

# GWYNNEVILLE PS

# NEWSLETTER



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**Term 1: Weeks 6 & 7 Issued: Wednesday, 6 March 2013**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013

### TERM 1— MARCH/APRIL

#### MONDAY 25/2

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL—  
COMMUNITIES BEGINS FOR  
3-6

#### MONDAY 25/2 TO 8/3

SWIMMING SCHEME

#### THURSDAY 14/3

HOT DOG DAY

#### FRIDAY 15/3

ASSEMBLY 1H—ART  
2:30 IN HALL

#### THURSDAY 21/3

MUFTI DAY—EASTER EGG

#### MONDAY 25/3

SCHOOL PHOTOS

#### TUESDAY 26/3

EXCURSION—KILLALEA 3K &  
4L

#### THURSDAY 28/3

EASTER HAT PARADE

#### FRIDAY 29/3

GOOD FRIDAY—NO SCHOOL

#### MONDAY 1/4

EASTER MONDAY—NO SCHOOL

#### TUESDAY 2/4

STUDENTS RESUME



## The Principal

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our students who participated in our recent swimming carnival. I was impressed to hear about some students in particular, who weren't necessarily great swimmers, getting in, having a go and trying their best. Well done everyone!

**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS** to Miri Nayagodamu and Sebastian Mackintosh who represented GPS at the Regional Carnival yesterday. Sebastian came second in the backstroke and Miri came 7<sup>th</sup> in the 50m freestyle out of thirty competitors. Sebastian is now off to State. Well done to you both!

The World of Maths was once again a huge success. The students enjoyed the large variety of interesting "hands on" activities that they were exposed to on the day. The children said they liked 'the Koala Sanctuary because it was fun', 'the Cube that we needed to have a square, triangle and circle on each face was a brain teaser', 'the Postbox because it was challenging' and 'the Farmer Joe activity was great because it challenged your mind'.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE** of the date for school photos, Monday, March 25. Envelopes along with payment need to be ***returned the Friday before, March 22***. The students are required to wear summer uniform. On the note of uniforms, I am concerned about some of the shoes the children are wearing to school. The P&C have put a lot of time and effort into choosing a uniform that really stands out



## IMPORTANT

GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
IS A NUT FREE ZONE



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

## P & C AGM Meeting

GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL - STAFF ROOM  
6:30PM

**TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2013**



and encourages the children to take pride in their appearance and the school. Please note that our school uniform policy is black school shoes or black joggers.

**SWIM SCHOOL** has run smoothly and I'm told that the children are all progressing with their swimming skills. We have been extremely lucky with the weather!

**ON MONDAY** we welcome back Mrs Ahearn from her Long Service Leave. I would like to thank Mrs Seymour for the outstanding job she has done whilst teaching 1/2A.

**PARENTS PLEASE REMIND** your child/ren to take their money envelope out of their bag and give it to their teacher. Could you check their bag in the afternoon to see if this has been done. This will ensure that your child/ren do not miss out. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Thank you to all the parents who have been helping the office ladies by completing the money envelopes with their child's full name and class etc. Your help is very much appreciated.

#### **HEAD LICE**

There has been an incident of head lice in the school. Would all parents please check their child's hair. It is departmental policy that any child found with head lice will have to be sent home to receive treatment.

I will be absent this coming Thursday and Friday to attend the Regional Principal's Conference.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **CRICKET**

Congratulations to Alexander Baulch for making it to the Northern Illawarra Zone Cricket Trials.

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Alex Sekuljica has made it to the next level of district Rugby League Trials. Good luck Alex!

#### **SWIMMING**

Well done to all those swimmers who competed at the District Carnival last week.

Sebastian Mackintosh and Miri Nayagodamu made it to the next level of competition at the Regional Swimming Trials this week. We are very proud of you both.

#### **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS SPORTS PROGRAM**

Our After Schools Program has now been running for the past two weeks. We have been blessed to have good weather and all the children have been having lots of fun learning new skills and playing new games.

We have five weeks left of the current program Primary—Mondays 3:15-4:15pm and Wednesday Infants 3:15-4:15pm.

**Thank you** to the following parents who helped time keep and record at our recent School swimming Carnival and the District Carnival:-

Lisa Lay	Liz Mackintosh	Amanda Atsas Will and Cheryl Lovegrove
Alison Hall	Peter Moules	Chris Coombs Sue Wakeford

We appreciate your help and support as without you all we wouldn't be able to run our school carnivals.

#### **REMINDER**

School Cross Country will be on Wednesday April 3. Children can start training now.  
Mrs Devlin

#### **Stewart House**

2013 Donation Drive envelopes have been enclosed with this newsletter. A \$2.00 minimum donation will enter you into the competition with the first prize being a \$4,000.00 family holiday. Please give the envelope to the teacher.

## AWARDS

### Congratulations to the following students

#### BRONZE

<b>K/1H</b>	Abdulelah Albalawi	Izzuddin Human	Quinn Macpherson	Semee Park	Tabitha Watts
<b>5B</b>	Isabella Thew				

### Congratulations to the Students below who have received their awards last Assembly

<b>K/1H</b>	Christian Anagnostopoulos	Shi-Lee Hunt	Selwyn Lever	Riley Robinson	Preksha Tandan
<b>4L</b>	Parnia Azarnoush	Zati Bayani	Yasmin Butler	Maurice Lam	

#### AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS 2013

A letter was sent home yesterday outlining the University of NSW competitions for English, Mathematics, Science, Computer Skills, Writing and Spelling for this year. **The competitions are for Years 3 to Year 6 children.** Would you please read the note carefully and if you wish your child to enter one or more of the competitions, complete the form and send the form and the correct money in an envelope to the class teacher as soon as possible. If your child is entering more than one competition and if you are able, it would assist the office ladies if the total amount could be paid. If you are unable to do this, it will be necessary to fill in a form each time you wish your child to enter one of the competitions and enclose correct money and form and send to the class teacher. Additional forms are available from the office if you need them. **It is most important to make sure money is sent in before the closing dates listed in the letter, as NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED.**

#### MONEY COLLECTION AND ENVELOPES

Throughout the course of the school year our office ladies are required to receipt a great deal of money in varying amounts. To help them in this work I would ask parents to assist in the following way -

- ♦ **Fill in the permission note with all the details required** - your child's name (given and surname), class, activity, amount of money to be enclosed, signature of parent, date, etc.
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- ♦ Have the **correct amount of money in the envelope.**
- ♦ When completed, ask your child to **give the envelope to the child's teacher (not the office).**

Thank you for your anticipated help in the above - it will be greatly appreciated by our staff.

#### LOST CLOTHING BASKET

This is now overflowing, not only with school clothing but other items including two dolls, one large fluffy soft toy rabbit, soccer boots, purple lunch box and four drink containers. Please check to see if any of the clothing or other items belong to your child and importantly, ensure that all items of your child's clothing or school equipment are clearly labelled with a name. This will save money spent in replacing children's lost clothing and assist our staff.



## University Hockey Club

### Minkey Hockey

Wollongong University Hockey Club caters for **under-7** and **under-9** boys and girls who wish to play Minkey (modified) hockey. If you are interested in trying a new sport, contact Wendy Condon: [greg.wen@optusnet.com.au](mailto:greg.wen@optusnet.com.au)

## FIGTREE PHYSIE

*Girls 3Yrs - Ladies: Dance Your Way to Fitness*

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*New Modern Mirrored Large Studio*

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### EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013 AND IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international 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 hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia  
Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit [www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student)

**We have to believe in free will. We've got no choice. Isaac Bashevis Singer**

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