Tuesday 9th September 2014
Term 3 Week 9

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Gwandalan PS Important Dates.

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| Wed 10th September | • Bilby Bash (Aboriginal Students)  
|             | • Year 6 information night with LMHS                                   |
| Thurs 11th September | • Gibalee Day (Aboriginal Students Years 5 & 6)  
|             | • P & C Meat Raffle at Belmont 16 ft Sailing Club                      |
| Fri 12th September | • P & C Meat Raffle at Belmont 16 ft Sailing Club                      
|             | • Year 6 Farewell meeting 3.15pm Mr Vines room.                        |
|             | • Healthy Harrold starts                                               |
| Wed 17th September | • Disco (You Can Do It Colours)                                        |
|             | • Healthy Harrold concludes                                            |
| Fri 19th September | • Last Day of Term 3                                                   |
|             | • Mufti – Footy Colours                                                |
| Sat 11th October | • Gwandalan School Fete                                                |

YEAR 6 NEWS

YEAR 6 FAREWELL MEETING
A year 6 farewell meeting will be held this Friday 12th September in 6V classroom at 3:15pm-4pm. Any parent or family member willing to assist with organisation of the event is invited to attend.

LAKE MUNMORAH HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT/CARER INFORMATION MEETING.
Wednesday 10th September at Gwandalan Public School hall. The meeting will start at 6pm and conclude by 7pm. All important information regarding year 6 to year 7 transitions will be discussed.

- Uniform
- Bus Transport
- Book Packs
- Class placement
- Question & Answer forum

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST & FATHER’S DAY STALL
What a fabulous day it was on Friday. A big thank you to the many families who attended the breakfast and for the support in providing students with the opportunity to purchase presents for dads and grandfathers.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
Fantastic. So many students had such fun in the roles as different characters.
Congratulations Mrs Leyshon on your organisation and for promoting a love of reading through these types of events.
Word is that parents will be allowed to dress up and parade around next year. How good was Mr Pitman as Lego Man?

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONTINUES
All Aboriginal students in Years 3 to 6 will attend the Bilby Bash at Budgewoi with Mrs Jones & Mrs Ingram this Wednesday. Mrs Tangye & Mrs Ingram will accompany Year 5 & Year 6 Aboriginal students to Mannering Park PS on Thursday for Gibalee Day.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS ASSEMBLY
Our assembly is on Thursday 18th September, commencing at 9.30am. All parents and carers most welcome to attend.

STAGE 2 KATOOMBA EXCURSION
Final date for payment is Friday 10th October. All monies MUST be paid by this date.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN results are now available for collection from the office. If not collected by tomorrow at 3pm they will be sent home with students on Thursday 11th September.

PHOTOS
Log on to our website to view photos from our great Fathers Day Barbeque and the Book Character Parade on Friday.
www.gwandalan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
YOU CAN DO IT!
This week students will be concentrating on developing the foundation skill of Organisation.
On Friday 12th September, students are invited to wear an orange accessory. Items such as orange socks, headband, ribbons etc may be worn.

MUFTI DAY (last day of term 3)
Friday 19th September. For a donation of a gold coin students can come to School in their favourite Football Team colours. Money raised is going to Kurtis Landers. Kurtis is 16 years old and played rugby league in the Foster area. Kurtis suffered a serious neck injury earlier this season and we would like to support him and his family through this difficult time.

OZ TAG CANCELLED THIS WEEK
Unfortunately due to the bad weather received late last week and over the weekend, the Oz Tag Gala Day scheduled for Wednesday 10th September has been cancelled. It will be played early in term 4.

YEAR 6 SPELLING BEE
Last week Year 6 students were involved in a spelling competition. Students spelt unfamiliar words in a competitive format similar to the American television series. The competition was fun for both the audience and competitors. We have some wonderful spellers in year 6! Congratulations to all students who entered, especially our eventual winners.

1st Tegan Jenkins 6V
2nd Tashana Holmes 6M
3rd Aimee Abbott 6V

2015 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
Please return the enrolment forms with the necessary documents as soon as possible. Thank you.

Week 3
Social and emotional learning: Suggestions for families – Part 3
Support children’s confidence
Help children identify and develop their strengths by encouraging them to have a go at things and find activities they enjoy. Praise their efforts, celebrate their successes and encourage them to keep trying and learning.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

P & C News.
Wow! What a great day we had on Friday. Thankyou to all our helpers who turned up early to help with the cooking. We hope all our Dads enjoyed their breakfast and had a wonderful day on Sunday. Our stall was a huge success also. Thank you to all our families for your continued support. We will publish our profits as soon as we can.

RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize Giaan Fitzgerald
2nd Prize Callum Garrett
3rd Prize Tamika Hughes
4th Prize Wally Lambert
5th Prize Mr Wade Vine
Lucky Door Mr John Edwards (Ella’s Dad)

Congratulations to all our winners.

On Thursday 11th and Friday 12th of September, we will be selling raffle tickets at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club for their meat raffles. This is a fundraising event for our school and we would love to see you there.

Our Fete is on the 11th October. Don’t forget to pre-purchase your children’s unlimited ride armbands for only $25 to be used on fete day. Money can be given to the office and the armbands will be issued in the week prior to the fete.

Gwandalan Lions Club
Spring Festival

Sunday 21st September 2014
On the fabulous foreshores of Lake Macquarie adjacent to the Gwandalan Bowling Club
40 Variety Stalls
Music and Entertainment
Information Booths set up by local groups
And lots more

Put this date in your diary.

DISCO

Wednesday, 17th September, 2014
Years K-2 5pm – 6.15pm
Years 3 – 6 6.30pm – 8pm

Theme - You Can Do IT Colours (Red, Purple, Canary Yellow, Orange & Green). Dress in any of these colours.
Cost $4 / student
Our Canteen will be open.