What a great Term we have had. A very big thank you to all of our teachers for their amazing hard work. The children have been involved in so many fun sporting, cultural and academic activities this Term. Thank you also to our parents for all of their great work in organising and running the fundraising activities that assist us in purchasing resources for our school.

I hope you all enjoy the break. I will be on leave the first three weeks of Term 2. I will return Monday, May 11. Mrs Eshman will be relieving principal during my absence. Mrs Devlin will teach 5/6E.

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 schools’ 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 credit card details. This is a very secure site through the Westpac Bank.

If you need any help or further information contact the school office.

STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE
Please place the old clothing in the bag and return to the school office by Friday, May 1.

STATE KNOCKOUT CRICKET
Our school cricket team played Austinmer Public School in the second round of the State Knockout. Our boys put up a gallant effort but Austinmer Public School just proved to be too strong on the day. Well
done boys a great achievement to make it to the second round. Thank you to Mr Burns for all his time and effort that he put into the team over the last term.

NIZ TRIALS - SOCCER
Josh, Zac and Yasemin attended the Northern Illawarra Zone trials last week. The trial was against students from schools as far north as Helensburgh and south as Dapto. Zac, Josh and Yasemin all displayed outstanding sportsmanship and showed plenty of skill. Josh was selected as a part of the Northern Illawarra Zone Team and will now trial on Tuesday in Kiama for selection in the South Coast team which plays at the State Carnival next term.

NIZ RUGBY LEAGUE
Kristian and Brody represented Central Wollongong at the Northern Illawarra Zone trial last Tuesday. The boys played two games on the day against other teams from our zone.

Kristian was selected in the NIZ under 11’s Team and will now travel to Ulladulla to trial for selection in the South Coast Team.

STATE SWIMMING
Sebastian attended the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush last Wednesday and Thursday. He competed in the Freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke.

What a great achievement Sebastian. We are all very proud of you.

KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM
Year 5 and 6 have been working hard to get their knife and wheelbarrow licenses this term. They have also been working hard in the garden getting it ready for our cooking lessons next term.

A great big thank you to Nicola Cooke for the donation of some hoses from Hoselink. These will be used regularly in our garden and will help to keep our garden well watered.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
A great big thank you to all our students who ran in the cross country last Friday. Not all of us are long distance runners but I was so proud of all those boys and girls who never gave up and completed their races.

Thank you also to all those parents, grandparents and family members who attended on the day and supported the children.

The District Carnival will be on Friday, May 1 at the Kembla Joggers Track, West Dapto. A note will be going home early next term.

A full team list will be posted outside Mrs Eshman’s room on the noticeboard.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REMINDER
We have already sent home a School Athletics Carnival Note. Our carnival will be on Friday, April 24 which is the first Friday when we come back to school. It would be appreciated if you could please bring your note and money; into the office by the end of this term.

If you need another permission note there is one attached to the newsletter.

MR SOCCER
Mr Soccer will be using Gwynneville Public School as a base for their soccer holiday program. If you are interested in attending these school holidays please see Mrs Devlin for more details.

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.

Mrs Devlin

CHESS CLUB
Congratulations to Aidan, Jonah, Callum, Peli, Zoe, Christian, Akhtar and Daniel who will be representing Gwynneville Public School in the NSW Primary Schools Chess Competition early next term.
Best of luck!
Miss McKernan
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.gwynnevill-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.

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RETURN SLIP
I would like to receive a printed copy.
Name of child: ____________________________ Class: _______________
Parent signature: ________________________

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015—Permission Note
Friday, April 24, 2015 -Term 2 Week 1

I give permission for my child _______________________________ of Class _________ to participate in the Gwynneville Public School Athletics Carnival on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Beaton Park Track and Field.

I understand the children will be walking to and from Beaton Park.

Please place this permission note and $5.00 per child to cover the school's hiring expenses and 50c per adult attending the carnival into an envelope with child’s full name and class and place in the brown box at the school office.

Parent's name (please print): __________________________
Parent's signature: ________________________________
Changes to the P&C Executive
At the March Annual General Meeting the P&C positions were filled for the year ahead and we bid thanks and farewell to those who fulfilled the roles in 2014.

Thank you to our outgoing Treasurer, Debbie Robinson, who did a great job managing the accounts in 2014. Thanks also to Stuart MacPherson, Secretary, and, Simone Hackett and Koa Towers, Canteen Coordinators.

A huge thank you to Michelle Nayagodamu, who has been P&C President for the past 4 years and who has also taken on other tasks as required, literally being the “go-to” person in any emergency. No single person can manage all the work that Michelle did on behalf of Gwynneville P&C but collectively we are going to try. Thanks again Michelle.

Welcome to our new P&C Committee members:
Katie Singh, President
Maria and Jason Raso, Co-Vice-Presidents
Nicole Formosa, Secretary
Michelle Nayagodamu, Treasurer and mentor (yay! She’s still here!).

Recent achievements and news
Thank you to all families and friends who contributed to Harmony Day, the Easter raffle, cross-country day and the Election Day BBQ. The Easter raffle raised over $1,000, the cross-country hotdog day raised over $600 and the Election Day BBQ also raised over $600. The P&C committee will be working with the Principal to draft a “wish-list” for 2015 and we will let you know how your contributions continue to benefit the school. At the moment we are focussing our fundraising efforts on tablets for classrooms and funding for specific creative arts events.

Future events to mark in your diary
Tuesday, 5th May: Mothers Day stall
With the help of volunteers we will again be running a Mothers Day stall where children can buy a small gift.

Sunday, 21st June: Bunnings BBQ
The P&C will be running the Bunnings BBQ to raise money for our school.

We are also planning to hold a trivia night and a car boot sale later in the year.

Next P&C meeting:
Wednesday, 29th April at 6pm – all welcome

Canteen
Canteen will be CLOSED this week, Thursday, 2nd April.
Canteen will be open for SNACKS ONLY on Thursday, 23rd April and will be closed Friday, 24th April due to the Athletics Carnival.

Please get in touch
If you have any ideas for cross-cultural celebrations and events, fundraising ideas, comments, questions or suggestions, please get in touch with your P&C.

We are always looking for more participants and input from our wider school community.

Please drop a note into the P&C box, or, email pcgwynneville@gmail.com
School Holiday Yoga for Kids

Wednesday, 15th April

- 4-7 year olds 9-11am
- 8-12 year olds 11:30-1:30pm

Cost: $40 per child

Includes:
- Full kids yoga class
- Yoga craft
- Healthy food making.
- Morning tea for 4-7’s
- Lunch for 8-12’s

Kutumba Yoga
4/3 Ralph Black Drive
North Wollongong

Yoga teaches kids:
- Social skills
- Anxiety management
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- Self esteem
- Healthy choices
- Motor skills
- Values
- Lifelong skills for happiness

For more information or to book please call Simone on: 0428 90 98 95

simone@yogabears.com.au
www.yogabears.com.au
‘Yoga Bears Kids Yoga’ on Facebook

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Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries. The day runs from 10 am-3 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

COST: $40 PER CHILD, and includes:
- Rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Date

Lake Illawarra Thursday, 9th April 2015

To book, ring Stephen Thurstan, Primary Industries NSW, Ph 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au


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School Holiday and After School Activities

SCHOOL-HOLIDAY-VACATION-CARE
Fun-Damentals provides ACTIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE for your child. No matter what skill level your child is at they will have a great time at our centre. Each day they will learn skills in all major sports as well as play lots of fun games and activities. We also provide so much more than just sports. We have loads of activities, arts and crafts and games that cater for all interests!

Where: Lindsay Park Primary School – Fitzroy
When: Each day of the School Holidays and the first Pupil Free Day
Time: Holidays – 8am – 6pm (quiet games after 4pm)

Cost: $15/ child $30, 2nd child $45, 3rd child $60 (We are eligible for the Child Care Rebate and Benefits – All parents should get one or both of these and at least 50% off the cost – enquire for more information)

For more information:
Website at www.fundamentals.com.au
Facebook page – search for Fun-Damentals School Holiday Activities in Wollongong
Contact: Daniel Mon on 0423661911 or danielleeley@hotmail.com

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