Welcome Back
Welcome to all of our new families. I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday break. All of our students have settled quickly into their new classes, particularly our Kindergarten students who will have a very exciting year ahead of them.

We endeavour to have excellent communication with our parents and carers. Our newsletter is sent home every second Wednesday and uploaded to our Website and mobile phone app. PLEASE find instruction on page 3. You can also like us on Facebook.

Classes 2015
The classes for 2015 are:
K/H Miss Habak
K/L Miss Lawrie and Mrs Krauss
K/1E Mrs Ellison (formerly Miss Leddy)
1/J Mr Jennings
1/2S Mrs Stewart
2/A Mrs Ahearn
3/M Mrs McGee and Miss Mckernan
4/5K Mrs Kelly
5/B Mr Burns
6/E Mrs Eshman.

It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Davis. We wish her all the best in her new appointment at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School.

Assembly
Whole school assemblies are generally held the Friday of Newsletter Week at 2:15pm. Classes take turns in presenting an item and merit certificates are presented. We encourage parents and carers to attend. Our first assembly will be Friday, February 20 to hand out swimming ribbons.

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GWYNNEVILLE PS
NEWSLETTER

Term 1: Week 1
Issued: Wednesday, February 4, 2015

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015

TERM 1

Monday, 9/2
Dragons Visit—Years K–6

Wednesday, 11/2
Scripture begins

Thursday, 12/2
Hawks Visit—Years 5–6

Friday, 13/2
Book Club orders return

Wednesday, 18/2
Swimming Carnival—12—3pm
P & C Meeting—Staffroom 6:30pm

Friday, 20/2
Assembly—Ribbons awarded—Hall at 2:15pm

Monday, 23/2 to Friday, 6/3
School Swimming Scheme

Thursday, 12/3
Japanese Students visiting

Wednesday, 18/3
P & C Annual General Meeting—Staffroom 6:30 pm

Monday, 30/3
School Photos

The Principal

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
Wednesday, 18 February 2015
6:30pm in staff room
All are welcome
SCHOOL NEWS

SCRIPTURE
Scripture lessons begin next Wednesday morning, February 11, for Greek Orthodox, Muslim, Catholic and Protestant denominations.

Library
Mrs Hancock (our teacher/librarian) is busy organising resources for all of the classes. Structured library lessons will begin next week over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Your child’s teacher will inform you of their library day. Please ensure that your child has a library bag.

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSIONS
Teachers will be conducting their parent/carer information sessions over the next two weeks. This is an opportunity to get to know your child’s teacher and clarify any concerns and ask questions. If you have questions or concerns at any time regarding your child, please don’t hesitate to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher or myself. My door is always open. Please find following the timetable indicating the allocated dates and times for the parent meetings.

Parent Meetings
KL Thursday 12 February 8:40am
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K/1E Tuesday, 10 February 8:40am
1J Wednesday, 18 February 8:40am
1/2S Wednesday, 11 February 8:40am
2A Wednesday, 11 February 8:40am
3M Wednesday, 11 February 8:45am
4/5K Monday, 16 February 8:45am
5B Thursday, 11 February 8:40am
6E Thursday, 11 February 8:40am

SPORT
Mrs Devlin has been busy as usual organising lots of fun sporting activities for the children this Term. K-6 classes had a fabulous time playing soccer with Mr Soccer

SWIMMING SCHEME
School Swimming Scheme will be starting on Monday, February 23 and will finish on Friday March 6, 2015.
Children attend lessons at Unanderra Pool each day, leaving school at 12:45pm and arriving back at 2:30pm.
Swimming lessons are provided at no cost but there will be a cost incurred for the bus to and from the pool.
A note has been sent home for students in Years 2 & 3 this week and will need to be returned as soon as possible as spots are limited with only 60 places available. Notes will be sent home to years 4 to 6 next week
Once the first 60 notes are returned we can not accept any other students.

CHESS CLUB
Starting this term on a Friday at recess Miss McKernan will be having Chess Club in the library. If you are interested in attending please see Miss McKernan for more details.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our school carnival is on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Unanderra Pool.
The carnival is for all children who are 8 years or older and can swim 50m.
A note will be going home this week and will need to be returned as soon as possible.
We will need parent helpers on the day to help with time keeping.
We hope to see lots of competitors this year.

Date to remember: District Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

Mrs Devlin and Mr Burns

MR SOCCER
Mr Soccer is a school program with not only a focus on soccer coaching and development but also educates children in a fun way about healthy eating and living.
On Monday the whole school participated in both skills and drills on a large blow up soccer field.
We will be continuing the soccer skills and drills program later in the year but this week’s activities were just an introduction.
Gwynnsville Public School is being considered as a Hub School for their holiday programs.
This will be a free activity for our students to enjoy.

AFL VISIT
Over the next four weeks all students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in a 40 minutes skills and game sessions with our local AFL Development Officers.
We have been doing this program for the past couple of years and the students really love being involved in all the activities.

DRAGONS VISIT
On Monday, February 9 the dragons will be visiting
our school to discuss some of the programs that they run with the local community as well as spending some time talking to our stage three students.

This year the dragons have published a school diary for students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Last week I was fortunate to attend the launch of the Diary at Keiraville Public School. I found the diary to be an important resource as it enabled the students to be better organised with their work and upcoming events. It provides healthy living with focuses each week and tips.

The cost of the diary is $6 and if you would like to order one please see Mrs Devlin.

Focus for this week
“Get Active”

Tip
“Play outdoors with friends and exercise daily”

This week try and see how many times you can go outside and play.

DISTRICT CRICKET TRIALS
This Friday three of our Year 6 students will be attending the District Cricket Trials. Good Luck to Lalith and Brody. Good Luck from all of Gwynneville.

Gwynneville Public School Website
Our school website is another way that you can keep up to date with what is or has happened in our school.

www.gwynneville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Crunch and Sip Reminder
Crunch and Sip is a primary school program where children crunch on fruit and/or vegetables and sip water at a set time during class every day. A quick reminder about our Crunch and Sip fruit break. Please ensure when sending in fruit or vegetables for students that the pieces of fruit are not too big as the children only have a short break and many students were not finishing their fruit and just throwing it into the compost bin.

Cut the fruit into small pieces if possible please.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
This year we will once again be participating in The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen garden program. Stage Three will be working in the garden to plant, maintain and harvest seasonal foods, while in the kitchen each fortnight we will cooking our produce to make some delicious tasting plates.

This year we will be looking for volunteers who could spare some time to either work in our garden or help in our kitchen on cooking days.

If you are interested please come and see Mrs Devlin

Year 6 Café
One of the fundraising activities that Year 6 do each year is our café.

For term One we will be selling Zooper Doopers, ice cream cones, cupcakes and jellies. All items will be 50c.

Students from Year 6 will be operating the café each Monday outside the Year 6 classroom..

Skoolbag App
If you haven’t already downloaded our free skoolbag app then now is the time to do it. Please follow the instructions below. This app will allow you to receive updates and reminders about what is happening in our school and any notices from your classroom teachers.

Skoolbag app for school communication for parents
If you are a parent and your school has Skoolbag, you can install the app on your phone or tablet device by following these instructions:

For iPhone & iPad users:
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your apple device.
2. Type school name in search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “open”.
6. Select “ok” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “more” button on the bottom right of the App, then “setup”.
8. Toggle on the push categories that are applicable to you.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google A/c before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “install” button.
Wednesday Afternoons:
4-7 year olds – 3:45-4:30pm
8-13 year olds – 4:30-5:30pm
At Kutumba Yoga
Ralph Black Drive, North Wollongong
Friday Afternoons:
4-7 year olds – 3:45-4:30pm
8-13 year olds – 4:30-5:30pm
At Fairy Meadow Demonstration School
Yoga teaches kids
Social skills
Anxiety management
Focus
Self esteem
Healthy choices
Motor skills
Values
Lifelong skills for happiness

For more information or to book please call Simone on:
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Experience The Magic Of Hosting

"In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he really did that. He has become our teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is growing up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn’t have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in July 2015

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"Your value does not decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth." Unknown