

# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL



**Principal: Don Begg**  
**Mini Newsletter Term 3**  
**Week 1 - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008**

## **Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School**

Welcome back to an exciting term 3

### **Staff Update**

We welcome back Mrs Blackman on class 1M. Mrs Sue Selby is replacing S.A.O Elizabeth Godyn for 11 days.

### **Athletics Carnival**

We look forward to many parents and extended family members attending our carnival at Tunkuwallin Oval on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Car Rally**

A reminder that the car rally is on this Saturday at the park near Gwandalan Bowling Club. This event has been organized with our school P & C being involved. Funds raised from this event will be given toward school projects.

Looking to see many families attending.

### **Sport in Schools - \$30**

This program commences this Wednesday and will continue for the remainder of the term. The program has been running for 5 years and is very popular with all students. Please ensure that \$30 is paid.

### **Year 5 & 6 attendance at Lake Munmorah High School Extravaganza.**

60 positions have been offered to students to attend this great day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

### **State Cross Country**

Good luck and best wishes to Brooke Coggins as she represents our school and Met North Region at the State Cross country at Eastern Creek on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Up Coming Events**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 & 6 to attend LMHS Extravaganza

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August - Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Police liaison to talk with K & 2 classes.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Year 5 & 6 Depart for Canberra

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

**Boys AFL Training** – The boys AFL squad will be training every Friday afternoon with Mr Begg on the school grounds between 3.00 & 4.00pm.

**Knockout Soccer Matches** – The boys and girls 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Soccer Knockout Games were played on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Toukley's Harry Moore Oval. Unfortunately, due to the weather and conditions of our playground, the teams did not get to do too much training before these games. Nevertheless, both boys' and girls' squads did a great job on the day.

The first round was against Gorokan Public – the boys played first and were outstanding in beating the opposition 7 goals to 2! Not to be outdone our girls then played the Gorokan girls and we won comfortably to the tune of 5 goals to nil.

Both boys and girls teams then had to play their second round matches against Kanwal. The boys again played really well but eventually lost 4 -1 and the girls led for most of the game to eventually lose 2 -1.

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Both teams displayed outstanding effort, teamwork and sportsmanship and we can be extremely proud of them. The parents who assisted with transport and sideline support were wonderful and the students really appreciate the lengths to which you go to help them. Thank you very much!

**Premier's Sporting Challenge** – The two Year 6 classes have registered for the Premier's Sporting Challenge this year and are on track to receive awards after the fifteen week program. The students must keep accurate logs of their sporting activities over this time and complete the schedules online. This is the first year that classes from our school have taken part in this event.

**Field Events for Athletics Carnival** – Throughout these first two weeks some teachers will be running qualifications for the Athletics Field events on the school grounds. These include High jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt and Discus. Students in Years 3 to 6 should remember to wear appropriate footwear this week to contest these events.

**Don't forget** – The Athletics Carnival for the entire school will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August (Week 2) at Tunkuwallin Oval. All parents are most welcome to attend and if anyone is available to assist as an official on the day could they **please** contact Mr Mandroules at school between now and the Carnival.

**6M's Bush/Coast Walk & Whale Watch Excursion** – On the last Wednesday of Term 2 Class 6M went to Catherine Hill Bay to walk through the bush, along the cliffs, coastline and beach led by Mr Pirlo. The class had a great day but unfortunately did not get to see any of the migrating whales they were searching for. Nevertheless, it was an excellent day and the group did get to see a penguin playing in the surf! Special thanks must go to Mr Pirlo for providing information about the local bush area and wildlife throughout the day. The excursion could not have taken place without the support and transport assistance provided by the following wonderful parents who accompanied 6M. These were Mrs Garrett, Mrs Newland, Mrs Rendell, Mrs Nielsen, Mrs Power, Mrs Clark and Mrs Castrogiovanni.

Class 6M and Mr Mandroules thank you very much for the day!

***Dad's Day Out***

*"Celebrating the important role that men play in the lives of their children and families."*

***It's fun and FREE – Bring the family along.***

***Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – 12.30-3.00pm***

***Lake Munmorah Reserve, Colongra Bay Rd, Lake Munmorah***

***Free BBQ, reptile display, Activity Van, face painting, running races, tug o war, prizes and giveaways.***

***Call 4352 3222 or 4390 7888 for more details***

***Organised by various community organisations an Wyong Shire council.***

**Canteen Roster – July**

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Megan Jackson
24 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Davis
25 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa McGandless, Michelle Jackson
28 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Dyer
29 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Patterson
30 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Voncina
31 <sup>st</sup>	Charlene Herberts
1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Michelle Thompson