

**Term 4: Week 3 & 4 Issued: Tuesday, 26 October, 2010**



## **The Principal**

Mrs T Payne

*Presentation Day- 14 December, 2010*

*9.30 am*

*Year 6 Farewell- 15 December, 2010*

### **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

Congratulations to the Environmental Team on another successful grant of \$2,500. The Grant will be used to establish an Indigenous bushtucker garden and cultural study zone.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Clare Olive. Clare has been nominated for Achievement in Aboriginal Education in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Well done Clare!

### **ENTRY TO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS 2012**

Application is required in November 2010 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a Selective High School in 2012. This year parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Application procedures

will be available on the DET intranet. The Placement Unit can also be contacted on 97076249. Online applications will be available from 25 October to 22 November 2010. For parents without internet access I will have some printed packages available from October 26.

### **TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

We are endeavouring, as a community of schools, to continually improve the communication and links between Primary and High School. Myself and neighboring principals meet regularly to discuss ways in which we can create a smooth transition for Year 6 students to High School.

Over the next few weeks Anthony Kalso (Wollongong High teacher) will be visiting Year 5 students and delivering Science lessons. Year 7 teachers will also be visiting our Stage 3 classrooms to observe English and Human Society and Its Environment lessons.

### **LIFE EDUCATION PERMISSION NOTE 2010**

I give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Life Education Van here at the school grounds during the first week in November; (Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd or Thursday 4th).

The cost will be \$6.00 per student for visit and workbook. *(Please note: if you paid in Term 1 do not pay again. Your child's class teacher will have a list of who has paid).*

Signed: Parent/Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### **IMPORTANT**

**GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
IS A NUT FREE ZONE**

**NO NUTS OR NUT BASED PRODUCTS  
CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL**



### **P&C Meeting**

**Wednesday, 17 November, 2010  
6.30 p.m.**

**in the Staff Room. ALL WELCOME.**

### SIDE GATE

The side gate is now open for parents and students. There are still some issues with the drainage in that area so I would encourage parents and students to please use the path alongside the Hall.

### DANCE PROGRAM

The issue of employing outside expertise to teach Dance was raised at the last P&C meeting. Whilst I share the view that parents should not be expected to pay for sporting and PE lessons, there are certain areas that require outside expertise. Over the past couple of years we have phased out sporting programs that require parents to pay for such lessons, however, Dance and Gymnastics require specialist teachers. Ray and Aimee from "Sport for Life" have been coming to Gwynneville for several years now.



Over the last few years we have alternated between Dance and Gymnastics in Term 4. The Dance lessons are based on Syllabus outcomes and expose students to a broad variety of styles of dance and music. Teachers actively participate in lessons so that the dances can be practised and reinforced at other times throughout the week. The dance lessons prepare the students for end of year activities such as our whole school performance in the Mall, Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Dance.



As is the case with any school activities, any parents experiencing financial difficulties should approach me for support. I have allocated a small amount of funding each year that I use for student financial assistance. I am very mindful of the expense parents are faced with. This year I have phased out the Maths text book and limited the number of other text books used, reduced the number of performances held at the school and wavered the annual \$40 voluntary contribution, which just about covers the cost of the dance lessons. If you would like more information on the Dance program please don't hesitate to see me or your child's class teacher.

### ATTENTION PARENTS/CARERS

Please Note: No more apple orders this term. Thank you to everyone who has supported this activity.



## P & C NEWS

Term 4 is now well under way with lots happening.

The new hall looks a real treat. What a terrific asset for our school! It is already proving its worth, being used for the Kinder orientation and the school dance classes on Friday's. It will have so many uses in the future, we will wonder how we ever managed without it! The P&C will be looking to buy some extra furnishings and equipment for the hall as the needs are recognised.

The tree trimmers have done a good job in tidying up some of the huge trees in the school grounds. This is good timing leading up to the fete, as we would like the school to look its best. To back this up the P&C are planning to hold 2 working bees before the fete. The dates are:-

Saturday 30th October & Saturday 13th November from 10am—3pm. This will involve general garden work and tidying up, so if you can, we would love to see as many helpers as possible on those days.

**FETE:-** The Fete is now 4 weeks away and the fete committee is working really hard to make it a great day. Keep a look out for the fete newsletter for the latest info. Don't forget to invite all your family and friends!! Thank you to all our families for their ongoing support during our various mufti days to date.

The P&C is now looking towards future expenditure planning. We have been holding off any major expenditure as we were unsure what we may have needed to spend on the new hall, now the hall is complete that is becoming clearer. Any suggestion's and input from the school community is always welcome. If you have any thoughts please don't hesitate to talk to (or email) myself or other P&C committee members, all comments will be treated in confidence.

My email [davaltom@gmail.com](mailto:davaltom@gmail.com)

**David Thompson**  
President

## AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

	BRONZE	
4/5B	Max Lawson	Albert Zizovski
	SILVER	
K/1B	Ethan Cooke	Rory Flannery
	Joseph Pearce	
1/2S	Siobhan Sweet	
	GOLD	

## PARENTS /CAREGIVERS

Please Note the following change to our money collection



Please send money in on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** of each week.

Envelopes to be clearly marked with child's name and class and the event you are paying for. Thank you

## UPCOMING EVENTS - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, 26 October	Science—Year 5—visit from High School Science Teacher
Friday, 29 October	World Teacher Day
Saturday, 30 October	Working Bee at the school– 10am to 3pm
Tuesday, 2—Thursday, 4 November	Life Education Van
Thursday, 4 November	Assembly 4/5B—Hall at 2.30pm
Tuesday, 9 November	Science—Year 5—visit from High School Science Teacher
Wednesday, 10 November	Mufti Day for the Fete—Gold coin donation
Saturday, 13 November	Working Bee at the school– 10am to 3pm

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EX-CHANGE

Seeking volunteer host families for selected international high school exchange students.

Families choose compatible international students.

Further information contact Anthea Thring 03 9775 4711 or toll free 1800 500 501.  
www.scce.com.au

### AUNTIES & UNCLES

CareSouth's—Aunties & Uncles Program.

"It takes a village to raise a child". There are children in the Illawarra who are extremely vulnerable due to difficult circumstances their families are experiencing. This program links volunteer carers and mentors over the age of 21 years with children who could benefit from your support. **We currently have children on our waiting list.** Call CareSouth on 4225 7588 and speak to the caseworker for more further information.  
www.caresouth.org.au

### MISS ZOE'S TALENT QUEST FOR BREAST CANCER

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**All creatures have a sense of territory - except children.**  
**P. K. Shaw**