



## Term 2 Week 8

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

### Good News

Many former students from Gwandalan Primary School have been elected and inducted as SRC members of Lake Munmorah High School. 14 Positions of the 28 (50%) Year 7 to Year 11 positions are held by former Gwandalan students. We believe that this is fabulous news for our school and programs conducted K-6 before these students move to High School.

### Parental Danger/Safety concerns

A gentle reminder to new families to our school. To improve safety for all students please: Park in areas designed for parking NOT in drop off areas Walk on footpaths NOT through staff car parks. Do NOT park in staff car park

Use the pedestrian crossing near garage. Too many people walk out across the road in front of the Hall. This causes motorists to stop repeatedly and students cannot be seen easily as they enter onto the road from behind parked cars.

### Baby Milo Jackets

The school is trying to promote the wearing of school uniform. Recently the Baby Milo jackets, in all colours, have been worn.

Our school has products from Lowes that should be worn.

### Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to all students for participating on the day.

Brooke ran an outstanding race. Congratulations upon being Regional Champion and good luck at the State Cross Country at the end of July.

Rebel Sport Discounts – Our school now has cards available to all families to use at any Rebel Sport Stores which entitle them to a 5% discount on any purchases they make at the school. After your first purchase this paper discount card will be replaced by a plastic card at the Rebel Store which you may keep indefinitely. Please make use of this offer when visiting any Rebel Store as the school will also receive greater discounts in the future.

Sport in Schools – 2008 – This year's Sport in Schools Program will again run throughout Term 3 and the cost per student will be \$30.00. Please make your payments any time between now and the end of Term 2 to ensure that your child can participate each week throughout the term.

Boys Football Training – From now on the boys football squad will be training every Tuesday afternoon with Mr Kemp on the school grounds between 3.00 & 4.00pm.

Regional Cross Country – The Regional School Cross Country was held at the Gosford Race Course last Thursday. We can be very proud of our representatives who represented our school and district at this Carnival. They were Brooke, Ashlee, Mikayla and Kailar. Brooke won the 10 years girls at this Carnival and will now go on and run in the State Titles to be held soon in Sydney. Congratulations on a fantastic effort Brooke!!

Stage 3 Canberra/Snow Excursion – The Canberra Excursion for Year 5 and 6 students has been organised and there are no spots left. There is a waiting list for those students who still bring in their \$70.00 deposit. Mrs Sanderson is trying to find more accommodation for those that have missed out – hopefully we will have more spots for these people after the holidays.

Knockout Soccer and Softball Matches – Unfortunately the boys and girls Soccer and Softball Knockout Games have been postponed until further notice due to the weather.

### It's not OK to be AWAY!

During Terms 2 and 3, 2008 Gwandalan Public school is looking to achieve an overall attendance rate of 95% or better. This will begin in Week 9 and be carried out until Week 9 of Term 3. To help achieve this attendance rate, students will have the chance to participate in a rewards day. Those who meet these criteria of 95% or better will be eligible to attend a rewards day held in Week 9 of each term. This is equivalent for your student to miss two days or less. The rewards day will be conducted between recess and lunch and would consist of a free fun day. This may be a movie, tabloids day, day disco or swimming. Those students who reach 100% attendance will go into a raffle for a prize. Your support for this plan would be much appreciated. If there are any questions or queries please contact David Kemp at the school.

### Head Lice

Head Lice is visiting our school again—could parents/care givers please check student/s heads for any signs and take appropriate action. Regular checks and changes of linen will assist in spotting eggs/lice before coming to school.