Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

VARIETY SPLASH EVENT
Last Friday our P&C prepared a delicious meal for approximately 60 Variety Splash Club members at Summerland Point. Our Aboriginal Dance & Didgeridoo groups provided entertainment. The Variety Club sponsored our P&C to cater for the luncheon, donated a box full of prizes for future fundraisers as well as around $3000 towards readers for our students. Thank you to those who provided support on the day for this fundraiser.

ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL AT SWANSEA SWIMMING CENTRE
Congratulations to all students for their participation in today’s carnival. All levels of swimmers were catered for by conducting 50m, 25m and novelty events in the smaller pools.

BUS TRAVEL TO & FROM SCHOOL
Recently, the afternoon buses have been picking up our students late. Bus 1 is due to collect students at 3:07pm and Bus 2 at 3:18pm. When and if we are notified that buses are late we will endeavour to let families know by posting the information on the Skoolbag App.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING . Tuesday, March 3rd 3:15pm
We are hoping to have many parents attend our Annual General Meeting. Teachers will present sections of our new Three Year Plan using a different format introduced by the NSW Government to be implemented in 2015 – 2017.

DISABLED CAR PARKING
The designated markings on the road in Kanangra Drive have faded. Wyong Council has been contacted and it is anticipated that the markings will be redone in the near future.

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
If you are interested in your child applying for Hunter Sports High School 2016 forms are now available online at www.huntersports.com.au or from the school office and Mrs Tangye. All information about sport trial dates and costs are included. There will be 14 sports offered through the talented sports program, these being AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Boys Cricket, Girls Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Swimming, Tennis and Touch Football. There is an Open Night at Hunter Sports High School on Tuesday 24th February.

COLLECTING STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL
Parents are asked not to wait for students outside classrooms. Teachers are still trying to teach and it is very disruptive when the student sees Mum or Dad outside the window. Parents are asked to wait on the green seats or in the courtyard. Please also be aware that Parents/Adults can not use the childrens toilets. If you are on the School grounds and need to use a toilet please see the office who will direct you to our staff toilets. Parents are also reminded that supervision in the mornings before school starts at 8.40. Please use the OOSH centre if your child needs to be at school early.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
On Friday 27th February our school will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. This is an annual event which allows us to clean up, fix up and conserve our Australian environment. Classes will be allocated an area of the school to collect litter from with their class teacher. Please provide your child on this day with some disposable gloves to help clean our school. Thank you for your support of this important event.
UKULELE GROUPS CAPA GROUP
We are keen to start a ukulele group at Gwandalan Public School, with the idea that they perform at the school concert and/or Performance assembly.
At this time, we do not have enough students who have paid for lessons with our talented, professional Carmel, in order to run the group during CAPA (Creative and Practical Arts) groups.
Ukulele lessons with Carmel (and Mrs Tangye) are held on Wednesdays after lunch for an hour, for 11 weeks and only costs $55!.
We are offering a free taster lesson to students who have shown an interest.
Any other students who are interested please let us know ASAP.
Many thanks,
Helen Styan and Hannah Carew

Gwandalan OOSH
Are you working, studying or want your child to socialize with their peers? OOSH provides care during the following times:
Before School 7am-9am
After School 3pm-6pm
Vacation Care 7am-6pm
Fees can be a little as:
Before school care $6.34
After school care $6.64
Vacation Care $5.56
Call in to pick up an enrolment pack or email orana222@tpg.com.au
We offer high quality at affordable prices. All students are delivered and picked up from the School COLA.
Book today to confirm your child’s place.
Many thanks
Lisa

EASTER HAT PARADE
This year our parade will be on Thursday 2nd April at 9.15am. Early stage 1 and Stage 1 (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2) students are asked to make a fancy Easter hat at home to wear. Pre-school children are also welcome to wear a Easter hat. We hope to have a visit from the Easter Bunny as well.

DONATION OF EASTER EGGS
After last years success, a challenge has been set again by the P & C for the most donated eggs per class in weight.
The P & C will place a class basket in the office for your donations over a two week period. The eggs will be calculated in weight every few days and the results advertised through the newsletter and skool bag app. Please send in your donations from Monday 16th march to Friday 27th March. The winning class with the most donated eggs in weight will receive a class party catered for by the canteen.
All donations end up as prizes and all profits made go back into purchasing resources for students. So start shopping for all those heavy eggs.
The P&C is also looking for donations for their Mother’s Day stall.

2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

PRE-ORDERS for Entertainment Books are now being taken at the office. If you wish to purchase one, the cost is $60. EFTPOS is also available for purchases over the phone or in the office. These books are GREAT MOTHERS GIFTS….Get in Early