Tuesday 5th May, 2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
The weather is gradually getting cooler and looking at the whole school last week I was reminded how good our school uniform looks. However girls, please be advised that tights or leggings are not our school uniform and black trousers can be worn as an alternative to shorts. A reminder also that school jumpers/jackets are a great fashion accessory when the weather is cool. They look good and they are warm! The School information booklet states the following:

Boys
- Black shorts
- School shirt
- Black trousers
- Royal blue tracksuit
- Black shoes
- White socks

Girls
- Uniform dress or shorts
- School shirt
- Black trousers
- Royal blue tracksuit
- Black shoes
- White socks

Our uniform is available at Lowes, Lake Haven. Pre-loved uniforms are available from the office.

A reminder that the Mother’s Day stall and BBQ will be held this Friday. Please remember to bring in money for that special present for mum. Mother’s Day is on Sunday 10th May, 2015. Thank you to the excellent job our P&C do in fundraising and giving opportunities for students to buy something special on not only Mother’s Day but Father’s Day as well.

Our new three year school plan is now available on our school website. Please make sure you have a read of the initiatives and planning processes for the next three years. This school plan is different to the previous school plan and contains a whole school vision statement, along with three strategic areas devised through the consultation with the staff, parents and the school community.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION
Congratulations to our many students who have represented us at the Zone level and those who are currently trying out for Zone teams. In the last week I have signed permission notes for Natasha McDonald, Emily Bush Charnock and Riley Spillane. Well done on your enthusiasm and commitment to your chosen sport. A thank you must also go to Mr Vine for organising the students to go to these sporting trials.

Last week we also saw our chess team compete against Tacoma PS on Friday. This was our first chess competition in many years. It is great to see such an enthusiastic group of students, willing to learn and to improve their chess skills. Thank you Mrs Styan for the expert advice you are giving the group.

Coming up we have our 14 leaders attending the Grip Leadership conference on Monday 18th May. This conference is new to Gwandalan students and I look forward to hearing all about it. Mr Vine will be accompanying them to Newcastle along with Mrs Ingram. We thank Gwandalan Bowling Club for allowing us the use of their minibus for this occasion.

STEWART HOUSE
Stewart House is an organisation that provides holidays and services for school children in need of a break from their everyday life. These services are entirely funded by donations. All donation envelopes will need to be returned to school by Monday 11th May, 2015. Thank you for your support.

JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE
Gwandalan Public School has now joined the Junior Chess League - Rookies category.

Our two teams will play against other teams in local schools once a week, some we will host and some will be hosted at other schools.

Some of our students had a game on Friday. We had 8 games against Tacoma, a very strong team.

Two games were a draw and Tacoma won the other six games. Our students were good sports and learnt a lot about strategy from their first games.

The teams are as follows;

Gwandalan A
- Jared Meehan
- Logan Bell
- Mason Pichler
- Mariah O’Neil
- Rogan Pichler (reserve)
- Beth Meehan (Reserve)

Gwandalan B
- Frazer Howe
- Finn Hutchinson
- Luke Mitchie
- Alivia Williams
- Jordan Lonergan (Reserve)
- Sophie Smith (Reserve)

NAPLAN
Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN Testing from next Tuesday 12th May till Thursday 14th May, 2015. Friday 15th May is set aside for catch up testing. A note explaining your child’s participation in NAPLAN went home last week; however we are aware that some students may not have received this. Please ask your child’s teacher for a note.
FROM THE OFFICE

Contact Details
We have had two occasions in the past week when we attempted to contact a parent only to find our contact details are out of date. Please advise the office of any changes to your own contact details or your emergency contacts. It is very distressing for your child when they are not well or have injured themselves and we are unable to contact anyone.

Headlice
As always we ask that you are diligent in checking your child’s hair for head lice. This needs to be done on a daily basis. If you find eggs or lice please treat immediately. You will need to treat the whole family. Treatment should be repeated again in 2 days. If your child has a serious case you may need to continue treatment for several days to completely eradicate the lice. Your child can attend school once the hair has been treated. Should you require any further information please refer to [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/headlice/infosheet.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/headlice/infosheet.php) or you may prefer [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits)

MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are holding a Mother’s Day breakfast BBQ this Friday, 8th May from 7am to 9am. Everyone is invited to enjoy a BBQ breakfast. Sausage & Onion Sandwich $3.50 Egg & Bacon Sandwich $3.50 Tea, Coffee & Cordial will be FREE of charge.

Our Mother’s Day Stall will also be on Friday 8th May from 10.00am. Items range from $1.00 to $10.00.

We are also seeking donations of items for our stall. If you are free to help out on Friday 8th May, please let the Office know.

GET THE EDGE DANCE PROGRAM

This exciting program will be taught by specialised teachers who have designed and adapted a dance program, to meet the requirement of the skills and fitness components of the PDHPE syllabus.

### Primary Assembly Awards 2015 Term 2 Week 2

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THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Scott family for the donation of a Softball Bat & Helmet.
ABOUT SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING – Part 5
SUPPORTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING
Talk about feelings – help children explore theirs.

Keys to supporting social and emotional skills and development
It’s important to recognise that social and emotional skills develop over time, and that they may develop differently for different children. Parents and carers and schools working together to help children develop social and emotional skills can really make a positive difference for children’s mental health.

Key Points
- Get involved – find out about the social and emotional learning program your child’s school is using. Learn the language and basics and look for opportunities to apply them at home.
- Talk about feelings – help children explore theirs.
- Be a model – use the skills yourself and show children how they work. Parents and carers don’t have to be perfect; showing them you can make a mistake and learn from it can be really helpful too.
- Be a guide – turn difficulties into learning and opportunities.
- Acknowledge and appreciate – provide explicit feedback and praise.

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

CROSS COUNTRY/ FUN RUN CONT’D
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

CANTRE NEWS
Unfortunately, this term we've had a couple of volunteers unable to return to help us out at the school canteen. Thank you to those ladies for their time in helping us to maintain a healthy fresh menu for all the students to enjoy. If there are any parents, grandparents or caregivers who have a spare couple of hours a day, week, fortnight or month who would like to help just call the school office or drop in to see us in the canteen. We are there between 10:00am to 2:30pm every day.

Attached to this newsletter is our new winter menu. You will notice we have deleted some items and added a few new ones to suit the cooler weather. Some favourites have returned. Good News: there has been a decrease in price due to smaller portions being offered eg: wedges. Just a reminder that all children ordering ice blocks or ice creams with their lunch will need to bring their lunch order bag back to the canteen for collection. We don't put these items in lunch order baskets. Lyn & Megan look forward to hearing from you.

BOOKFAIR
Monday 18th May
In the Library
Sales for students from 9am with class teacher
Sales for parents 3pm to 4pm

All the latest books for sale at great prices.
The School receives a commission on sales.