Tuesday, 4 March 2014

Dear Friends of Gwandalan PS

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Today at 3.30pm in Community Room

We look forward to new and familiar faces joining us to discuss plans for 2014 and for workers to welcome their assistance. Mrs Carew will be presenting an overview of changes to our Welfare System and information about You Can Do It.

ZONE SWIMMING
Good luck to our 22 students attending Zone Swimming at Mungara on Wednesday. Mr Pitman and Miss McKeen will be in attendance with students.

DEBATING WORKSHOP
Mrs Tangye will be attending a workshop with 8 students to learn the finer points and strategies of debating.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
This event will be re-scheduled as soon as possible when the weather appears to be more stable.

DRIVING RAIN, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING did not allow staff and students to clean up last Friday.

DONATION OF Easter EGGS
Our hard working P&C would welcome any donations of Easter Eggs. All donations end up as prizes and all profits made go back into purchasing resources for students. The P&Cs is also looking for donations for their Mother’s Day stall.

PARKING, DELIVERING AND PICKING UP STUDENTS 9AM & 3PM
Kanangra Drive is congested. It cannot tolerate buses, pedestrians, cyclists, and cars.

To assist, the following hints may make the area safer:
1. Use the pedestrian crossing located near the garage. Please don’t cross the road inline with the walkways or entrances into school.
2. Only cars with disabled parking access stickers should park in the disabled parking spots.
3. Walk to and from school with your children. This can be done as a pedestrian walking or whilst the child is riding a bike.
4. Attempt to find a park on Kanangra Drive towards Point Wolstonecraft or towards Tunkuwalin Oval. Parents can then walk to the school to pick up children.
5. Follow directions on the signs as Rangers will write fines for motorists not following these directions.

STAGE 2 & STAGE 3 SPORT
Two accredited coaches from AFL NSW ACT will be teaching students catching, kicking, and general ball handing skills for the next 6 weeks.

Students can purchase an AFL Kit which includes a DVD, bag, football, information about skills and AFL teams for $27.50.

If students are willing to do so, then the money must be sent to school and handed into the class teacher in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, money inside and details written on the front of the envelope. The AFL packs will be given to students towards the end of term.

DONATIONS
The School is currently looking for donations of Duplo Blocks and match box cars. A large printed car/road mat would be great.
Important dates to remember.

- Tues 4th March: P & C Meeting, AGM
- Wed 5th March: Zone Swimming
- Mon 17th March: School Photos
- Wed 19th March: Ride to School Day
- Fri 21st March: Express on d Interest for Y6 to Y7 due back today
- Wed 28th March: Raffle tickets going home
- Mon 31st March: Young Leaders Day

MATH TEXTS
The Math textbooks have been purchased by the school bookshop. The school has invested a total of $9,000 to make this happen. Costs of the Maths Text Book for 2014 is:
- Kindergarten: $20.00
- Years 1 to 6: $30.00

Voluntary Contributions have been set as:
- $30.00 per family for safety purposes. All forms must be returned and kept away from smaller siblings. Please ensure all game pieces are returned and kept away from younger siblings for safety purposes.

Ms Walker

JUNIOR Scouting
1st Gwandalan Scout Group would like to invite all boys and girls who are 6 - 14 years old to come along and try Scouting.

Joey scouts are aged from 6 - 7 years old and meet every Tuesday from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Cubs are aged from 7 - 11 years and meet every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

Scout groups are aged from 11 - 14 years and meet every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

All of the above Sections meet at our Scout Hall at the Qr Koowong Rd and Noamunga Qes, Gwandalan.

Don't forget, the first 3 weeks are free to try.

If you are interested please contact:-
- Group Contact: Roger Moricordt - 0408415800
- Joey Contact: Alex Lee - 0431047074
- Cub Contact: Adrian Raffe - 0423702269
- Scout Contact: Roger Moricordt - 0408415800

FLASH DR VES
Don't forget. It is important that if your child is in Years 3 to 6, they need their own flash drive to save their computer work. Please label it with their name and class. Thank you to the families who have supplied these already.

SCHOOL BAG APP
Have you downloaded yours yet? Keep updated with School news and important events.

CANTEEN
If you would like to donate any time at all to working in the Canteen on Thursday or Fridays please contact Peta on 0450 906 669. Thank you, we look forward to all your help.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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SWIMMING COMPETITIONS

- The Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Swansea Pool last Wednesday. All of the organisation had gone into the event to encourage more students of all swimming abilities to be involved in events on the day. When I visited for a few hours over lunchtime, I heard that all of our students were having a great experience and were representing their respective houses with a huge amount of pride. A special thank you to Mrs Abbott who stepped in for my absence and to John Kowalski and Jason Pencshaw for their fabulous effort as both the starter and chief judge on the day. I am also in the process of
upda ti ng a ll  o f  our  schoo l  sw i mm i ng recor ds i n a 50 m pool.  Th i s may t ake so m e tim e, however  I  w ill  pub li sh t hese  i n  t he  new sl e tt e r w hen  t hey a r e  com p l e t ed .

Regar ds,
Mr  Vi ne
-  Schoo l sport s Coor din at or

Resu lts
Win ni ng House- Gool ma ling!
Juni or  Champi ons- Alexi s Renshaw, Jorja Kowalski and M J Lowe
11 years  Champi ons- Charl otte Lowe and R il ey Sp ill ane
Seni or  Champi ons-Lucy W ithycombe and Logan Sp ill ane

S peci al  m enti on t o Abb i e Sp ill ane ,  Zac Renshaw , Troy Hay ward , Am eli a McAl pi ne and Nash Cr aven who a ll  had so m e out st and i ng perf o rman ces  on t he day.  G ood lu ck t o a ll  o f  our  sw i mm er s at  t he W alla rah Zone event t hi s  w eek a t M i ngar a ! G o  Gwanda l an!

Parents  V  Teacher’s race.

The par ents versus t eachers race was hotl y con test ed i n bo t h t he m en ’s and wo m en ’s 50 metr e even t.  Thank you t o a ll t he st a ff  m e m ber s and com m un it y  m e m ber s w ho  took par t i n  t he  race .

I am pl ann i ng on or gan i s i ng a per pe t ua l  sh i e l d f or  t he o ffi ce t o m ake t h i s a f un even t  f o r  t he st udent s t o  wat ch at  bo t h our  s w i mm i ng and at h l e ti cs car n i va l s .  It adds a l o t  o f  f un t o t he even t,  so start tr a i n i ng par ent s !

Thanks aga i n
Mr  Vi ne
-  Sports or gan i se r.

W omen’s 50 m
1st- Ms Sharyn Hutchi nson (parent- R in and Ayden Hutchi nson)
2nd- Ms Summers (teacher)
3rd- Miss McKeri han (teacher)

Men’s 50 m
1st- M r Adam Honey (parent- Kayla Honey)
2nd- M rs Su mmers (teacher)
3rd- M rs Shar yn Hut chi nson (parent- R in and A yden Hutchi nson)

SCO
Wednesday 9th  April
K – Year 2  5pmt o  6.15pm
Year 3 – Year 6  6.30pm t o  8p m
Schoo l  H e l l
$4.00 paya bl e a t t he  door
The me: Gwanda lan Public Schoo l
Dress up a s any char act er comm en ci ng  w i t h  a  l e tt e r from our schoo l  name.
eg  G = gu r m cy, gor i l la  etc
S = su per man, spi der man
P = pi rate, pol iceman

Assembly Awards  Week 5

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YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Getting Along  Willy Lambert  1S
Organisati on  Laura Dunn  2K
Persi stence  Grace Bell  1S
Confidenc e  Paige McBr id e  K1A
Resilienc e  M J Tom  1/2 W

CREAT I VE AND PRACT I CAL ART GROUPS YEAR 3 TO 6

At t he be gi nni ng o f  w eek 7, Years 3 to 6 will be par ti ci pati ng i n acti vi ties f rom 2 p m unt il 3 p m.  Acti vi ti es i n cl ude: dance, sewi ng, knitting, dra ma, musi c and vi sual arts.  Dur i ng t hi s t i me we are also o f feri ng pai d acti vi ti es such as d i dgeri doo, s i ngi ng l essons and g ui tar.  $5 p er l esson (pl osi t i ons lim i ted).  Plea se f ill i n bel ow i f  your  ch i ld i s i nt e r est ed i n t he pai d acti vi ti es.

STUDENT _____________________________
CLASS ______________________________

My ch i ld i s i nt e r est ed i n atten di ng (pl ease o r d er)
1.  Didgeri doo ( M ale s onl y)
2.  S i ngi ng
3.  G ui tar

I am aware t hat t he ab ove acti vi ti es h ave a cost of $5.00 e ac h ses s i on.

Parent signature ___________________________

Date ___________________________