Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Staff Changes
It has been an honour and a privilege to have been Principal at Gwandala Public School for 8 years and one term. I have relinquished my position as Principal of Gwandalan Public School. I will be taking Long Service Leave from 20th April, 2015, until my retirement in February, 2016. I will continue as Principal until Thursday, 2nd April, this term.

Mrs Tangye will be Relieving Principal whilst a new principal is appointed. This process will be led by Director, Lisa Muir and will be completed as soon as possible.

Mrs Valerie Petersen will teach 5/6T and Miss Spicer will work two days a week. One day on supporting our new teachers and one day on a Relieving Assistant Principal’s class. Mrs Tangye’s Assistant Principal role will be filled by an existing teacher from Gwandalan before the end of the term. An Expression Of Interest process will be implemented.

I thank our current and previous P&C’s as well as the many parents and community organisations, who have assisted in supporting teachers in implementing programs, to enhance student learning throughout my time as Principal.

I am so proud of our students and staff as we have achieved many excellent outcomes and are primed up to achieve many more in coming years.

I must own up and confess that it was me who wrote Don Begg is handsome and Mr Begg is the best looking Principal, on the blackboards around the school. I only did this 1,647 times and I’m honestly unsure of the villain that wrote it the other time.

Don Begg, Principal

COMMEMORATIVE 100TH YEAR SINCE GALLIPOLI ANZAC DAY MEDALLIONS
Members of our Student Leadership Team received medallions from Doyalson – Wyee RSL representatives Denis and Bob last Wednesday. They are an outstanding medallion and will be a valuable reminder of Anzac Day for many years to come. The remainder of our students will receive these at our school Anzac Day Ceremony.

PROGRAMS PLANNED TO BE CONDUCTED AT GWANDALAN IN 2015.
The staff, parents and community work well as a team to deliver programs and initiatives to allow students to excel and develop skills and self-esteem.

These include:
- public speaking
- guitar/ukulele
- bus safety
- didgeridoo
- learning to swim
- sculpturing
- assembly items
- singing
- concert
- visual art
- performances at Lions and Lioness functions
- dance festival
- Lake Munmorah High School festival
- reading key cards chess
- gifted and talented camp
- university academic competitions
- mathematics
- attendance and assembly awards
- out of uniform days you can do it program
- school discos
- school fete
- year 6 fun day
- visiting performers at school
- police liaison
- rewards day
- Easter Hat and Book parades
- NAIDOC and Harmony day celebrations

The above list confirms that we attempt to cater for all students and we also offer sport which can involve all students along with visiting sporting groups. Some of which have been AFL (Swans & Collingwood), Basketball, Cricket, Rugby League (Knights, Country League & Sydney Roosters) and Soccer (Mariners).
TRANSITION TO YEAR 7
Expression of Interest forms have been distributed to all Year 6 students. This form should be completed by parents and carers requesting placement in Year 7 at a NSW government school next year. However, on the form there is an indication to parents and carers if you are not seeking enrolment at a government school. Please complete this form and return to school by Friday 20th March, 2015.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS
Applications are open for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong High School’s 2016 year 7 Technology class. There will be an information evening on the 10th March 2015 with school tours running from 5.30pm and the presentation to commence at 6.00pm. We have a limited number of applications for this high school available at the school office if you are interested in your child attending this school. For any further information please contact Wyong High School Ph: 4353 1088

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.

HEADLICE
Please check your child’s hair daily and treat if necessary. Students can attend school as soon as hair has been treated.

HARMONY DAY AND YOU CAN DO IT!
On Thursday 19th March 2015, every class will be participating in Harmony Day and You Can Do It! activities. This day will also be an out of uniform day with students being asked to wear a colour from the You Can Do It! Foundation skills.
Kindergarten and Year 1 to wear Green - Getting Along
Year 2 to wear Red – resilience
Year 3 to wear Purple – persistence
Year 4 to wear Yellow – confidence
Year 5 and 6 to wear Orange – organisation
In class students will be participating in activities to demonstrate the skills of Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

Creative and Practical Art Groups
All students from Years 3 to 6 have settled in well to this term’s Creative and Practical Art Groups. Students are learning about and creating artworks using a variety of mediums. Visiting teachers have been employed to teach ukulele and guitar and class teachers are enjoying teaching different components of the CAPA curriculum including: Visual Arts, Tie Dyeing, Paper craft, Sculpture, Dance, Aboriginal Dance and Aboriginal Art. It is a positive experience during CAPA time to witness all students enjoying their activities and being engaged in their learning.
Sculpture. students are looking at the human body figure for inspiration. We have looked at sculptures by Alberto Giacometti and have begun forming and shaping the human figure using different mediums.

Tye Dying. The first project is a cushion cover which will be tye dyed, decorated and sewn. The school has generously provided all of the necessary materials expect stuffing. If you have any hobby stuffing that you are willing to donate please do. Students will also need a paint shirt (old adults t shirt) and rubber gloves. CAPA groups are on every Wednesday afternoon after lunch.
We will also be tye dying an item of clothing. This item needs to be 100% cotton. Suggestions: T shirt, singlet, skirt or shorts. These are often available from department stores for approx. $5.00. Please label with your childs name and send into Mrs Styan or Mrs Jones.

ZONE SWIMMING
Congratulations to all of our wonderful swimmers who competed at the Wallarah Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival at Mingara last week. Our school was once again highly competitive, finishing 2nd overall and winning the small schools trophy for the second year in a row. We had some fantastic results with 6 students qualifying to swim at Sydney North regional this week. Thanks again to all the parents and grandparents who travelled to Mingara to support our swimming team.
Regards Mr Vine

Wallarah Zone Representatives
Jorja Kowalski
Abbie Spillane
Nathan Williams
Riley Spillane
Charlotte Lowe 2015 12/13 years Age champion
M.J. Lowe 2015 Junior boys Age Champion Wallarah Zone.

Congratulations also to Kyan Perricone who was selected in the 11years boys Wallarah Rugby League Team last week. Kyan will now trial next week for a place in the combined Wallarah/Tuggerah Northern central Coast team.

Term 1 Week 7
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 learn include:
• coping with frustrations or worries
• getting along with others
• solving problems.

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

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Gwandalan OOSH Vacation Care Program

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Please note that all excursions have limited places and could be cancelled due to weather or not enough bookings.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Direct Factory Outlets
Homebush Bus Trip
Saturday 30th May 2015

P & C are hiring a bus to travel to the Direct Factory Outlets in Homebush. $25.00 per person.

Morning Tea provided on the bus as well as Raffles and Games

Bus will depart 8am from School
Arrive DFO’s 10.00am
Depart DFO’s 4.00pm


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