Term 1: Week 8  Issued: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

**SCHOOL CALENDAR  2015**

**TERM 1**

**Wednesday, 18/3**
WAVE FM Breakfast–7am
P & C AGM—Library 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, 24/3**
Harmony Day

**Wednesday, 25/3**
Yoga classes—to replace
Friday, 27 due to X Country

**Thursday, 26/3**
Edmund Rice Band—9am
Easter Hat Parade &
Raffle drawn—Hall at 1:45pm

**Friday, 27/3**
School Cross Country
Hot Dog Day
Assembly—X Country
ribbons given—Hall at
2:30pm

**Monday, 30/3**
School Photos

**Tuesday, 31/3**
Australasian School
Competitions due

**Tuesday, 31/3 to**
**Thursday, 2/4**
Bathurst Excursion—
Years 5 & 6

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**ETHICS CLASSES**

Ethics classes are available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture. The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes. This curriculum is available for children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Classes are inquiry based and children use discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

If your child does not attend Scripture lessons, I would encourage you to enroll them in the Ethics class. The classes will run at the same time as scripture. If you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child, please return the slip overleaf.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Thank you and well done to all of our families that donated to our Easter Raffle. We have 50 prizes for the raffles. Don’t forget to return your raffle tickets soon. Thank you also to Nicole Formosa for doing an amazing job of the baskets.

**EASTER HAT PARADE**

Due to the large number of prizes we received, we will be doing half of the raffles starting at 1:45 in the Hall, followed by the Parade and then the final raffles.

**WAVE FM BREAKFAST**

A reminder that the children are invited to be at school tomorrow morning from 7:00am for breakfast and activities.

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**IMPORTANT**

GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE

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

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**P & C Annual General Meeting**

GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2015

6:30PM IN LIBRARY

ALL ARE WELCOME
3-6 CHOIR
Mrs Ahearn and Mrs Eshman are currently forming the Senior Choir. So far 40 children have signed up. The Choir will perform at the Choral Festival in Term 3.

PARENTS ONLINE PAYMENTS
Gwynneville Public School is introducing a new and exciting way to pay your child’s fees, excursions etc online.
As from Monday, March 23 you will notice a new icon on the front page of the school’s website ‘Make a Payment’. Click on this link, enter your child’s name and date of birth (these are mandatory fields). Select which payment and the amount you would like to pay, then your bankcard details. This is a very secure site through the Westpac Bank.
If you need any help or further information contact the school office.

LOWES -SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE
20% sale on now for all school uniforms.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS 2015
The University of NSW is again conducting competitions in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Writing and Spelling. These competitions are set and marked externally and each child receives a certificate and a comprehensive evaluation of their results. They are quite demanding but many Gwynneville Public School pupils enter each year and enjoy the challenge the competitions offer. If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions please complete the application form that went out on Monday. All forms and money must be returned to the school by the dates shown on the form. No late payments will be received. Cheques are made payable to Gwynneville Public School.

STEWARD HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE
Please find enclosed with this newsletter, bags for Stewart House. Now is the time to go through your cupboards and remove old clothing that you no longer wear or want. Place the old clothing in the bag and return to the school office by Friday, May 1.

SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER
Parents please fill in the envelope and return to the school office and place in the brown box. The school office will have some spare envelopes and sibling photo envelopes if required.

DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Last Friday, Kristian and Brody attended the Central Wollongong Rugby League Trials at Figtree. Kristian was selected in the 11 Years Team and Brody in the Opens. The boys will now go to the Central Wollongong Trials on Tuesday, March 24 where a team will be selected to attend the South Coast Trials.

NORTHERN ILLAWARRA ZONE TRIAL
Good Luck to Zac, Josh and Yasemin who will be attending Soccer trials on Wednesday, March 18.

REGIONAL SWIMMING
Sebastian swam at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto. Sebastian was placed third in all three of his events; 50m freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke and will now be competing at the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26.

STATE KNOCKOUT CRICKET
Our school cricket team will be playing their second round of the State Knockout against Austinmer Public School at Beaton Park on Thursday, March 19 starting at 10:30am. Good Luck from all of Gwynneville.

STATE KNOCKOUT SOCCER
This year Gwynneville Public School will be entering both a girls and boys Soccer State Knockout Teams. I know Mrs Ellison has already had a very enthusiastic group of girls training for their first round in early Term 2 against Mount Ousley. Mr Jennings will be planning some training sessions for our boys team who will also be playing Mount Ousley early next term.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
With only two weeks until our school cross country all classes have been doing some running games, relays and distance running during our daily fitness. The carnival will run from 9:30am -11:10am with a program to be sent home soon. The course will be run around our school grounds. Children aged 5, 6 and 7 years will run around the two bottom ovals while the children aged 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 will run a longer course. From our school carnival a team will be selected from children who are aged 8-12 years to attend the District Carnival next term. Parents are most welcome to attend and cheer on their children.

SCIENCE EQUIPMENT
Thank you to all those families who have sent shoe boxes, plastic bottles, magazines, seeds and Chinese take away food containers in for our science units. Please keep bringing these items in, we really do appreciate it.

KITCHEN / GARDEN
Last week we had our first kitchen garden lesson with Years 5 and 6 with our focus looking at rules in the kitchen and cutting skills. In the garden the children looked at tools and safety when working in the garden. The groups that worked in the kitchen practised cutting skills using our bridge and tiger claw while cutting up lots of fruit which in turn was made into fruit kebabs.
Garden groups also harvested some very large zucchinis, tomatoes, berries and chillies.
Anyone who is interested in helping in the garden or with the kitchen program please let Mrs Devlin know.
**End of Term Assembly**
Our end of term assembly will be on Friday, August 27. At this Assembly we will be handing out the Cross Country Ribbons for those students who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their age race. The class SRC representatives; Ayele and Lalith 5/6E, Emilia and Isaac 5B, Lukas and Brinley 3/4K, Matthew and Jonah 3/4M, Alexia and Maxwell 2A, Chanelle and Kevin 1/2S will be presented with their badges. Our very talented school band will also be performing.

**Hockey**
Are you looking for a winter sport to play that is lots of fun? Well, hockey may be the game for you. If you are a boy or girl aged between 5 and 13 UOW Hockey Club needs extra players to fill their junior teams. No experience is necessary. Teams train on Tuesdays at the University from 4.30–5.30pm with games played on Saturday mornings. If you think that you might like to have a go at hockey this winter come and see Mrs Devlin and she will give you some more details.

**Mr Soccer**
Mr Soccer is coming back to Gwynneville! Yes Mr Soccer will be at Gwynneville Public School during the school holidays operating full day clinics. Clinics will be on Tuesdays, April 7, 8, 9 and 10. Cost: $50 per day or pay for 3 days and get the 4th day free. Time: 9am – 3pm If you are interested in attending please see Mrs Devlin to give you more details.

**School Athletics Carnival**
Our school Athletics Carnival will be on Friday, April 24 at Beaton Park. A permission note will be going home in the next couple of weeks.

**Ethics Class Return Slip**
I would like my child to attend Ethics Class.

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**NEWSLETTER OPTIONS**
At the beginning of Term 2 we will be only sending home newsletter to families that request this option. The school newsletter is accessible through the Skoolbag app available on all smartphones or on the schools website – www.gwynneville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. If you are unable to access either of these options and would like to still receive a printed copy of the school newsletter please complete the form below and return it to the brown box in the school office.

**RETURN SLIP**
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**AWARDS**
Congratulations to the following students

| BRONZE |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| KH | Amalia | Ash | Emily | Gerald | Mohammad | Tye | Zihan |
| KL | Bao | Julia | Kyle | Sam | Shreya | Tamikah | Tiara |
| 1J | Abdulmohime | EJ | Jenna | Rohan | | | |
| 1/2S | Chanelle | Keira | Kevin | Matthias | | | |
| 2A | Armin | Bryan | Jerome | Kamal | Keeley | Maxwell | Niamh |
| | Sabari | Xander | | | | | |
| 3/4K | Aidan | Saffron | William | | | | |
| 5/6E | Louise | Miri | Shada | Zati | Zaynab | | |
Brinlay Paints

A big thank you to Brinlay Paints for the assistance and knowledge given to the school.

428a Princess Highway, Corrimal

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Entertain the kids this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids’ and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, slide kids, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Kids’ Day Camps start from $47. Family Camp weekends start from $63 per day for kids and $96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free, cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).

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Auskick (ages 5 to 8) Under 14’s
Under 10’s Under 16’s
Under 12’s

North Dalton Park, Towradgi
All Age Groups for both Boys and Girls
$60 Registration

“Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible.” Corrie Ten Boom