

GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL



Principal: Don Begg
Mini Newsletter Term 3
Week 8 - 9th September 2008

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Concert Night – One World – Dare To Dream

Oh! what an outstanding performance by all of our students.

Many thanks to all parents for assistance before the evening with each child's needs, costumes, dance steps, songs etc. What a talented and dedicated staff to produce such quality show.

DVD's can be ordered for \$10 from the Front Office. All payments of \$10 are due by 2pm on Thursday 25th September.

AFL Gala Day

Year 3 & 4 boys participated in a Gala Day last Thursday. A skills session was conducted and three games were held. Our team won all three games. Many thanks to parents for assistance with transport.

Disco – Sports Night Theme (17th September)

Any sporting item can be worn. This co-incides with the Olympics, Footy Finals and Paralympics.

Cost \$3.00/student

K – 2 – 5pm – 6.15pm

Year 3 – 6 - 6.30pm - 8pm

Canteen will operate on the night.

Gibalee Day – Mannering Park P.S. Thursday 18th September

Ten of our Aboriginal students will be attending Naidoc celebrations at Mannering Park P.S. Ms Field and Mrs Andrews will accompany students.

Father's Day Breakfast

About 50 fathers and grandfathers enjoyed a breakfast on Friday. Sausages, eggs and bacon were cooked magnificently by master chefs David Kemp and Peter Mandroules.

Emma Curran reached the final of the Father's Day Writing competition held at Erina Fair. Well done Emma.

Skateboards/Scooters And Basketballs

Skateboards, scooters and basketballs should be left at home.

Basketballs used at school will be provided by the school.

Some 20 or more basketballs have been brought to school. We don't have the area to cater for this many. A number of basketballs have struck students and teachers causing head, back and neck injuries.

Names Of Clothing / Items

We request that names are written on jumpers, hats and all other clothing items. This saves so much upset and time wasting each day.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the children who completed the Premier's Reading challenge last week. It is pleasing to see the number of children increasing each year. In the initial year (2002) we had 7 students complete the challenge. This year we had 77 students complete the challenge.

A special congratulations to Owen, Maddy, Brooke and Keira who have achieved their gold award this year. The certificates should be here very late in Term 4. Looking forward to having over 100 children complete the challenge next year.

Happy Reading

B. Pirlo – Teacher-Librarian.



Lake Munmorah High School Testing - The students in Year 6 will be taking tests, this week, sent to us from Lake Munmorah High School. These tests are given to all Year 6 students from our school, Lake Munmorah Primary, Mannering Park Primary and anyone else intending to enrol at the High School in 2009. The results of these tests will go a long way in deciding which classes your children are placed into next year. We wish them all the best.

District Athletics Carnival – The Annual District Athletics Carnival was to be held on Friday, 5th September. Unfortunately, the weather forced this to be postponed. The alternate date is now Tuesday 9th September. Best of luck to our representatives at this Carnival.

Basketball Development Days – Two development days have been organised for students in Years 3 to 6. An officer from the Tuggerah Lakes Basketball Association ran these days and our students had a lot of fun. Hopefully, we can get him back for the two classes which missed out, very soon.

Soccer Development Days – Members of the Central Coast Football Association will be running two development days on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd September for all children in the school (K to Yr6).

Touch Football – Our girls Touch Football team will be playing Toukley in the fourth Round of the State Knockout after beating Mannering Park, Lake Munmorah and Kanwal in the first three rounds. We wish them all the best!

Video request – If anyone video-taped the Year 6 item at our recent school concert would it be possible for Mr Kemp and Mr Mandroules to view the tape/dvd and possibly make a copy. Please contact the Year 6 teachers if you are able to help out.

Stage 2 Surf Fun Day – The students in Years 3 & 4 have the opportunity to take part in another Surf Fun day at The Lakes Beach on Wednesday 3rd December. Notes have already been sent home and the 60 places are being filled quickly. To date, there are only 23 spots left so please return your permission notes and payments as soon as possible. The day is run by members of the Central Coast Surf Lifesaving Association and is a worthwhile experience for all children.

Canteen Roster –

Tuesday 9th - Judy Patterson
Thurs. 11th - Rachael Madsen
Mond. 15th - Kylie Dyer

Wed. 10th - Karen Vocina
Frid. 12th - Michelle Herman, Leanne Fitzgibbon
