



Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Cross Bows/Bow And Arrows

Students have been bringing cross bows/bows and arrows constructed from pens and rubber bands. Biro/pen refills are used as arrows. These are dangerous implements and could be classed as weapons. Potentially a student could lose an eye and be blinded. Please discuss with your child(ren) the dangers of the implements and reinforce that these objects should not be constructed and brought to school.

Decorations For Hall

Each student in our school will be given a weathertex board, paint and a small paint brush. Finished paintings will be used as decorations on the Hall.

Themes

Kindergarten—Me Year 1 and Year 2—My Family

Year 3—Co-operation Year 4—Getting along Year 5—School environment Year 6—Leisure.

Work will commence soon. We are hoping to have all works painted and attached to the Hall by the time of the Fete in Week 2, Term 4.

Building The Education Revolution.

The Federal Government is providing schools with finances to have facilities upgraded. The NSW State Government in managing the project.

Gwandalan Public School has been informed that we will receive 6 new brick classrooms to replace 6 demountables. The design and site for these rooms is yet to be finalised.

Road Safety/Parking

Brochures for students are available in the Office to assist with rules and regulations.

District Cross Country – The District Cross Country will be held at Morrie Breen Oval at Kanwal on Friday 22nd May, 2009. All students are to be at Morrie Breen Oval at 10.00am on Friday. Mr Mandroules will be leaving the school at approximately 9.15am. Parents are welcome to leave at that time from school or may meet at the ground on the day.

The Cross Country Squad will train on Monday and Wednesday morning of this week. 8.30am outside Mr Mandroules' room.

Soccer Training – The boys and girls school soccer teams are to meet Mr Mandroules on the oval from 3.00pm to 4.00pm this Wednesday.

Girls Soccer Team – The Girls Soccer Team walked to Tunkuwallin Oval last Friday 15th May to contest the PSSA Knockout Round 1 match against Lake Munmorah Public School. They played extremely well in a very closely fought match, eventually winning 3-2 in extra time. Their next match (Round 2) will be against Blue Haven. Congratulations on an excellent effort girls. Thank you so much to the parents who supported the girls and assisted with cheer leading

Rugby League Training – Boys are to meet Mr Kemp on the oval from 3.00pm to 4.00pm this Tuesday.

EDUCATION WEEK
OPEN DAY/SKIP-A-THON

Next week is **EDUCATION WEEK** in NSW and to give our parents and community the opportunity to see what is happening at **Gwandalan Public School** so far this year, we are holding an **OPEN DAY** on **Wednesday 27th May**.

Our **annual fund raiser** will also be held on this day, as will our **Book Fair** in the Library. There will also be a **display of student works** in the hall. So that everyone has the opportunity to see all the events as they happen, a roster has been set up for each Stage Group:

STAGE 1 - (Kinder, Year 1, Year 2)

10:00 - Skip-a-thon on oval

10:30 - Hall/Library visits

11:00 - Recess

11:30 - Open Classrooms

STAGE 2 - (Year 3, Year 4)

10:00 - Open Classrooms

10:30 - Skip-a-thon on oval

11:00 - Recess

11:30 - Hall/Library visits

STAGE 3 - (Year 5, Year 6)

10:00 - Hall/Library visits

10:30 - Open Classrooms

11:00 - Recess

11:30 - Skip-a-thon

At **12:00**, everyone is invited to the COLA to watch the 'Finale', which will include performances from many of our talented students.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the day!
Canteen will be open if parents would like to purchase recess/lunch.

Canteen Roster

If unable to assist on your rostered day please contact the Canteen as soon as possible on **49762054**

May

Wed 20th Karen Voncina – Cheryl Panjer

Thurs 21st Kim Harris – Roslyn Daly

Friday 22nd Megan Jackson- Kylie Dyer

Wed 27th Karen Castrogiovanni – Vanessa Saloway

Thur 28th Kirra Lee – Charlene Herbets

Friday 29th Anne Marie Withycombe –Brooke Tower

VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT
THE CANTEEN WOULD NOT OPERATE WITHOUT YOU.

P&C NEWS

Mothers Day was a great success!

Our total income was \$1979.30 less \$857 for the cost of the gifts, making a total profit of **\$1122.30**. We are well on our way to purchasing a Smart Board for the school.

Congratulations to Alexander on winning the Mother's Day Raffle.

We would also like to thank all the Mothers / Fathers that helped on the day: Claire, Caroline, Donna, Tracey, Julie, Michelle, Caterina, Kane, Natalie, Kylie.

REMINDERS:

P&C Fundraising Meeting : Wednesday 20th May at 2pm in the Community Room.

P & C MEETING, Tuesday, 2nd June at 7pm in the Community Room.

Annual Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards are being held again this year.

To enter you must write a poem on the theme of "Searching For Stars" or on a topic of your own choice.

Poems must be limited to a maximum length of 80 lines.

No more than three entries will be received from any one student.

Entries will close at midnight on Friday 26th June 2009.

Winners will be announced during National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2009 (31st August to 6th). Please see Mrs Pirlo in the Library if you would like more details or if your child would like to enter this competition.

Dates to Remember

Kindergarten to Year 2 Questacon

Science Show: 22nd May 2009

Biggest Morning Tea: 5th June

Administration Of Medication To Students

There are strict department guidelines for the administration of medication to school students.

Requirements are:

Completion by Parent/Caregiver of the indemnity form and written request. (Medication Information Form.)

Medication **MUST** be in Pharmacy packaging with details of

- student's name, dosage, and time to be administered clearly
- identified. If antibiotics given whether before, with, or after food.

Any changes in medication should be notified in writing.

All medication must be handed in to the Office.

At no time will Panadol be administered to students—this is a Departmental policy.

The school will not be able to administer medication unless the above requirements are met.