Term 3 Week 8 Tuesday 1st September, 2015

Mr. Osland’s Oracle

Can I say how impressed we are at the continued efforts of our students. We are all working hard across the school to support the wellbeing of ALL students.

We strongly value our school expectations linked to SAFETY, RESPECT (across all situations) and LEARNING for SUCCESS which are life skills for the future. How we act and treat one another goes a long way to the future we create across our school. We do ask that if you or your child has any concerns to please contact the school.

PLEASE Support our JERSEY DAY on Friday to highlight and show our support for organ donations awareness. NO MONEY is required to donate—we ask students to come in their FAVOURITE TEAM Jersey. Many thanks.

From the Office

PLEASE NOTE Administration office hours are 8.30am to 3.15pm DAILY During School Terms. Please ensure that all calls, enquiry’s and purchases are made within this time frame.

MESSAGES Please limit messages to children to emergency cases only. Our office staff endeavour to pass on a message to your child in the event of an emergency. However, please be aware that our office is very busy and it is often difficult for our staff to leave the office to pass on these messages. Thankyou for your co-operation.

Payments Please continue with your part-payments for our upcoming camps. We accept cash, cheque and eftpos. You are most welcome to phone through eftpos details and we will process the payment for you.

Concert Tickets
Tickets to our school concert are now on sale. Sessions: Wed 9th and Thurs 10th Sept 6.15pm and Fri 11th Sept 9.30am in the hall $10.00 each.

NAPLAN Naplan results are ready to be collected from the office for children in years 3 and 5.

Skoolbag App Please remember to download your copy of the skoolbag app. Here you will receive all notices relevant to Gwandalan Public School.

Arrival time For Students
Parents are asked to ensure that children do not arrive at school earlier than 8.40am. Staff supervision is not in place prior to this time.

Special Note Metro Service Station has now opened for business. We ask all parents to please remind your children that road safety is very IMPORTANT when moving through the service station. Please be mindful of any vehicles in attendance at the service station at all times.

A Special Thankyou to parents and visitors using the school drop off zones. Traffic is flowing well in the afternoons and we ask that you continue to use the designated areas as designed and not to park overly long in these spaces.

OLD ANGLICAN SCHOOL SITE, BONNY BOY WAY.
Parents are asked to discuss safety issue regarding entering the old Anglican School site in Bonny Boy Way, Gwandalan. Under no circumstances should any member of the public or our student body enter this site. IT IS UNSAFE

Riding to School Parents please remind your children to take care when riding to school. We have had numerous reports of children crossing roads without first making sure it is safe. Also students must walk their bicycles across the school pedestrian crossing. Under no circumstances should they ride out of the school gate and straight across the road.
Integration Review Meetings

Information has been sent out regarding the annual Integration review meetings. A letter was given to each child on the funding program inviting their parents and carers to a meeting to discuss their child’s progress with not only their class teacher but also the School Counsellor and the Stage Supervisor. I recommend that all parents and carers take this opportunity to attend these meetings and to be an active part of the educational partnership with the school concerning their child.

The review meetings will be held on Tuesday 15th September, 2015. Please return the note with three preferred times.

Sue Tangye, Learning and Support Coordinator

Congratulations to Natasha McDonald, Olivia Crane, Tyler Myers, Joel Perrin, Georgia Brown, Nikkia Holmes, Matthew Jackson, Jack Davis and Justine Coates for selection in the Gifted and Talented Transition Project for Lake Munmorah High School. These students will be working on an extended project leading to an individual presentation at the High school in Term 4. We wish them well.

Sue Tangye
Assistant Principal
Gwandalan Public School

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Encourage Positive relationships
Encourage your children to establish a relationship with their Teacher.
Be Calm, firm and fair.
Be Consistent.

The Four Cs of 21st Century Skills

Critical Thinker
Solving problems

Communicator
Understanding and communicating ideas

Collaborator
Working with others

Creator
Producing high quality work

Encouraging Positive Behaviour in the Classroom

Encouraging positive behaviour in your child will result in increased on task behaviour, correct responses, work productivity and accuracy, attention and compliance and cooperative play. These behaviour patterns will have a flow on effect that may be long lasting and an asset to your child’s future.

Opportunities to Respond

Increasing Opportunities for Students to respond is important.

Verbal strategies include students responding orally to teacher prompts or questions.

Non—Verbal strategies include students using writing or movement

Other Strategies used
Computer assisted instruction
Class-wide peer tutoring and direct instructions
Library Corner

A Passport to Reading
Every weekend: share what you're reading with your kids. Share an item in a newspaper or magazine, a text from a friend, or an online article.
* Every weekend: find a new way to share a book or a poem or a story.
* Ask Grandma to Skype reading a story

* Blu-tak up a poem in the toilet

Melissa Leyshon
Gwandalan Public School
Library

Congratulations
Eliza Smith 6V on being accepted into Hunter Sports High School for 2016. Eliza will be participating in the selective Hockey program. Well done Eliza!

Good Luck

Charlotte will be competing at the National Cross Country running event in Melbourne on the 27th August. This is the 3rd year in a row that Charlotte will represent NSW in cross country running. Charlotte finished 2nd in the event last year in Perth! Well done Charlotte on your continued success!

2015 BOOK PARADE

The Book Parade will be celebrated on Friday 18th September, the last day of term! Time TBA.
All students K-6 can dress up as their favourite book character.

Congratulations Janayah Coutts-Netball
Year 5 student Janayah Coutts was recently selected in the 2016 Under-11s development Representative Netball Squad. She is the first player from the newly formed Gwandalan Flames Netball club to make a Wyong Development Squad! We are all very proud of you! Year 6 student Emily Bush also made this squad in 2015.

Premiers Sporting Challenge
This term all students at GPS will be involved in the Premiers Sporting Challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage students to be more active, more often! Students record the activities they complete over a ten week period, with an award given to each student and the school at the end of the term. Physical activity can include playground games, school sport, community sport or incidental activity such as walking the dog or washing the car.

Students will regularly complete a log books at school, recording how much activity they do each week. Have fun getting active!
IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE NEWSLETTER

In Order to reduce our Environmental Global Footprint, Term 4 will see the launch of Gwandalan Public School’s Electronic Newsletter. Hard copies will be available in the front office only upon request. Your support in reducing our paper usage is greatly appreciated.

Electronic copies available on the school website and the Skoolbag App.
The Story of Us

School Concert Information

Thank you for purchasing a ticket/s to Gwandalan Public School's concert for 2015. Please take the time to read the information below concerning the performances.

1. Remember the seat you have purchased entitles you to sit on it, however you may nurse a small child, but be sure you want to nurse the child on your lap for quite a long time. If you don't then please purchase another ticket.
2. The tickets for each night and the day performance are non-transferrable, that is they are only to be used on the specified night or day.
3. You will not be required to purchase a ticket for your child as they will be waiting in their classrooms before they perform and after.
4. Strollers/prams are not permitted in the school hall due to safety requirements. We have limited space and they may become a hazard.
5. Please encourage your child and others on stage appropriately- clapping and cheering after each performance.
6. Food and drink will only be available before the concert starting at 4.45 - 6.15pm. You are welcome to come and have something to eat and drink before the concert. However, all students need to be in the supervision of an adult from 4.45pm-6.00pm. At 6.00pm your child will need to be dropped at their classroom on the two performance nights.
7. There is to be no video recording of the concert during the night. Again the hall is extremely small and there is little space for audience members to take successful recordings. This is also for child protection reasons. There will however be an official recording made available for the cost of $10.
8. There is an expectation that all performers will participate in all concerts, even if a ticket/s have not been purchased by a friend/parent or family member of the child for a performance. If there is some reason that a student cannot attend please inform the teacher by providing a note. We do understand that families have other commitments and these can sometimes take precedent over school performances. As stated above all students need to be in their classrooms at 6.00pm on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

We hope you enjoy the concert!
This term 5A has been studying Chinese culture. We have included drawing and painting in our learning. These artworks include a cherry blossom tree in the moonlight, a farmer in the rice paddies with a pagoda as the sun is setting and a pencil drawing of a China doll.

In Asian cultures, cherry blossom meanings include brave, industrious and wise. It has become a cultural and a national symbol for various countries in Asia. The moon also plays a significant part in Chinese culture, representing gentleness and brightness. There is a moon festival for families to unite and enjoy abundance, harmony and luck.

The second painting is a traditional farmer in the rice fields, where they would rest under the pagoda in the heat of the day. Towards the evening when the sun was setting the farmer was still working when it was cooler.

The students were shown a copy of the artwork and were directed to sketch the outline taking into consideration line, scale, perspective and colour blending. Well done 5A on the quality of your artwork. These paintings can be seen in the foyer of the office.
Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day aimed at helping our students learn how to stay safe on the road. During the day students will participate in road safety shows and then complete Road Safety Workbooks to reinforce the messages covered in that show.

We hope you will talk to your child about their day and what they learned about road safety. When your children bring home their workbooks, look inside for a four-page Parent Insert on child road safety. It is a quick reference guide with tips and hints on how to keep your child safe.

We would also like to invite all parents to come and watch a Road Safety Show. It will give you a great snapshot of road safety and what your child is learning.
Community Events and Information

School Concert 2015

Wednesday 9th September 6.15pm
Thursday 10th September 6.15pm
Friday 11th September 9.30am

It's time again for our bi-annual concert. Every child in the school will participate.
Tickets on sale in the office.
We look forward to bringing you a wonderful event.

Swansea Sharks Swimming Club

Registration Day 13th October, 2015
6pm Swansea Swim Centre
If you have a love for swimming and want to have fun, keep fit and meet new friends, it's now time to swim with Swansea Sharks Swimming Club!!

Tuesdays 6PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
JASON 0438 658 803
JULIANNE 0414 761 806

Touch Football

DANCETEK OPEN DAY
COME ALONG TO OUR FREE OPEN DAY!!
SUNDAY THE 30TH OF AUGUST
11:00AM – 2:00PM
@ COLONGRA BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE, COLONGRA BAY RD
LAKE MUNMORAH 2259
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A FUN FILLED DAY PACKED WITH EXCITEMENT!!
FREE REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING & ACTIVITIES
CLASSES STARTING AT LAKE MUNMORAH, LAKE HAVEN, WYONGAH
www.dancetek.com.au
PH: 0422729627 sales@dancetek.com.au
Thank you to the Family for their generous donation of Agapanthus plants for our school gardens.

**Sporting Transport** we would like to thank the parents who have transported children to various sporting events over the past few weeks.

**Concert Preparation** thankyou to parents and carers on your continued support in regards to the Bi Annual Concert preparation.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2016**

If you know of any families in the local area who intend to enrol for 2016 Kindergarten and who have not listed any details with the school could you please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

This will allow us to establish communication prior to the start of our **Great Start to Gwandalan** transition program starting early in Term 4.

If you have enrolled your child for 2016 Kindergarten, please return all forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Transition dates have been set for October 20th & 28th from 9am—11am and November 17th & 24th also from 9am—11am.**

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**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every $10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when its complete.

The sheets or stickers can be dropped into the collection box here at school or at Woolworths Lake Munmorah where a collection box is located.

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**Great Aussie Bush Camp - Stage 3 Excursion**

There are still positions available for students to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 4. Some of the activities students will participate in are the dolphin cruise, giant swing, raft building activities and the county fair. This excursion links directly with the PDHPE syllabus and the You Can Do It welfare system. The total cost of the excursion is $315 and payments can be made through the office.

Permission, medical and code of conduct notes will be sent home today. All three notes must be returned. Further information will be available closer to the date of the excursion. Final date for payment is **14th October**.

Stage 3 Excursion Coordinator—Kerrie Abbott

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**Zoo Snooze - Stage 2 Excursion**

Don’t forget to keep your payments for the excursion coming in.

Final payments are due by the **11th September**.

Medical notes will be sent out soon—Please return these notes to the School as soon as possible.

Mrs Belinda Sanderson
## Dates to Remember

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### P&C MEETING 2.30PM

**Tuesday 1st September, 2015**

We will be discussing Uniform, Term 4 Sport and the Annual Fete and Car Show

Look for the details of today's meeting in our next newsletter.

### CANTEEN

If you can spare any time, please remember we are always looking for volunteers in the school canteen. Your children would love to see you in the there, why not come along and give it a go! Call Lyn 4976 2054

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