artwork		
1/2K	Savannan D	Sharing creative ideas about what she would do if she were the Prime Minister!		
1/2K	Savannah H	Trying hard to use persuasive language in her writing to make impact with the		
OVA	7.10	audience		
2W	Zahara C	Consistently producing quality work		
2W	Taj F	Demonstrating a growth mindset in his learning		
2W	Maddison G	Regularly contributing interesting news		
2W	Dennis V	Improved spelling results		

CANTEEN NEWS

Commencing on Tuesday 16th October the canteen will commence our great online ordering system called Flexischools.

Please see the attached brochure for further information and instructions on how it all works.

To allow our canteen to prepare for this it will be closed on Monday 15th October.

Dates to Remember					
26th September	Picnic in the Park				
27th September	Primary Assembly				
28th September	Last day Term 3				
15th October	Students return for Term 4				
24th October	Kindergarten Orientation				
25th October	Indigenous students transition to LMHS				
26th October	Crazy Hair Day				
30th October	Indigenous students transition to LMHS				
31st October	Cares Road Safety Stage 3				
7th November	Blue Mountains Camp				
8th November	Blue Mountains Camp				
13th November	Stage 1 Wetlands Excursion				
20th November	Stage 2 Surf Fun Day				
28th November	Kindergarten Orientation				
10th December	Stage 3 Surf Fun Day				
11th December	Life Education Van				
12th December—14th December	Kindergarten Orientation				
17th December	Year 6 Farewell				
19th December	Last day for students				

5/6D are using personification...

The Ocean

As the ocean **swallowed** the glaring sun It **stretches** its arms around the globe.

The ocean gives so much fun,

We live in a wonderful world.

The waves **run** across the shore,

And dance through the rocks.

Their anger rise when tsunamis occur,

We see a black and yellow hawk.

The ocean tickles at my feet,

And dances to and fro.

The ocean gulps all sizes of animals,

Then slides through my toes.



Infants PBL Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 9						
Bronze	Bronze	Silver	Gold			
Benjamin B	Kaitlyn A	Amelia N	Chayce F			
Maddison R	Shelby F	Benjamin B	Zac H			
Aliviya D	Alysha M	Boe B	Hayden S			
Sophie C	Isabella T	Zac H	Eli T			
Leah B	Liam W	Hailee P	Natalie W			
Ella B	Damian M	Taysha E	Elyssa W			
Byran C	Tyler W	Matilda M				
Addison B	Joel H	Emma S				
Matari T	Darci C	Lilly-June B				
Savannah D	Charlotte B	Savannah H				
Jacob W	Jack T	Skye S				
Brigit F		Ila M				
Charlotte N		Kaitlyn A				
Layla E		Sargun B				
Alyssa K		Indi H				
Tyson W		Caleb G				
Lachlan M						
Wakena C						
Tamika F						
Shaylah H						
Ruby W	\land					
Noah S						
Ruby B						
Emma S						
George W						
Lily D						
Mitchell C						
Nathan J						
Keira A						
Ila M						

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL BUS TRAVELERS

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24th September 2018

SCHOOL BUS 2110 & Route 99 - AM SERVICES Gwandalan PS

Dear Parents and Students.

Commencing Monday 15th October 2018, the Morning School Buses 2110 & Route 99 will both be disbanded.

There are two new School Bus options to replace the current services: School Bus 2205 and 2204. These new School Bus options have slight differences to the current options, which are as follows:

School Bus 2205 has no change to departure time, and a slight change to current streets travelled. Following commencement, School Bus 2205 will depart from Yeramba Rd & Illawong Rd via Yeramba Rd (R) Illawong Rd (L) Warrina Av (L) Muraban Rd (R) Indra Av (R) Kullaroo Rd (L) Cams Bvd (R) Summerland Rd (L) Kanangra Dr to School.

School Bus 2204 will now depart from the start location 5 minutes EARLIER than current departure time. There is a slight change to current streets travelled. Following commencement, School Bus 2204 will depart from Yeramba Rd & Summerland Rd via Yeramba Rd (R) Illawong Rd (R) Cams Bvd (L) Ginganup Rd (R) Government Rd, Summerland Rd (L) Kanangra Dr (R) Parraweena Rd (L) Gamban Rd (R) Winbin Cr (L) Orana Rd (R) Kanangra Dr to School.

For further information please refer to your Schools Timetable at www.busways.com.au or contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870.

Yours sincerely

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24th September 2018

Route 99 - PM SERVICE Gwandalan PS

Dear Parents and Students.

Commencing Monday 15th October, the current Route 99 service will depart from the school 8 minutes EARLIER.

There will be no change to current path.

For further information please refer to your Schools Timetable at www.busways.com.au or contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870.

Yours sincerely

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Library News









Book Week 2018



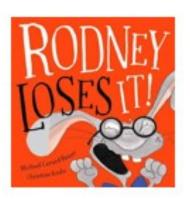


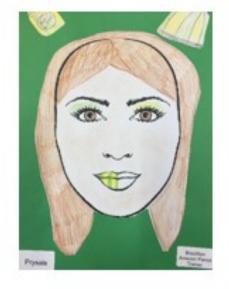














Celebrating Australian Authors



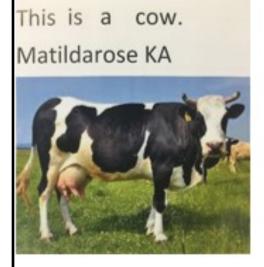






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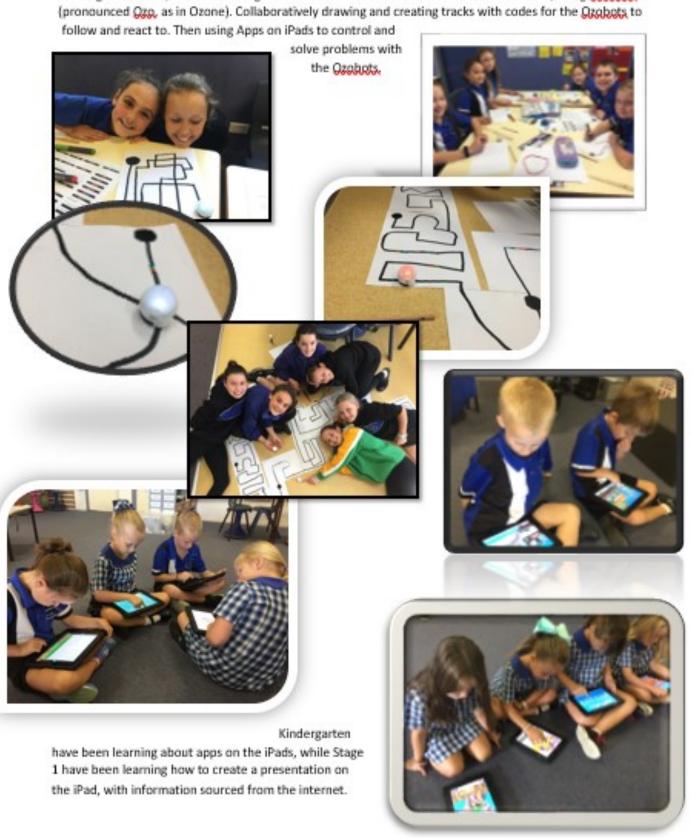






Computers RFF Classes

During Terms 2&3, students in Stages 2&3 have been introduced to some robotics work, using Ozobots.





HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

I Wetlands Place, Shortland, NSW 2307 PO Box 66. Shortland NSW 2307 Ph: 02 4951 6466

Email: hwca@wetlands.org.au Web: www.wetlands.org.au

School Holiday Activities

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS, CENTRE

SAVE OUR SPECIES

Did you know there are nearly 2000 plants and animals on the threatened species list in Australia? These school holidays you can learn how you can help Save Our Species.

THREATENED SPECIES DISCOVERY WALK

Collect your list of threatened species, your map and a special wetlands pencil and head off on an adventure around the Wetlands. Find 10 threatened species and enter our SOS competition.

You could win a fabulous prize!

You can also have fun dip-netting in the pond and nature weaving.

\$5 per person, 3 to 5yrs \$2, under 3 free. No bookings required

BUSH SKILLS ADVENTURE FOR 8 TO 12 YEAR OLDS

Tuesday 2 October & Wednesday 10 October 9.30am to 12.30pm

Come on a Wetlands Adventure - learn bush survival skills, make and eat a damper, take a guided walk to the Bush Tucker Garden, build a bush shelter and meet some of our resident reptiles.

\$20 per child. Bookings essential.

Book online at www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 495 | 6466

THREATENED SPECIES ADVENTURE FOR FAMILIES (All ages)

Wednesday 3 October & Monday 8 October 10.30am to 12.30pm

Take a guided Threatened Species Discovery Walk and see how many animals and plants you can find.

Collect natural materials for Nature Weaving creations.

Feed the Magpie Geese & meet some of our resident reptiles up close.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Cost \$8 per person, under 3 free

Bookings essential. Book online at www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 49516466





Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience! Open 9am to 4pm

Entry: \$5 Per person, Children 3-5yrs \$2 & Children under 3 free.

There's lots to do at the wetlands in the holidays: Dip-netting, children's playground, reptile display, walks, Magpie Geese feeding at 10.30am daily, canoeing, BBQ & picnic facilities, bring your bike and ride around or try orienteering.

www.wetlands.org.au

Gift Shop: Ice-creams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.

Wetlands Cafe: Open 9.30am to 2.30pm daily

Closed in shoes, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent recommended.















FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for our MASSIVE School Fete Raffles are attached to this flyer.

Tickets are \$1 each, more tickets are available at the office. Prizes will be drawn on the day of the Fete.

Please return your ticket stubs and money by Friday 19th of October.



WIN A THERMOMIX!

Gwandalan Public School P&C Association

Prize includes

This Thermonia, The Basic Cooltbook recipe chip, The Basic Cooltbook hardcopy book, Simmer Basket, Varoma, Spetula, Measuring Cup and Butterfly. Tickets \$25 each or 2 for \$40

Price Valued at \$2009

Tickets Available through our Facebook Page

Only 200 Tickets Available!

Price Drawn at Owandaian PS Sunday 21" of October 2018



CARNIVAL RIDES

RIDE ALL DAY BAND

Wristbands \$25 pre-sale or \$30 on the day Single tickets available on the day for \$5 per ride





Pre-Purchase your Ride Wrist Bands for the Gwandalan PS Car Show and School Fete Please fill in and return this form to the Office by Wednesday 17th of October to take advantage of our pre-sale discount.

Name: Phone:

Number of Tickets: 1 band for \$25 (please circle) 2 bands for \$45

3 bands for \$65 4 or more bands @\$20 each

Total

Payment can be made via cash or Direct Deposit to Gwandalan Parents and Citizens Association (Comm Bank)

BSB: 062 820 Account Number: 1022 6159

Reference: RAD Full Name (please enter)

Please send a copy of your payment receipt to gwandalanpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

FIND US ON FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/Gwandalanpublicpandc/

Raffle tickets were sent home today.

Please return them to school when sold.

There are more tickets available from the office if you would like them.



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