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## Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

### Cross Country—Friday

Many thanks to all parents who attended and who assisted with Cross Country at Point Wolstonecroft. What a wonderful facility to access. A special thanks to Richard Withycombe and staff for their assistance.

### Traffic/Parking Regulations

Road Safety Officers from Wyong Shire Council have been doing observations of traffic flows, parking and use of the pedestrian crossing.

Banners have been placed upon permanent poles and one is in the trees in front of the Administration Block.

Included in today's newsletter are copies of signs and their meaning.

This process is to attempt to improve safety conditions for all users, in particular the students.

### NAPLAN Assessment—Week 3

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests next week. Unless students are ill we expect that ALL students will arrive at school at 9am each day from Monday 11th May to Friday 15th and stay for the full day.

This will eliminate interruptions during testing times.

### Winter School Uniforms

A gentle reminder that as the cooler mornings are upon us that we are seeking parental support to wear the uniform.

Winter tops are available from Lowes at Lakehaven in black/blue.

We DON'T want bright orange, pink, red and yellow tops etc. especially those with Baby Milo.

### Student Assistance Funds.

Any parent needing financial assistance can apply by collecting a green application form from the Front Office.

### Boys Softball State PSSA Knockout Competition:

*The first three rounds of the Boys Softball Knockout Competition were held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at*

*Tuggerah Oval. The boys who represented our school really tried hard and they should be extremely proud of their efforts on the day. In the first round they played Toukley and easily accounted for this team to the tune of 19 runs to one. The team was then matched with Toukley in round 2 and again played with great skill to win 17 runs to 4. In the final game to determine the winner on the day, the team played Budgewoi in round 3. Seth van Eden had to leave to represent Wyong District in soccer and our captain, Liam Kennedy had to miss the match due to an injury. Our team showed great determination and finished the game strongly to lose by three runs. Their teamwork and effort was second to none on the day and the*

parents who came to support their children were ecstatic with the team's performances. Thank you to the parents who attended. Congratulations to the team which consisted of Liam Kennedy, Joshua Whant, Brad Nicoll, Chris Hussey, Seth van Eden, Bryan Shoesmith, Conner Moore, Nicholas Hughes, Jett Stiff, Corey Geoghegan, Joshua Perricone and Bayley McDonald

**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.

**School Cross Country** – The annual School Cross Country was held at Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Rec. Camp last Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009. Students from Years 2 to 6 attended. Students who are 8, 9 or 10 ran the 2km course and students who are 11, 12 or 13 ran the 3km course.

The Staff and students of our school really do appreciate the assistance from the terrific parents who came down and helped out as checkpoint marshalls or assisted with transport and setting up on the day. Our Carnivals would not run anywhere near as well without their fantastic support. Thanks must also be extended to Richard Withycombe and his staff at Point

**Skip-A-Thon  
Wednesday 27th May  
KEEP THE DATE FREE**

Our school's annual fundraiser this year will be held in conjunction with EDUCATION WEEK and OPEN DAY. Parents are invited along to join in the fun and view their child's classroom and other school activities. Students have been practising during daily PE and Sport for much of the year on improving their skipping skills and fitness levels. **Keep an eye out for the fundraiser card which will be given to students soon.** Start asking relatives and friends to sponsor your child to help raise money for the school to buy more equipment and resources!

**Canteen Roster**

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

**May**

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Karen Castrogiavanni  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Charlene Herberts – Tracy Jobson  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Leanne Fitzgibbon - Megan Jackson

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Rachel Madsen – Vanessa Saloway  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Kirra Lee – Judy Patterson  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Michelle Thompson – Megan Jackson

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Karen Voncina – Cheryl Panjer  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Kim Harris – Roslyn Daly  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Megan Jackson- Kylie Dyer

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Karen Castrogiovanni – Vanessa Saloway  
Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Kirra Lee – Charlene Herberts  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Anne Marie Withycombe –Brooke Tower

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

### **WANTED**

Adults who would like to become volunteer tutors for other adults needing help with reading, writing, spelling and/or numeracy. No previous teaching experience or qualifications are needed. There will be free training for tutors beginning in term 2. Please contact Leanne at Wyong TAFE for further information on 43 502 223

### **Gifted and Talented Students**

The 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 September 2009).

Please see Mrs Pirlo in the Library if you would like more details or if your child would like to enter this competition.