Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Gwandalan PS Important Dates.

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NAPLAN ASSESSMENT YEAR 3 & YEAR 5
ASSESSMENTS WILL OCCUR ON Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that all students arrive at school before 9am. Good luck to all students sitting these important assessments.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
Our school ceremony was conducted last week. Our students were very appreciative of the information that was presented. Thanks to Mr Vine, Mr Martin, Mrs Tangye and Mrs Lane for their efforts. Doyalson RSL sent two former servicemen Harry Burdon and Richard Denley. Our students showed the utmost respect to these gentleman.

CANTEEN IMPROVEMENT
$28,000 has been spent on improving our Canteen. New bench tops, flyscreens, vents, ovens and new air-conditioning have been installed. Painting should be completed within the next two weeks. The work was paid from maintenance funding provided by government allocations to the school.

STAR STRUCK
What a tremendous honour it is to be selected to participate in this event with some other 2700 students from across the Central Coast & Hunter region. Rehearsals at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre will commence soon. Good luck to all students and teachers attending/supervising.
We plan on having our Star Struck performers participate at our end of Semester 1 Presentation Assembly on Thursday, 26th June.

P&C Meeting Tuesday, 6th May from 3.30pm in the Community Room.
A special thank you to P&C President Peita Vine for volunteering to rearrange our Canteen Office and for volunteering to transport students to & from Stewart House at South Curl Curl.

GABBY SHAW- Regional Hockey
Congratulations Gabby Shaw on her selection in the Sydney North Regional Hockey team! This will be the second year in a row Gabby has made the team. Gabby will now compete in the State carnival at Narre Hall in mid June. She also has raffle tickets to sell to assist in the cost of attending the event for those interested in purchasing one.
Well done Gabby.

BOOK FAIR!!!!
When: Monday 12th May
Where: Library
Times: Students can purchase throughout the day with Mrs Leyshon or can bring their money in an envelope to the library after 8:40am on the 12th May. Parents- 3:00pm - 4:00pm.
This is a fantastic fundraiser for the Library each year with 30% of all sales coming back to the school to purchase more books for the library and literacy books for the classrooms.
Thanking you for your support, Melissa Leyshon.
GATS CAMP NOMINATIONS
A reminder to selected Yr 6 students intending to nominate for the Central Coast GATS Camp 2014. Nominations are required by Wednesday 7th May, 2014.

CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN
The GPS annual Cross Country Carnival will be held this Wednesday at Tunkuwalin Oval. Students will be closely supervised and monitored as they run the course. Students will be running the perimeter of the oval and will be running on the grass. This year we are aiming to get as many students involved in running, walking or jogging the course as the Cross Country event has been linked to a ‘Fun Run’ activity. It is important to remember that students who turn 8 or 9 years of age this calendar year will be running in the same event, as they are expected to do at Zone, Regional and State level. The top six getters from age races 8/9yrs and older will be invited to attend the Wallarah Zone Carnival at Wyong Race Club on the 30th May. Students will be walking to and from the oval in age groups. Parents should remind their children of what age race they will be competing in before the day. If parents wish to take students home after their event they must do so from the school office and not from Tunkuwalin oval.

Approximate start times for events.
Girls age races will start after boys have completed their race.
5 and 6 years boys 9:30am
7 year old boys 9:50am
8 and 9 year old boys 10:30am
10 year old boys 11:30am
11 year old boys 11:50am
12 and 13 year old boys 12:20pm

What is social and Emotional Learning? Part 1
School is not only about reading, writing and arithmetic. It’s also about making friends, learning how to work with others, and knowing how to be responsible for yourself.

Knowing how to manage feelings and get on with others are important skills for everyone. This kind of learning starts in early childhood with parents and carers as children’s most important first teachers.

Research has found that teaching children social and emotional skills at school as well as at home makes a positive difference to their wellbeing. Social and emotional skills help school children settle in the classroom and get on with learning.

Useful skills to include;
- Coping with frustrations or worries
- Getting along with others
- Solving problems

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BELMONT 16s
Learn To Sail
School Holiday
September 22nd to 26th
Morning Session 9.30am to 12 noon
Afternoon Session 1.00pm to 3.30pm

Saturday Mornings
October 25th to December 6th
Morning Session 8.30 am to 10.00am

School Holidays
January 12th to 16th
Morning Session 9.30 am to 12.00noon
Afternoon Session 1.00pm to 3.30pm

Further details are available on website. www.sail16s.com.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
OR FROM THE OFFICE.
LAUNCH OF THESE BOOKS IS 7TH APRIL.
ONLY $60.00
There is $245 worth of bonus offers when you pre-order.
$12 from the sale of each of these books goes to the P&C.

Come to my Party
Sunday 18th May 5pm to 7pm
Gwandalan Public School Hall

Fun games for all ages
Freddo Story Time
Light supper provided
You are Freddo’s guest, it’s a free party!

This is a family event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Presented by the Summerland Community Baptist Church