

GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Mini Newsletter
Week 1 Term 4



Dear Friends of Gwandalan Public School

Welcome back to a busy Term 4. We hope that all families had the opportunity to break the sickness cycle which existed at the conclusion of Term 3.

Fete

Spread the word bring some friends Saturday 25th October.

Snakes

A large red bellied black snake was sighted, captured and removed from the courtyard area of the school yesterday.

Snakes are likely to visit our school again as they awake from hibernation.

W.I.R.E.S.

Advice is that when seeing a snake

Move away from it as it is probably as scared as the human near it.

Don't attempt to hit or throw any objects at the snake.

Children to report the sighting to an adult.

W.I.R.E.S. telephone number is 1300 094 737.

National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy

Improvement of students from Year 3 to Year 5 has been outstanding.

In Writing—19 points above state average.

Reading—8 points above state average.

Overall Literacy— 10.9 points above state average.

In Numeracy improvement was 1.4 below state average.

Calendar Term 4.

A full calendar will appear with next weeks newsletter. Listed below are some important dates:

Monday 20th October—Year 3 & 4 depart for Blue Mountains at 6.30am.

Tuesday 21st October—Year 3 & 4 arrive at Gwandalan 5.30pm.

Wednesday 26th November—Kinder orientation session 1.

Saturday 25th October—School Fete.

Rebel Sport Discounts – Our school now has cards available to all families to use at any Rebel Sport Stores which entitle them to a 5% discount on any purchases they make at the school. After your first purchase this paper discount card will be replaced by a plastic card at the Rebel Store which you may keep indefinitely. Please make use of this offer when visiting any Rebel Store as the school will also receive greater discounts in the future.

Sport in Schools – 2009 – This year's Sport in Schools Program was again very popular and successful so we will be running it again throughout third term next year.

Stage 2 Surf Fun Day – The students in Years 3 & 4 have the opportunity to take part in another Surf Fun day at The Lakes Beach on Wednesday 3rd December. The 60 places on offer have already been filled. The day is run by members of the Central Coast Surf Lifesaving Association and is a worthwhile experience for all children who should have a great day.

Indoor Soccer Competition – This years Indoor Soccer Grand Final was played between **Smurfs** and **Froot Loops** with the **Froot Loops** coming out eventual winners. This team then had a 'friendly' match against the teachers which proved quite entertaining.

Congratulations to all those students who took part in the competition.

Year 6 Farewell - The Year 6 Farewell will be held at the Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Recreation Centre on Wednesday 17th December. Notes will be going home to all Year 5 and Year 6 students this week.