

# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL



**Principal: Don Begg**  
**Mini Newsletter Term 1**  
**Week 11 - 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School**

**Easter Hat Parade – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April – 2pm**

Many K-2 students are excited at being able to prepare hats made at home. Hopefully the weather will be fine. If not plans will be made to keep people dry.

Central Coast Public Schools Supports Victorian Bushfire Victims.  
Thirty four schools, both primary and secondary, raised varying amounts to donate \$38,100 to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. Our contribution was just over \$1000.  
Many thanks.

**Reminder of Dates – Term 2:**

Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	School Holiday -	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development Day -	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Students Return.	

**Have a happy and safe Easter. Many thanks for all parent and community support.**

**Regards**  
**Don Begg**  
**Principal**

**Regional Swimming Carnival**

The Regional Swimming Carnival was held last Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 at Homebush Pool in Sydney. The students that represented our school and District were: Jarrod, in the 50m Freestyle, Samantha, Emily, Layne and Keira in the 200m Freestyle Relay, Joshua in the Senior 50m Freestyle and the Senior 50m Butterfly, Luke, in the Junior 50m Backstroke.

Congratulations to all swimmers as they achieved personal bests at the Sydney Olympic venue against the best competition in the whole of Metropolitan North.

Accompany our swimming squad on the day were the parents and grandparents who were thrilled at the efforts of our team. The children thank you for the support you have given them. Thank you so much also to Mr Richard Withycombe, Manager of Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Rec. Camp, for allowing our squad to train at the pool at no cost to the school.

**Boys Softball State PSSA Knockout Competition**

The first three rounds of the Boys Softball Knockout competition will be held this Wednesday between 9.00am and 3.00pm at Tuggerah Oval. We wish them all the best.

### Senior Camp

Year 5 & 6 students have the opportunity to attend the Senior Camp this year in Term 4. The cost for this four day camp is \$245.00 and a deposit of \$50.00 is required this term. Payment cards will then be sent home and payments can then be made at anytime up 'til the end of Term 3'.

A DVD is available for parents/caregivers to view overnight. If you would like to see this DVD could you please send a written note to Mr Mandroules and you will be placed in a borrowing queue.

### Year 6 High School Forms—

All Year 6 students must bring their High School enrolment forms in to school by the end of this week (Thursday). These are being sent to the relevant High Schools and late forms will have to be taken to the High Schools by parents themselves after this week.

**P & C Easter Raffle** – tickets on sale at the Easter Hat Parade. Tickets will also be on sale at Recess on Wednesday. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is \$50 voucher from Chain Valley Bay Oysters and a basket of Easter eggs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is a big Easter basket 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – a small Easter basket. There will also be other prizes of Easter Eggs.

### Kindergarten Parents

Please pick up your child's Best Start Assessment Report from their class teacher. If you are unable to pick it up, it will be sent home with you child on Thursday.

### Easter Hat Parade – Kindergarten to Year 2.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm under the COLA.** Children are making their own hats at home and encouraged to use recycled material.

### POTS, POTS, POTS!

**We're getting ready for the fete!**

**If you have any 8" pots you're not using, please send them to 2S so we can start getting plants growing to sell at the fete.**

**Thanks**

**Belinda Sanderson.**

## Gifted and Talented Students

Each year the University of NSW runs a number of competitions for students in Years 3 – 6 in the following areas:

Computer skills	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	\$6.60
Science	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	\$6.60
Spelling	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	\$8.80
Writing	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	\$12.10
English	Tuesday 4 August	\$6.60
Maths	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	\$6.60

Students will receive a certificate acknowledging participation as well as higher awards and an individual report indicating strengths and weaknesses.

Please return the following form and money to Mrs Pirlo in the Library before the end of Term (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April) if you wish your child to participate in any of these competitions.

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I wish my child.....of Class.....to participate in the following competitions and I enclose the correct entry fee.

Computer Science  Science

Spelling  Writing

English  Maths

Signed.....(Parent/Caregiver)