

Term 1: Weeks 4 & 5 Issued: Tuesday, 15 February, 2011



The Principal

Mrs T Payne

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 16 February ~ P & C Meeting, 6.30pm in Staffroom

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

This year will be a very exciting year for us as we align with Keiraville Public School and the Centre for Excellence initiative. We will be working closely with Wollongong Performing Arts High School, West Wollongong PS and Keiraville PS to strengthen the quality of teaching to improve student learning outcomes. What this will mean for Gwynneville Public School is increased participation of staff in quality professional learning activities, strengthened links with the University of Wollongong Education Faculty and the sharing of a Highly Accomplished Teacher across our four schools.

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

Michelle Nayagodamu and Julie Anderson have been busy organising a welcome back breakfast for this Thursday morning at 8:30am and it would be great to see you there. Don't forget to return the reply slip if you are coming.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved or changed phone numbers would you please inform the Office so that you can be contacted if the need arises.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please tell your child's teacher or send a note explaining the absence within seven days.

As you will notice by the quality of the Newsletter our new photocopier has arrived. We are all very excited!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Swimming Carnival. Your behaviour and manners were excellent. It was a most enjoyable afternoon. We are sending twenty students to the District Carnival on Wednesday, 16 February 2011.

CLASSES

The children have settled well into their new classes. There should be few more movements for the students. This means that the usual routines of Homework, Home Reading, etc. will begin soon.

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

If you ever have any concerns, queries or questions with regard to your child or school matters in general, I would urge you to speak to your child's teacher. My door is also always open to parents. This way we can ensure that issues are dealt with swiftly and appropriately.



IMPORTANT

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

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



REMINDER

If your child has any allergy, medical condition or special needs, please talk to your child's teacher or myself as soon as possible. Also please note that we have two students who have severe nut allergies, therefore we are a nut and nut product free school.

APPLICATIONS FOR WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL IN 2012

Any student in Year 6 wishing to audition for the Performing Arts stream of Wollongong High School needs to obtain an application form from the Office. The applications are due by Wednesday, 16 March 2011. Please note that Enrolment forms for Wollongong High School have been sent home today and are due back by Friday, 18 March 2011.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS TEST

Please note that for students wishing to enter a selective Government High School in 2012, the test will be held Thursday, 17 March. Key dates and online applications are available on the website.

PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

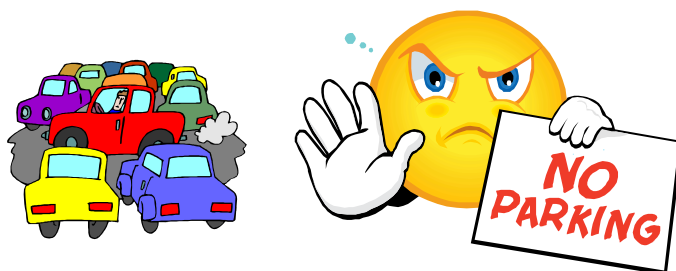
Please park according to the signs outside of the school. Also please be mindful of the residents driveways and keep them clear at all times. I would remind you that there are Rangers patrolling outside the school.

2011 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

If you wish for your child to take part in any of these competitions, you can enter individually before the closing date or you may enter your child in all of the competitions at the one time, returning the Permission Note by Tuesday, 1 April 2011. The School Office will have the permission note. Return to the office the note and entry fee in an envelope prior to the closing date.

Thank you

Permission Notes available at the office.

**2011 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)**

SUBJECT	COST	CLOSING DATE—ENTRIES	SITTING DATE
Computer Skills	\$7.70	Tuesday, 1 April	Tuesday, 24 May
Science	\$7.70	Wednesday, 6 May	Wednesday, 8 June
Spelling	\$11.00	Tuesday, 20 May	Tuesday, 21 June
Writing	\$16.50	Tuesday, 20 May	Tuesday, 21 June
English	\$7.70	Tuesday, 1 July	Tuesday, 2 August
Mathematics	\$7.70	Tuesday, 1 July	Tuesday, 16 August

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE OFFICE

UPCOMING EVENTS - FEBRUARY/MARCH 2010

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, 15 February	Dragon's Visit to Year 3 to 6—12.30 pm
Wednesday, 16 February	District Swimming Carnival P & C Meeting—Staffroom, 6.30 pm
Thursday, 17 February	Welcome Back Breakfast—8.30 pm—Gold coin donation
Friday, 18 February	Assembly—Swimming Ribbons will be presented—2.30 pm
Monday, 21 February	Harmony Day—wear something orange
Tuesday, 22 February	Vision Screening for Kindergartens
Wednesday, 23 February	Scripture begins
Friday, 4 March	Clean Up Australia Day Assembly—2.30 pm
Monday, 7 to Friday, 18 March	School Swimming Scheme
Thursday, 17 March	Selective High School Testing
Friday, 18 March	Assembly—2.30 pm
Tuesday, 29 March	School Photos

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WOLLONGONG OLYMPIC JUNIOR
FOOTBALL CLUB**

Registration Day: Saturday, 19
March 2011

Both Boys and Girls

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