

GWYNNEVILLE PS

NEWSLETTER



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Term 4: Week 10 Issued: Wednesday, 11 December, 2013

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013/2014

**TERM 4—DECEMBER/
TERM 1—JANUARY**

Thursday 12/12

Talent Show—12 noon
Mufti Day—Gold Coin
Cake Stall and raffle draw

Friday 13/12

Assembly—Hall 2:30pm
Yr 6 and Kindergarten item

Tuesday 17/12

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18/12

Last Day for Students

JANUARY

Wednesday 29/1/14

Students Years 1-6 return to school—a new year begins

Wednesday 29/1 to Friday 31/1

Kindergarten Best Start
Assessing— Please don't forget
your allocated time given to all
new Kindergarten students.

Monday 3/2

Kindergarten classes begin



The Principal

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents attend our Annual Presentation. Congratulations to all of our students for their fantastic efforts and achievements throughout 2013. It has been another outstanding year at GPS.

MRS CHRIS THORNE RETIREMENT

I would like to wish Mrs Thorne all the best for her retirement. She has demonstrated a great love of teaching over the years and enjoyed teaching English to our international students. She will be greatly missed. Mrs Krauss will be teaching the ESL program next year.

TALENT QUEST/CAKE STALL

The Talent Quest will start at 12 noon, followed by recess at 1:30pm and the cake stall. We will assemble back in the hall at 2:00pm to draw the raffles. Please feel free to attend.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We would appreciate any donations of girls school dresses from Year 6 students who are leaving us.

Mrs Payne

SPORT NEWS

Thank You to all parents, children and carers who have helped and supported our school sports programs this year. As without all your support we wouldn't be able to provide all these opportunities for our children.

We hope to see you all again next year as we have some new programs and ideas that we will be running.



IMPORTANT

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



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

P & C Meeting

GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL - STAFF ROOM

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
WILL RESUME 19/2/14**



SCHOOL NEWS

MORNING AFL PROGRAM 2014

In Term One next year we will be running a Thursday morning AFL Program 8:00am -9:00am, the cost will be \$10 for the 6 weeks and all participants will receive a ball. If you would be interested in your child attending please fill in the slip below

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I would be interested in finding out more information about the Thursday morning AFL Program in 2014.

Parents Name: _____ Student's Name: _____



Thank You & Farewell from Mrs Thorne



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our Mini-Global Highway last week. Parents, teachers and students gave lots of positive feedback about the day's events. Our donation to the victims of the Philippines disaster collected last Thursday will be sent through one of the charitable organisations involved in that region.

In addition, I say farewell to the whole school community after many years of being the ESL teacher at Gwynneville. I will be retiring from teaching at the end of the year. I came to Gwynneville in 1985 as a young 32 year old and now in my 61st year I've decided it's time to take on some new adventures.

Gwynneville is not an easy place to leave ... not because of the school buildings nor the beautiful grounds or the great staff or the supportive parent body but because of its wonderful students. And for me, it's been my wonderful ESL students who have mostly come to us from overseas. We've all worked hard to improve their English and in return they've enriched our lives with their interesting personalities and by sharing their interesting cultures with us.

I wanted to leave a little parting gift for the school and I decided on a bird bath for one of our gardens. My choice of gift was motivated by a painting which hangs in the school foyer near the staffroom door. It's a painting of a baby bird, a fledgling ... a little bird that can't fly. The painting was donated to the school over 25 years ago by one of our Chinese fathers. He explained that when his daughter, Shi-Yuan, came to our school, her English competency was similar to the baby bird's flying ability. When she came to leave us some two years later, Shi-Yuan could communicate and learn in English and she was ready to 'fly'.

When you're out in the playground, you might sometimes look at the bird bath and remember all those many hundreds of 'fledglings' Gwynneville has taught to 'fly' and have since flown off to many different parts of the world.

I thank you all for your friendship and support over many years. I wish you all health, happiness and success wherever in the world your adventures take you. Happy holidays!

Thank you, Mrs Christine Thorne



AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students

SILVER

KDL	Nathan Kusuma	Mohaimen Moh	4L	Rafid Rahman	Yi Wen Yang
K/1H	Sabari Panicker				

GOLD

KDL Quaylah Davey, Prakriti Gurung, Kitana Harris, Gursimrat Kaur, Tamara Smith, Phuong Tran, Samuel Villarey

K/1H Sarah Al-Shaibani, Selwyn Lever, Quinn Macpherson, Semee Park, Bening Rembulan, Preksha Tandan,

1/2A Abbey Towers,

2/3K Dede Artha Guna, Sandon Hale, Xavier Lapa, Kai Lovegrove, Emily Poposki, Aidan Raphael,

3K Carl Casanova, Isaac Georgeou, Isabella Jiang,

HONOUR

Saffron Butler **2/3K**

MONEY COLLECTION NEW CHANGES

All money will need to be **clearly labelled** with your **child's name, class and the activity** and ***placed in the wooden box in the Office on arrival at school before the first bell.*** Please have correct money in the envelope as we do not have change facilities.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Parents and Guardians please notify the office of any medical conditions that your child may have developed over the time your child has been attending our school. There is a medical form to fill out in Office. If you have already completed a medical form recently there is no need to complete another one.

Examples of illnesses are: Asthma, Allergies, hospitalisation for a medical problem, diabetes and Epilepsy.

LIBRARY NEWS

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY HAS NOW CLOSED FOR STOCK-TAKE. COULD YOU PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO RETURN ALL SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS AND HOME READERS AS WE MUST ACCOUNT FOR ALL OUR RESOURCES.

WOLLONGONG CITY LIBRARY OFFERS FREE MEMBERSHIP AND CHILDREN CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMER READING CLUB OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

THANK YOU

MRS CATHIE HANCOCK



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Saturday 21 December from 6:00pm—9:00pm Wollongong Botanic Gardens
Register at www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/botanicgarden as places are limited
Gates open from 5:00pm

FREE Children's Dance Classes – Term 1 2014

Dance World is offering one term of **free** dance classes in Jazz, Ballet, Tap or Hip Hop. (New students only.)
For more information visit www.danceworld.com.au,
email doug@danceworld.com.au or call Doug on 0421 712 749.



7/54 Montague St, Nth Wollongong



Places are limited, so please phone and book in: Nowra: (02) 4423 2170 or Fitzroy Falls: (02) 4887 7270

What is *Discovery*?

Discovery is National Parks and Wildlife Service's state-wide environmental education program. Through our walks, talks and tours we aim to foster enjoyment of our national parks and provide visitors with an opportunity to see how we manage reserves for natural and cultural heritage conservation and recreation.

What is *WilderQuest*?

WilderQuest is an innovative, fun children's program which combines digital and real-life adventures that encourage children to engage in nature. WilderQuest includes the WilderQuest website, iPad app, Discovery activities and teacher resources.

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service developed WilderQuest so that kids can explore and experience the wonders of the natural world all around them. To find out more visit: www.wilderquest.nsw.gov.au

Note to participants:

Bookings are essential to ensure places in the activities. Printed finishing times are approximate and activities may be cancelled or altered due to unforeseen circumstances.

Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult (the child rate is for children aged 5–16 years: children under 5 years attend free). Family rates are for 2 adults and up to 3 children.

When attending activities, please bring drinking water, appropriate clothing (particularly footwear), sun protection and a snack.

Vehicle entry fees apply in some parks.

general information phone: 1300 361 967

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

MULAN THE MUSICAL

Directed by Heather Riley UOW Bachelor of Performance

14 February to 22 February 2014
At Bexley R.S.L.

(Tickets to their last show, "Seussical" started at \$10.00 for children under 12)

Visit: www.theregals.com.au
for further information

A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WISH

TO ALL OUR
AND THEIR



STUDENTS
FAMILIES

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try keep it all the year. Charles Dickens

Visit our website: www.gwynneville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au