

GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Don Begg

Week 3 Term 4 2009



Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Fete Success

What a fabulous day!

Congratulations to Todd Forbes, Debbie Fyffe, Silvana Giorgi and other members of our P & C for organising Saturday's Fete.

A big thank to all staff who attended in making the day such a success.

A great example of students, staff and parent co-operation.

Library Replacement

Mrs Pirlo (currently on Long Service Leave) will be retiring in 2010.

Mrs Melissa Leyshon has been appointed to Gwandalan to commence in 2010. Mrs Leyshon visited our school yesterday.

Hall Displays

Students and teachers have worked for three terms to prepare displays for our hall. Mr Peter Mandroules and our General Assistant, Bill Soult spent a number of hours picking up and returning scaffolding. Mr Tony Holmes assisted in fixing boards to the western wall. Bill Soult, our General Assistant, worked until 8pm last Wednesday night ensuring that all was in readiness for Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday and our fete last Saturday.

Kindergarten Orientation

This Friday is our second session of our Kindergarten Orientation Program. Please spread the word to families with younger students, who may not have placed names for 2010.

Building the Education Revolution Update

The six new brick classrooms will be located and built in the area where 4C and 4T are currently located. New bush fire regulations state that our new classrooms had to be constructed 37 metres from the western boundary which meant that our oval would have been lost. The demountable toilet will remain. Budget costs do not allow for the construction of a brick toilet. Submissions will be written to seek construction of permanent toilets in the future. If you are interested in quoting for the building please contact Bovis Lend Lease, Hunter/Central Coast Region, 794 Hunter Street, Newcastle West NSW 2302. Toll Free number 1800 739 748.

Email ourschools.community@lendlease.com.au

Hunter Region Primary Mathematics Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students upon receiving these excellent results.

Year 6

High Distinction

James

Distinction

Joshua

Emmily

Thomas

Jarod

Brad

Year 5

Distinction

Simone

Elizabeth

Kyle

Selective High School Placement for 2011

Applications are now available from the school office for Selective High School Placement for 2011. If you would like your child to apply, please complete the attached note and return it to the school office. Application forms must be completed and returned to school by 13 November. The selective High School Placement Test will be conducted on Thursday 18 March between 9am and 1.15pm. All candidates will be advised by the 4 March 2010.

Please give my child an application for the Selective High School Placement for 2011

Child's Name

Parent/Caregiver

Signature

Senior Camp – Most Year 5 & 6 students attended the Senior Camp last week from Tuesday to Friday. The Great Aussie Bush Camp is just north of Karuah. The students were accompanied by Mr Kemp, Miss Potter, Mrs Dimitriadis and Mr Mandroules and they had a great time participating in many activities such as Giant Swing, Bushwalking, Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Flying Fox, High Ropes, etc. The Night Activities included County Fair, Disco and Games Night. The children also had a great time on the Dolphin Cruise.

Indoor Soccer – The Indoor Soccer Competition will continue during some lunch times in the school hall throughout this term. The games to date have been quite entertaining. The competition comprises 16 teams with up to 7 members each and it is open to all Year 3 to Year 6 students.

District Representative Shirts – The shirts were given out last week. These shirts are great quality and look very smart. Thank you to Mrs Farrell for her organisation.

Cricket Development Days – A Development Officer from Cricket NSW will be running workshops for our students over the next two Wednesdays. These Development Days are run free of charge for our students.

Year 6 Fun Day – The Year 6 Fun Day will take place on Wednesday 25th November. All year 6 students will run a day similar to our School Fete where they attempt to raise as much money as possible to purchase a gift for the school before they move on to High School. The Fun Day will commence at 12.00 noon and will finish at 2.45pm. Parents are also welcome to attend. Any parents wishing to help the students running activities are asked to contact Mr Mandroules at the school.

Year 6 Farewell – The Year 6 Farewell is on Wednesday 16th December (last day of school for our students) at the Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Recreation Centre. The theme for this year's Farewell is "Red Carpet". (Please contact Mr Mandroules if you know where we can borrow a large red carpet for the evening!). Year 5 are also invited to attend, after the speeches and displays, the disco and latter part of the night. Notes will go home to Year 5 & 6 students next week.

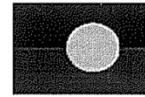
Year 6 Orientation Day – This will be held on Friday 27th November at Lake Munmorah High School between 9.00am and 2.00pm. All parents are invited to attend the first part of the day, between 9.00am and 10.30am as well. After this the students will be placed into activity and sporting groups for the rest of the day. They will also be supplied with a BBQ lunch. Notes have already been sent home for this.

Aboriginal Education

We are commencing a plan to have parents and students meet to complete this form with information. If you need to discuss this please contact Ms Field for further explanation.



**Gwandalan Public School
Aboriginal Student Personalised Learning Plan
Initial Conference Report**



Student: _____ SURNAME _____ NAMES _____

Year Advisor:	Mentor:	Year:	Conference Date:
Address:		Stage:	Review Date:
Background Information:		Interests/Abilities/Strengths:	
Current Learning Support / Welfare Programs Provided:			

Action Plan:	Who	When	Ach	Plan
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

	Yes / No	Notes / Comments
Hearing		
Vision		
Medical Issues		
STLA		
AEA		
Attendance		
ACLO / HSLO		
Further Testing		

Signatures:

Student	Year Advisor / Mentor	Parent	AEA

Other: (e.g. counsellor, Ab. Ed. Consultant, etc.)

Star Slips
KR 75 Silps
Tahlia Sykes

Important Notice

Please ensure that your contact details, phone numbers, mobile phone numbers, emergency contact persons details are all up to date with the school office. We often have difficulty contacting parents/caregivers in the case of an emergency.

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REMINDER If you have an email address and would like to have the newsletter sent home via that method, please contact the office with your details. All newsletters can be viewed on the School Website.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

New Committee members are sought to enable the centre to continue to operate. Without parent and community support the future of the centre could be jeopardised.

Date: Wednesday 18 November

Time: 6pm

Place: Gwandalan OOSH

Come along and support your children and the local community.

If you need after hours care for your children our centre hours are:

7am to 9am (6am by arrangement)

3pm to 6pm

CCB entitlements reduce the cost to parents. For more information please phone 4976 1005