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## Week 5 Term 4

### Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

#### Annual School Report—Surveys

Over the next few weeks surveys will be included in newsletters. These will require you to answer questions to assist us with directions to be taken in 2009 and beyond. No names need to appear on surveys as we are after feedback not the identity of respondents.

#### School Uniform Clarification

In 2009 staff will be requesting broad rimmed hats to be worn out on the oval.

Further directions will be given when contacts from Lowes will clarify hat supply and availability.

Issues related to School uniform such as blue socks, black shoes and sports uniform will also be clarified.

Our Information Booklet is being updated to address concerns raised by new families and also some existing families.

#### Book Fair—Wednesday 12th November 2pm to 4pm

Our Book Fair will be held in the Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

The school receives a commission on books sold. What a wonderful opportunity to purchase books for Christmas present.

Mrs Pirlo has spend many hours preparing resources for this day.

#### Friday 14th - Shaving Mr Pirlo and Mufti Day

Students can wear mufti clothing on Friday.

Mr Pirlo will have his beard shaved by Mr Kemp. To participate we are seeking a gold coin donation. All proceeds will be sent to Cambodia to sponsor a student.

### **Bike Licences**

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 can ride a bike to school at any time whilst parents are present.

Licences are to be given to students turning 10 or older only.

Older brothers and sisters should not be given responsibility to stay with younger students.

Research tells us that peripheral vision develops from about 10 years of age. In the interest of students safety can parents not let younger students ride with parental supervision only.

### **Senior Citizens Concert**

On the 29th October 2008 many of our students from Gwandalan Public School took part in a special concert. This was held in our school hall for the senior citizens from Aged Care Facilities in our area.

Our guests were welcomed to our school by our Captains and Prefects who escorted them into the hall where morning tea was served.

Mr Begg, welcomed our guests and then the children entertained everyone by performing their fantastic concert items once more. Kindergarten sang 'My Dad Snores' followed by our School Choir who concluded our concert by singing Waltzing Matilda and the National Anthem.

This was truly a most rewarding experience for our guests, children, parents and teachers alike.

A very special thank you to the children and their teachers. The school Captains and Prefects for the great job they did. Katie and the ladies who prepared the delicious morning tea, which our guests thoroughly enjoyed. Finally to our wonderful parents Michelle Patsalis, Donna Summerell, Anne Maree Withycombe, Linda Andrews, Judy Patterson for the role they played in the setting and decorating of tables and assisting our guests throughout the morning. These special days would not be possible without the support that I received from everyone.

This was a great team effort.

Thank you again. Maree Slattery.

### **KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2009**

We need this information to let parents know of events happening this term.

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten for 2009.

Any student turning 5 before 1st August is eligible to enrol.

### **Beard-Off For World Vision**

As part of our school mufti-day on Friday 14th Mr Kemp will use his limited shearing skills to remove the beard—and any other hair he may find—from Mr Pirlo's head.

The cost of witnessing this hairy spectacle at lunch time will be a gold coin.

All monies raised will go to World Vision to help train a teacher in one of the needy African countries.

Come and see this facial hair eradication and give your support to a very needy cause.