



## Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

### **Brian Tickle— Mathematics Education Consultant**

At the time of printing Brian Tickle has been conducting lessons across our school for teachers to watch techniques.

A big thank you to Richard Withycombe at Point Wolstoncroft for providing accommodation to reduce costs.

### **School Development Day—Monday 21st July.**

Staff from Lake Munmorah High School High School will be visiting our school and training all staff K-6 in Rock & Water Anti Bullying strategies.

**All Students return Tuesday 22nd July.**

### **Half Yearly Reports**

Reports will be sent home tomorrow Wednesday 2nd July.

### **Disco—Thursday Night**

A reminder that admission is \$3/student **K-2** 5pm—6.15pm **3-6** - 6.30 -8pm.

### **Water Saving Initiative**

5 Water tanks have been installed (some 50,000 litres of water capacity). Plumbing will be completed so that toilets use rain water.

### **Playground Drawing Games**

As part of our Safer Schools Initiative the games and activities between the Canteen and COLA will be renewed as soon as possible.

It is anticipated that the work will be completed during the holidays or as soon as possible after. (Wet weather has caused significant delays)

### **AFL Tony Lockett Shield**

Our team played well but found windy conditions had to handle last Thursday. That concludes the Year 5 & 6 program. Year 3 &4 have the opportunity in Term 3.

### **Walkway Renewal**

Over 20 sheets of colobond will be replaced soon. The materials are at school.

### **Name Pavers Have Arrived.**

Our P & C conducted a Donate a Paver Program. These pavers have arrived and they will be added to the existing pavers soon.

### **Mufti Day Friday (Out of Uniform Day)**

A gold coin donation is requested. Red/Yellow and black to coincide with our Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony at **11.20am**.

**Holiday period - SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE OUT OF BOUNDS.** Please contact School Security if families notice trespassers in the school, on, roof tops, throwing stones, skateboarding etc.

Regular users of the hall over the holiday period are the Baptist church on Sundays.

**School Security No. 1300 880 021**

### **Safe Holiday**

Have a happy and Safe holiday. Many thanks to all parents who have supported our students in programs at school throughout Term 2.

### **NSW Premiers Debating Challenge**

Gwandalan Debating Team, Yr 6, Sarah, Tiffini, Ashlyn, Sara.

A Debate is an organised argument. Debaters must be able to think quickly and speak confidently. Our Debating team has developed some great skills. In our debate against Mannering Park Public School on Monday the girls were outstanding. We may not have won, however the results were very close. Great work Sara, Sarah, Tiffini and Ashlyn.

**Sport in Schools – 2008** – Commences week 1 Term 3. payments are now due. This is an excellent program and well worth the \$30 term fee.

**Boys Football Training** – has been cancelled for today. Mr Kemp advised students yesterday.

**Stage 3 Canberra/Snow Excursion** – The Canberra Excursion. Final payments are due this week. If you have trouble paying the final payment please contact the school office or Mrs Sanderson.

**Knockout Soccer Matches** – The boys and girls 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Soccer Knockout Games were played last Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Toukley's Harry Moore Oval.

Unfortunately, due to the weather and conditions of our playground, the teams did not get to do too much training before these games. Nevertheless, both boys' and girls' squads did a great job on the day.

The first round was against Gorokan Public – the boys played first and were outstanding in beating the opposition 7 goals to 2! Not to be outdone our girls then played the Gorokan girls and we won comfortably to the tune of 5 goals to nil.

Both boys and girls teams then had to play their second round matches against Kanwal. The boys again played really well but eventually lost 4 -1 and the girls led for most of the game to eventually lose 2 -1.

Both teams displayed outstanding effort, teamwork and sportsmanship and we can be extremely proud of them. The parents who assisted with transport and sideline support were wonderful and the students really appreciate the lengths to which you go to help them. Thank you very much!

**Premier's Sporting Challenge** – The two Year 6 classes have registered for the Premier's Sporting Challenge this year and are on track to receive awards after the fifteen week program. The students must keep accurate logs of their sporting activities over this time and complete the schedules online. This is the first year that classes from our school have taken part in this event.

**Field Events for Athletics Carnival** – Throughout this week some teachers will be running qualifications for the Athletics Field events on the school grounds. These include High jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt and Discus. Students in Years 3 to 6 should remember to wear appropriate footwear this week to contest these events.

### **6M's Bush/Coast Walk & Whale Watch Excursion**

Last Wednesday Class 6M went to Catherine Hill Bay to walk through the bush, along the cliffs, coastline and beach led by Mr Pirlo. The class had a great day but unfortunately did not get to see any of the migrating whales they were searching for. Nevertheless, it was an excellent day and the group did get to see a penguin playing in the surf! Special thanks must go to Mr Pirlo for providing information about the local bush area and wildlife throughout the day. The excursion could not have taken place without the support and transport assistance provided by the following wonderful parents who accompanied 6M. These were Mrs Garrett, Mrs Newland, Mrs Rendell, Mrs Nielsen, Mrs Power, Mrs Clark and Mrs Castrogiovanni. Class 6M and Mr Mandroules thank you very much for the day!