

# GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL



Principal: Don Begg  
Mini Newsletter Term 4  
Week 8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008

## Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

### Spellathon

Sponsorship funds continue to be sent to school.

We thank all families concerned for assisting with sponsorship.

A special thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald for organizing this event. Our target total is \$5000. If reached we are hoping to have one of the worlds heaviest bands to play on Red Faces Day.

### Sydney Swans Visit – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

This Wednesday can be a footy colours day for students wishing to dress in their favourite football colours.

There will be no charge. Sydney Swans players will talk to students at around 10.30am – 11am.

### Kindergarten Orientation Session 2.

Session 2 will be held this Thursday with a number of exciting and informative speakers.

### Replacement of OOSH Centre Fence – Orana Road

The department has granted some \$2600 to have gates made up for the entrance to the OOSH Centre. These need to be wide to allow amusement/rides to enter for our Annual Fete.

We have had enough 1.5m high fencing donated and the school is purchasing fence posts, bolts, screws, cement, sand/blue metal. I am seeking a crew of volunteers to work on 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday to take down and erect a new fence. This will save the school a considerable amount of money. If you are prepared to volunteer for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009 please complete the note below

**Upcoming Dates:** - P & C meeting tonight from 6.30pm in the Community Room.

Year 3 & 4 Surf Fun Day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Year 5 & 6 Swimming commences Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Point Wolstoncroft.

### Reminder “Surf Fun Day”

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – don't forget to bring hat, sunscreen, costume, change of clothes, proper footwear, recess, lunch and a drink.

Bus leaving school at 9.15am sharp. And will arrive back at school at 2.45pm. Any student that does not arrive by 9.15am will not be going, and will be replaced by a reserve student.

### 2008 Wyong Shire Council Environmental Awards

The theme for this year was "Is Your School Sustainable?" The winners were announced at the Wyong Shire Council Chambers yesterday. Our school's main highlights were the 5 water tanks which have been installed and piped to flush toilets, the recycled water system used on our oval in conjunction with Wyong Shire Council from the treatment works near Tunkawallin Oval and our continuation of paper and cardboard recycling, composting, worm farming, a visit to local recycling plants and a day long education program from the "Watertight" team involving the whole school. We are also involved in the "Solar in Schools" program with 10 panels on the canteen roof, numerous awareness days (such as Clean Up Australia and National Tree Day) and have recently received grants to establish both a frog pond and a vegetable garden.

Gwandalan Public School continues to make great inroads into sustainability. Our captains, Amy Bruce and Djari Andrews, accepted the Encouragement Award which included a certificate and \$150 worth of Bunnings vouchers for the school to use.

Congratulations to all our students, parents and staff who help to keep many of these programs running!

**“Attention Parents/ Caregivers”**

Gwandalan Outside School Hours Care regrets to inform you that we will be no longer offering our **Vacation Care service.**  
This was a Committee decision based on previous bookings.  
I have listed 2 local alternative services for you that offer Vacation Care;

**Swansea& Caves Beach Vacation Care - 0249711229 (for enquires)**  
**Lakes OOSH Centre – 0249657502 (for enquires)**

Gwandalan Outside School Hours care will finish on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and resume on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (Pupil Free Day), normal centre operating hours will resume Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 for Before and After School Care.

Thankyou

Katie  
Centre Coordinator

**Kindergarten Excursion**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 all of the Kindergarten children went on an excursion to Blackbutt Reserve in Newcastle. We would like to thank the following people for their valued contribution in helping in so many ways to make our excursion such a huge success.

To the following Parents – Ms Patsalis, Ms Crossland, Mr Eastough, Mr McAlister, Mr Fenner and Miss Hopkins who prepared the food and cooked a delicious BBQ for lunch. Our fantastic bus driver from Busways Phil.

To Lake Munmorah Baked Daily Bakehouse who donated the bread for our sausage sandwiches.

Thank you also to Mrs Crampton, who popped in with a special treat for the children and to say hello to everyone. It was great to see her.

Thank you from the Kindergarten teachers Mrs Reynolds, Miss Stewart, Mrs Styan and Mrs Slattery.

Recount by Kindergarten

On Friday Kindergarten went to Balckbutt Reserve on the bus. I patted a Koala. I like to pat them. The Koalas fur is very soft.

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I am prepared to work on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009 from 8am to replace the OOSH Centre Fence.

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