

GWYNNEVILLE PS

NEWSLETTER



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013

TERM 1— MARCH/APRIL

THURSDAY 21/3

HARMONY DAY

FRIDAY 22/3

MUFTI DAY—EASTER EGG

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

MONDAY 25/3

SCHOOL PHOTOS

TUESDAY 26/3

KILLALEA EXCURSION -YEARS 3, 4

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

THURSDAY 4/4

CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY 5/4

ASSEMBLY—CROSS COUNTRY

RIBBONS PRESENTED

WEDNESDAY 10/4 TO FRIDAY 12/4

BATHURST EXCURSION-YEARS 5, 6

FRIDAY 12/4

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL -TERM 1

MONDAY 29/4, TUESDAY 30/4

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS-NO STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 1/5

STUDENTS RESUME AT SCHOOL



The Principal

The Term is certainly flying by, I can't believe that it's Week 8 already!

EASTER HAT PARADE

The students are busy making their Easter Hats for the Parade. The Parade will be held in the Hall on Thursday, 28 March starting at 2:00pm. The Easter basket raffles will be drawn after the Parade.

HARMONY DAY

Thursday, 21 March is a day for all Australians to celebrate Cultural Diversity as well as the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Tomorrow we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day has special significance for all of us here at Gwynneville Public School as we celebrate many cultures coming together from around the World. The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia. The children will be involved in activities within their own classrooms.

WELCOME TO WOLLONGONG CIVIC RECEPTION

Senior students in Years 3-6 will be walking to the University tomorrow to perform at the "Welcome to Wollongong Civic Reception". The students will perform at 12:25pm on the Duck Pond lawn.

MUFTI DAY

Friday is our Easter Mufti Day. The students are asked to come dressed in sensible casual clothes and bring a donation for the Easter Raffles.

PHOTO REMINDER: PLEASE NOTE of the date for school photos, Monday, March 25. **Envelopes along with payment need to be returned by Friday, 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 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.



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
6:30PM

TERM 2 - WILL BE ADVISED



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.

CHANGE OF CLASS NAMES

To help clarify class names the following changes have been made –

- 2.3PK (Mrs Pitt-Kelly is the teacher) **is now known as 2.3K**
- 3MK (Miss Kelly is the teacher) **is now known as 3K**

Would you please be careful when filling in money collection envelopes or permission notes to use the new, correct class name. There is no alteration to the classes – children will still be in the same class.

We hope that this will prove easier for parents when filling in money envelopes and permission notes and it will also help our office ladies.

Just a reminder about money collection and envelopes – parents are asked to assist in the following way –

- ♦ Fill in the permission note with all the details required – your child's name (given and surname), class, amount of money to be enclosed, signature of parent, date, etc.
- ♦ Fill in the details on the money envelope with all the details required – child's full name, class, activity, amount of money, signature, date.
- ♦ 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday, 22 March is 'National Ride to School Day'. Mrs Devlin will be doing safety lessons this week. Please remember when you are riding to school:-

Wear a Helmet

Check your bike

Follow road rules

DISTRICT TRIAL FOR NETBALL AND BOYS FOOTBALL

NETBALL

Both Ruby Thompson and Emma Mackintosh recently trialled for the C. W. P. S. S. A. Netball Trials at Berkeley. It was a very hot afternoon and both girls played well. Ruby Thompson was successful in being selected and will now go on to represent at the Zone Carnival.

BOYS FOOTBALL

Alexander Baulch, Dominic Nikolovski, Ekoue D'Almeida, Mason Mavridis and Harrison Anagostopoulos trialled for the C. W. P. S. S. A. Boys Football team at Nareena Hills Public School. All boys are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and outstanding sportsmanship. Special mention for Mason, Ekoue and Harrison who gained selection in the District Football Team whose next Trial is on today.

CROSS COUNTRY

Will be held on Thursday, 4 April 2013

Venue: School Playground

Time: 9:15–11:10am

Program of Events: 9:15 - 12/13 girls
- 12/13 boys
- 7 year girls/boys
- 6 year girls/boys
- 5 year girls/boys

Fruit Break Juniors

10:00am approx. - 8/9 year girls/boys
- 10 year girls/boys
- 11 year girls/boys

* * If time permits a Parents Fun Run with their children.

The P & C will be supporting this event and a sausage sizzle will be available for sale on the day. It would be

fantastic if all children could wear their house colours. We will remind all children what houses they are in this week.

GIPPS - RED
HOSKINS - GREEN
WISEMAN - YELLOW

Mrs Devlin

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Just a quick note informing you that on Wednesday, 27 March, 2013 there will be **NO** 'After School Program' running. Therefore, you will need to organise with your child to be picked up as a normal school day. Mrs Devlin

NOTICE CHANGE FOR AWARDS

Awards will not be published in today's newsletter as there is no assembly next week due to it being a public holiday, Good Friday. Awards will be published in our next newsletter in Week 10, Wednesday 3 April and will be presented at the next assembly on Friday, 5 April.

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.**

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.



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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.

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Don't fail for want of trying - give it a go. W.G.P.

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