

GWYNNEVILLE PS

NEWSLETTER



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Term 1: Week 2 Issued: Wednesday, 5 February, 2014

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014

TERM 1

Tuesday 4/2

Swimming Carnival
Dragons Visit

Friday 7/2

Assembly-Swimming Ribbons
Hall at 2:15pm (note time change)

Wednesday 12/2

Scripture begins

Thursday 13/2

Mufti Day-Fundraiser for Sarah
Wharton

Wednesday 19/2

P & C Meeting-

Friday 21/2

Assembly-Student Representative
Council

Monday 24/2 to Friday 7/3

Swim School

Wednesday 26/2

District Swimming Carnival

Friday 28/2

Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 7/3

No Assembly-Due to Swimming

Thursday 13/3

Mufti Day-Worlds Greatest Shave
Kindergarten-Vision Screening

Wednesday 19/3

Ride to School

Monday 31/3

SCHOOL PHOTOS



The Principal

Welcome Back to Everyone

This week we welcomed our Kindergarten students. The children have all settled into "Big School" extremely well. This is largely due to the excellent organisation and hard work of our fantastic Kinder teachers. As you could imagine, it is no easy task placing students into classes. Please be aware that the students are not placed in classes on their ability levels. Due to us being a smaller school, to keep our class sizes down, we have many composite classes. However, students are grouped within their own class to ensure they are working at the expected grade level and to ensure that their individual needs are met.

Most of you would be aware that sadly, one of our Year 6 students Sarah Wharton suffered a stroke last year. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Sarah and her family at this difficult time. We would like to have a Mufti Day (children come dressed in casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation). This will be held next Thursday, February 13.

Our school assemblies are held in our hall, usually on alternate Fridays, this year starting at 2:15pm. The class that is running the assembly is advertised in the school newsletter that goes home fortnightly. Kindergarten students will not be attending the assembly tomorrow as we will be handing out swimming ribbons.

We are hoping to have our newly refurbished canteen up and running soon. Parents would have received an expression of interest to volunteer to help in the canteen earlier this week. Thank you to those parents that have responded already. The canteen can only operate with parent assistance.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

The teachers will be holding their Parent Meetings over the next two weeks. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and



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

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

**6:30PM IN STAFFROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME**



SCHOOL NEWS

be informed about class routines etc. These will be held in each of the classrooms. Classes and times are as follows: -

Thursday 13/2 at 8:40am

1J, 2/3A

Friday 14/2 at 8:45am

KDL, KS, K/1H

Friday 14/2 at 8:40am

1/2K, 4M, 5B, 6E

Thursday 20/2 at 8:40am (week 4)

3/4L

WARATAHS VISIT

On Wednesday 29th January our school was fortunate to have a visit by some of the NSW Waratahs players. We were part of a great race where the players were given clues about where they had to go and once they arrived they were then given tasks. Our school tasks for the players were to participate in some drills related to rugby union and then present a talk on leadership.

The players who we worked with were Dave Dennis (the captain), Mitchell Chapman, Cam Crawford and Peter Betham. They told us stories about their primary schools years, their role models and their sporting achievements.

The children in years 5 and 6 enjoyed hearing their stories and running around with them in the playground.

If you are interested in following the NSW Waratahs this year their website is futuretahs.com.au

Go the Waratahs !!!

Mrs Devlin

DRAGONS VISIT

On Tuesday, 4 February The St George Illawarra Dragons visited the whole school to present their new NRL program, Tackling Bullying.

As a school we will be trialling the lessons in our classes.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, 4 February we held our school swimming carnival at Unanderra pool. The weather wasn't the warmest, but we had 45 very keen swimmers willing to brave these conditions. This was probably the largest number of children we have had attend a swimming carnival in the past couple of years and it was a pleasure to see. We had children compete in all events from the 8 years – 12 years.

The level of sportsmanship demonstrated by Gwynneville students was a pleasure to watch. Encouraging students to finish races and cheering their teams in relay events.

A great big **thank you** to all those parents who transported children to and from the carnival and braved the elements to do the timekeeping. It is much appreciated as without your help and support we would not be able to run these carnivals for the children of Gwynneville.

Ribbons for the swimming carnival will be given out at this Fridays assembly.

The District Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday, 26 February at Western Suburbs Pool, Unanderra. Notes for those swimmers attending will be given out shortly.

Mrs Devlin

AFL MULTICULTURAL PROGRAM

Last year, as a whole school, we participated in the AFL Multicultural program. As part of the program this year we are able to offer a morning program to students at Gwynneville public school. The program will cost \$10. The children will receive a ball and bag.

The program will run for six weeks and will be on a Monday morning, 24 February 2014 at 8:10-9:05am.

Cost: \$10 (this includes a football)

Please tell Mrs Devlin AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if INTERESTED.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Once again this year we will be running The Active After schools program. Our focus for this term will be tennis. Our days for term one will be Tuesday and Wednesday. We will not be offering the program to kindergarten in term one. Once we know numbers we will then be able to confirm days eg years 1-3 Tuesday and years 4-6 Wednesday.

If you are interested in having your child attend the program you will need to fill out the expression of interest slip and return it to Mrs Devlin by Friday, February 14 2014.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS MORNING PROGRAM EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I would like my child Class to participate in the Active After Schools program Term 1.

Parents signature

Date

MONEY COLLECTION

All money will need to be **clearly labelled** with your **child's name, class and the activity** and ***placed in the brown 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 NEW 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 OR new students, there is no need to complete another one.

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

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

West's Netball Club

Registration Day - Saturday 8th February 10.00am - 2.00pm

West's Illawarra Leagues Club

Ages - 5 years and up

Registration Enquiries can be sent to westsnetball@hotmail.com or information can be found on our website www.westsnc.nsw.netball.com.au

Thankyou

Vanessa Sturman

Registrar

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

THEATRE SCHOOL

CALL NOW TO ENROLL

The Illawarra's only full time professional theatre company is now offering classes at the Woonona School of Arts on Mondays starting Feb 3 and will also continue classes at Gwynneville Public School on Thursdays.

Classes On Offer

Mondays	8-12 Years	4:00pm - 5:00pm
	12-18 Years	5:00pm - 6:00pm
	Adults 18+	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursdays	8-12 Years	4:00pm - 5:00pm
	13+ Years	5:15pm - 6:45pm

FEE STRUCTURE: \$12.00 per hour session

\$18.00 per hour and a half session

TO ENROL VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR

CALL IAN ON 4267 3920



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A good listener is the wisest of persons. W.G.P.

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