

Term 3: Week 7 & 8 Issued: Tuesday, 31 August, 2010



The Principal

Mrs T Payne

SOUTHERN STARS

What a fabulous production for the 10th Anniversary of Southern Stars! We were all so proud to be a part of it.

I must congratulate our dance group for their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm during the rehearsals and performances. They were a credit to Gwynneville Public School.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who supported us with costume and prop making as well as assisting with transport and being a part of the audience to cheer us on.

The children will take with them some lasting memories of their involvement and I'm sure they will have many anecdotes to share particularly from backstage! We have some budding performers in our midst if the dancing in the loading dock at interval was anything to go by.

Finally, I would like to thank all staff for their support especially with changes to school routines. I would like to particularly thank Mrs Devlin and Mr Burns for assisting me backstage for the Friday and Saturday performances.

Well done everyone!

Yours in dance,
Jenni Eshman

A very big thank you to Mrs Eshman for her outstanding job in coordinating our participation in Southern Stars. Credit to the many dedicated teachers across our Region that give so much of their own time to enable our students to be exposed to and participate in amazing events such as Southern Stars. I am so impressed and inspired by the commitment and passion of these wonderful people.

MUSIC COUNT US IN

This Thursday our school will take part in a nationwide program, which aims to promote music in our schools. Over 1600 schools have registered this year across the country and on Thursday they will all perform the song "Come Play Your Part".

We have been busy learning this song and our school will be performing the song at our K-6 Assembly at 2:30 this Thursday. So come along and celebrate with us as we perform for you. (Please note that 2/3W will host their Assembly in week 9).

LITERACY/NUMERACY WEEK

This week the students will be competing in the Commonwealth Bank "Mathletics" and "Spelling" challenges. The students will be challenging students from other schools at both National and International levels via the internet. Our whole school Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved across two days.

STAFFING

Mrs Ahearn has convened a panel. Mrs Buckingham has been elected staff representative and Mrs Jen Hawksley has kindly volunteered to represent P&C. Interviews for the position will be held on 23 September, (last week of Term).

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS REPORT:-

NOAH EDINGER-REEVE 5/6B

Over the past six weeks my team and I have solved clues, found lost cities and wrestled with imovie.

The challenge was to solve a series of clues to find



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, 15 September, 2010
6.30 p.m.
in the Staff Room.**

AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

			SILVER	
KE	Callum Clabour	Stella Field	Joshua Galevski	Jaydyn Gebels
K/1B	April Nino			
1/2S	Miri Nayagodamu	Aiman Shekh Faisal	Nicole Vizcarra Medina	
			GOLD	
KE	James Anagnostopoulos			

a lost city and then make a film recreating how they looked and lived. It was a challenging, but rewarding experience. We worked as a team to create a still-life movie showing exactly where the location of the lost city was, but also their way of living.

We chose the lost city challenge because it sounded interesting, challenging and just plain fun. We were right!

As the big day came up we started to put our heads down and work. Every one worked especially hard, including the younger people of our group (Nestor Prohm and Anna Stephenson).

On a bright sunny day our team trooped into the Nowra High School library to find multiple schools on row after row of chairs. I think we all had nervous breakdowns after we saw the other schools perform. Then it was our turn, we played our film and managed to get off the stage with not too many technical difficulties. When we talked to the judges they said that we had done a good job. We were all very proud of ourselves (this is the school's first time in Tournament of Minds).

So all in all it was a fantastic experience and a day I will never forget.

Noah Edinger-Reeve 5/6B

Congratulations to Noah, Joseph, Jeremy, Pfreya, Rachel, Anna and Nestor. We are very proud of your efforts and achievements, well done! (Mrs Payne)

THANK YOU

Thank you to our parents that gave their time on voting day to work on the Lamington Stall. It is very much appreciated. As we didn't have a prime location, unfortunately we still have a lot of lamingtons in the freezer. If you would like to purchase some lamingtons, please complete the order form and return to the wooden box in the foyer. I'll send the lamingtons home with the children or you can pick up from school.

WELL DONE

Well done to Blake, Olyvia, Clare and Michael. They will represent GPS at the South Coast Area Athletics Carnival to be held in Canberra this Friday. We wish them well.

CONGRATULATIONS, Mrs Payne, on reaching the final 15 nominations for WAVE FM's 'Boss Of The Year' awards. We know we have a great school with a wonderful principal so this is excellent recognition from the wider community.

From the Staff of Gwynneville Public School.



LAMINGTON ORDER FORM

CHILD'S NAME _____ **CLASS** _____

I WOULD LIKE _____ DOZEN LAMINGTONS AT A COST OF \$7.00 PER DOZEN.

I ENCLOSE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ PARENT/CARER GIVER _____
SIGNATURE

P & C NEWS

Southern Stars - What a fantastic Show! I think everyone who went will agree with me, the show was just terrific. It is truly inspirational to see the talent displayed by the many students involved, both from our school, and the many other schools involved. It is a credit to the organisers and performers, so congratulations to all of our performers, our teachers and our parent helpers. All of who have worked very hard and long hours to achieve this fantastic result.

The P&C is helping to subsidise the props used by our Southern Stars performers, which were made by our dedicated parent helpers. In order to raise extra funding for this the P&C held a lamington stall on Election Day. Due to several reasons it was only modestly successful, there was stiff competition from St Brigids cake stall, as a result we didn't sell all our lamingtons. We still managed to raise \$120 towards the Southern Stars costumes and general P&C funds. We wholeheartedly thank our helpers on the day who worked tirelessly at the stall, some until past 6pm.

My email is davaltom@y7mail.com, please feel free to email me with any issues that may need to be aired.

David Thompson
P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP

- Tracksuit Jackets \$33
- Tracksuit Pants \$26
- Long sleeved navy polo shirts are available for \$30 each (limited stock)

Uniform Shop is open every Monday from 2.45—3.15pm and is located on the verandah of the computer lab (building next to the office).

CASH & CHEQUES ONLY—NO CREDIT
(cheques payable to GPS uniform shop).

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Is being held this Thursday 2nd September from 9.30am—11am. It may be a good idea to send in a bag of some sort to place their shopping in.



We are in desperate need of helpers to set up and sell on the day. If you are able to assist please contact Liz Thompson 42258754 / 0407 061 740 or email

lizthommo@hotmail.com

Gifts range from \$2 up to \$4.

The P&C wishes all our Dad's & Pop's a Happy Father's Day for Sunday!!

FETE NEWS

The fete committee is still working hard organising stalls and helpers for the big day. Look out for the separate Fete newsletter. Thanks



to those who have volunteered to help out—more info sent home soon. Remember to keep the fete day free - 20th November 11am—3 pm, and tell all your friends!

WANTED: Ribbons, lace, silk scarves, fabric, coat hangers, buttons. Any of these items are to be left at the office for Clare Tuckerman who is making craft items for the fete.

FETE MEETING: The next Fete meeting is 6pm on Thursday 16th September at Michelle's house. Please contact Michelle for her address details on **0416 294 746**. All welcome to come along.

MUFTI DAY: The next mufti day is being held this **Wednesday 1st September**. We are asking the children to come out of uniform and bring along any unwanted toys for our "Toy Stall".

Try Baseball

West Illawarra Cardinals Junior Baseball Club are holding a day on Sun 5/9 between 10.30 am-12.30 pm at Figtree High School grounds. Come along and try out the sport for yourself, free sausage sizzle and small gift for those attending.

For further information contact Melissa 4225 51716 or www.cardinalsjunior.baseball.com.au

Student Exchange



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AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

In January 2011, students aged 15 – 18 years, from over 20 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a

lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. <http://studentexchange.org.au/>

Child Safety and Parking Around Schools

Wollongong City Council Ranger Services have visited many school in the Local Government Area and numerous infringement notices have been issued. We are still receiving a large number of calls about dangerous drivers picking up and setting down children in school zones.

To avoid confrontation at your school, Rangers will situate themselves very obviously and photograph offending vehicles. They will post out fines rather than risk a confrontation with drivers at the time, in front of their children.

Contact Jack Harrison Safety Liaison Officer
42277111—Wollongong City Council

UPCOMING EVENTS - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2010

DATE	EVENT
Monday to Friday, 30 August-3 September	National Literacy/Numeracy Week
Wednesday, 1 September	Mufti Day—Second hand toys Botanical Gardens Excursion—4/5 & 5/6
Thursday, 2 September	Father's Day Stall Music Count Us In
Thursday, 7 September	Football Gala, Balgownie—4/5
Wednesday, 15 September	P & C Meeting— 6.30 pm—Staffroom
Thursday, 16 September	Assembly—2/3W
Wednesday, 22 September	Mufti Day—gold coin donation
Thursday, 23 September	Year 6 Activity Day— 12 noon to 1.25 pm

Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.
Albert Einstein

Tuesday 6th of May, 1851

Today at school a new student was introduced, he came from China. His name was Wan Lee, he came by boat. When he came in most of the kids moved away from him.

He had a straw hat, red top, brown pants (which had holes in them) and no shoes. As we took turns standing up and reading from the scroll it was Wan Lee's turn. At first he looked at the scroll then turned to the teacher and shook his head. He got thrown out of the tent and hit with the cane twice. After school Wan Lee gave me a satchel with some leaves in it, I asked what it was for. He told me that it was tea and if I drink it with boiled water it will relax me. So I made him some damper in return.

Alexandra Ionescu

Thursday 2nd December 1854

Today was my first day of school. I met a friend called Annabelle. It feels like we've known each other forever. It turns out her family's tent is only 20m away so we can visit each other whenever we like, except when we're at school.

Annabelle is coming over tomorrow, I hope my dad will like her. She's half Chinese. Annabelle's father is Chinese but her mother is Australian. My dad doesn't like the idea of the Chinese on the goldfields but I always tell him it's not our land either.

The worst thing about the goldfields is the weather. It's always the same, boiling hot. I feel sorry for all those miners working hard. My dad uses all different methods to try and find gold but his friends have been most successful with dry blowing, so he has decided to start using this method and see if he will have any luck with it. Dry blowing is when one pan is held high and another is placed on the ground. Fine dust like material is poured into the bottom pan. The wind blows away the particles leaving golden nuggets falling into the bottom pan.

Meara O'Brien