

GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL



Principal: Don Begg
Mini Newsletter Term 1
Week 3 - 10th February 2009

Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

BUSH FIRE TRAGEDY

Our prayers and thoughts go out to families who died or were injured in bushfires around Australia in particular Victoria.

School Bushfire Fund-Raising – The School's Prefects will be running a Cake Day this Friday so that our School can make a contribution to the Bushfire Aid Appeal after the devastating fires over the last few days. In our own small way we would like to assist so if anyone could donate any home made or bought cakes, toffees, etc. it would be most appreciated. The cakes will be on sale at recess and lunchtime from the school hall.

As well as the money raised from the cake day we hope to raise more through allowing the students to come to school in 'Mufti'. A \$1.00 donation should be made by all those who attend in mufti and not uniform on this day.

We hope that many support this extremely worthwhile cause. Please contact Mr Mandroules at school if you can help out in any way.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A big thank you to all parents who assisted on the day. All students appreciated parents and family members attending to cheer and encourage. Richard Withycombe and his staff from Point Wolstoncroft deserve a special mention for their sensational support.

STAFF ORGANISATION 2009

KR – Mrs Reynolds	KS – Miss Stewart	K1/F – Mrs Fitzgerald
1S – Mrs Slattery	1/2J – Mrs Jones	2M – Miss McCaffrey
2S – Mrs Sanderson	3F – Ms Field	3M – Mr Martin (Mr Pirlo)
4C – Mrs Carew	4T – Mrs Tangye	5P – Ms Potter
5D – Mrs Summers (Mon. & Tues) Mrs Dimitriadis (Wed/Thurs/Friday)	5/6S – Mrs Sout	6M – Mr Mandroules
6K – Mr Kemp	Librarian – Mrs Pirlo (Mon,Wed,Thur,Frid)	School Counsellor – Mr Hurt (Thur. & Friday)
Release from Face to Face (RFF) Mr Svihla	RFF & Reading Recovery – Mrs Aird	STA – Mrs Clua (Mond – Thurs) Ms Jefferys (Frid.)
School Admin. Manager – Mrs Page (Mon.Tues, Wed,) Mrs Larkin (Thurs & Frid.)	School Admin. Officer – Mrs Godyn, Mrs Clark	Integration Teachers – Mrs Gamlin (Wed, Thurs, Frid.) Mrs Blackman (Mon, Tues.Wed.)
Canteen Supervisor – Mrs Kate Barker	General Assistant – Mr Peter Reed	Cleaners - Mr Partridge, Ms Isles
Principal – Mr Don Begg	Staff Support Officers (TAS) are still to be finalized and depend upon funding allocation and will be published at a later date.	

MOBILE PHONES/WALKMAN/GAMEBOYS/MP 3 PLAYERS

Many of these modern electrical appliances/games etc. cause distractions at school or whilst traveling on the bus.

If mobile phones are needed to ensure safety of students before and after school then they must be left at the Front Office each morning. **All care and no responsibility will be taken for these mobile phones.**

Contact Phone/Emergency Contact Details

Please update any changes to home, emergency contacts or mobile phone numbers ASAP.

Dates To Remember: Monday 23rd February: Captains and Prefects to Sydney with Mrs Sout to attend Young Leaders Conference.

Monday 16th March: Magic Words Performance

School Photos: Tuesday 31st March

Disco: 1st April – Theme: April Fool's

Sport in Schools – 2009 – Last year's Sport in Schools Program was again very popular and successful so we will be running it again throughout third term this year.

Surf Fun Days – The students in Years 5 & 6 will attend a Surf Fun Day at The Lakes Beach on this Wednesday, 11th February. This day will be run by members of the Central Coast Surf Lifesaving Association and is a worthwhile experience for all children. In term 4 this year we will be running a further Surf Fun Day for Stage 2 students.

Stage 3 Major Excursion – The students in Years 5 & 6 will be attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 4. This excursion will be for four days and the students will take part in activities at the camp itself as well as around the Port Stephens area. The notes are being sent out this week so that families have plenty of time to make small payments throughout the year. Payment cards will be issued after the notes have been returned along with the \$50.00 deposit.

School Swimming Carnival.

Last Friday our annual School Swimming Carnival was held at the Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Rec. Centre Pool. The staff at the venue have been extremely obliging and prepared a terrific venue with a sparkling, clean pool and amenities for our school.

We were fortunate to have lovely weather and even more fortunate to have such a great number of parent volunteer helpers and supporters without whom our Carnival would not nearly have been so successful. Many thanks must go to all these wonderful parents who worked all day as Timekeepers, etc.

Thanks also to Kate Barker and her assistants who ran an excellent BBQ/Canteen.

The Final Results of the carnival are as follows:

Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
50m Freestyle:			
8yrs Girls	Elizabeth Aird	Jenna Sherlock	Emily Smith
8yrs Boys	Jarrold Kowalski	Jeremy Kevill	Alexander Marchinni
9yrs Girls	Samantha Withycombe	Amber Whant	Demi Farrell
9yrs Boys	Nicholas Pearce	Dylan Newcombe	Joshua Pearson
10yrs Girls	Emily Bramman	Layne Ferreira	Keira Egtberts
10yrs Boys	Luke McDonald	Joshua Perricone	Bailey Chaplain
11yrs Girls	Sophie Mostogl	Brooke Coggins	Bethany Herberts
11yrs Boys	Connor Farrell	Jarrold Tanko	Conner Moore
12yrs Girls	Ebony Lawson	Cassie Weatherburn	Mikayla Peckett
12yrs Boys	Joshua Whant	Brad Nicoll	Jarod Fitzgibbon
Medley:			
4 x 50m Senior Girls	Ebony Lawson	-	-
4 x 50m 11yr Girls	Bethany Herberts	Courtney Smith	Rhianna Kevill
4 x 50m Junior Girls	-	-	-
4 x 50m Senior Boys	Joshua Whant	Brad Nicoll	-
4 x 50m 11yr Boys	Connor Farrell	Nicholas Hughes	-
4 x 50m Junior Boys	Luke McDonald	-	-
50m Breaststroke:			
Junior Girls	Brooke Pagett	Amber Whant	Tully Van Eden
Junior Boys	Luke McDonald	Jeremy Kevill	Joshua Perricone
11yrs Girls	Rhianna Kevill	Sophie Mostogl	Bethany Herberts
11yrs Boys	Connor Farrell	Nicholas Hughes	Jarrold Tanko

Parent/Teacher Information Afternoon:

Wednesday 11th February – Kindergarten – 3.10pm in the Kindergarten Rooms

Tuesday 17th February – Year 5 – 3.15pm in Mrs Soult's classroom

Wednesday 18th February – Year 6 – 3.10pm to 4.00pm in Mr Kemp's classroom

Thursday 19th February – Years 1 & 2 – 3.10pm in the Community Room

Wednesday 25th February – Years 3 & 4 – 3.15pm to 4.00pm in the Library

It is hoped that many parents are able to attend to meet their child's teachers and ask any question regarding this year in our school.

Premier's Reading Challenge

2009

The Premier's Reading Challenge has commenced for 2009. Children (Infants and Primary) who completed the Challenge last year may start straight away. Primary children who wish to participate for the first time have had a meeting at school to explain how the PRC works.

Infants children who wish to participate for the first time will need to have parental involvement. There will be a short meeting on Friday (13th February) morning at 9.10am (or thereabouts) in the Library to explain how the Challenge works and to answer any questions.

Looking forward to having lots of children complete the PRC this year.

B. Pirlo
Teacher-Librarian

P&C NEWS

Are you interested in knowing more about what is happening at school?

Would you like a say in how money donated to the school is spent?

Do you have any good ideas for the next school fete?

Would you like the chance to ask Mr. Begg questions or offer ideas about any aspect of the school in a relaxed and casual atmosphere?

THEN COME TO A P&C MEETING!!

Every year the P&C raises over \$10 000 to donate to our school.

Things achieved by the P&C last year:

- we raised over \$15 000 which went towards the new COLA, new digital cameras, a microwave and fridge for the Community Room and more.
- we lobbied the Dept of Education, local State and Federal Members of Parliament for more funding to fix our school.

We welcome new members and try to make the meetings as casual and user friendly as possible.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at 7pm in the Community Room. This will be our Annual General Meeting where a new committee will be chosen for the year.

