We have lots of great activities planned for this term. On Thursday, March 17 we will be celebrating Harmony Day. This is always a wonderful day that sees us come together to share our cultures and indulge in traditional foods. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

We have once again secured a visit from the Edmund Rice Band. In the past they have been fantastic and the students have really enjoyed their performances. They will be performing in the hall Thursday, March 25 at 9:10am. Parents are most welcome to attend. We will be asking for a gold coin donation to support the Band.

Congratulations to all of our students that attended the swimming carnival last Friday. I believe the children were all outstanding representatives of Gwynneville Public School. Well done to you all. The ribbons will be handed out at this Friday’s Assembly at 2:15pm in the Hall. The students will now begin training for the Cross Country which will be held later this term.

I would like to remind parents not to drive into the school car park at anytime, as this is a restricted area. This is for the safety of all our children. Children are to be picked up outside the school grounds unless they are injured.

Our school photos will be held on Wednesday, March 9. Please return the MPS Order envelopes to the school office with the correct money enclosed or order online by the due date. If you require a family order envelope please call at the school office.

Parents could you please complete the Gwynneville Public School Pupil Information Sheet attached to this newsletter. This information will enable us to update and confirm our records. Thank you.
STAGE 3 BERRY CAMP
A reminder to all students attending the camp to please return their medical form to Mrs Eshman as soon as possible.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Well done to all those boys and girls who attended our school swimming carnival last Friday.

Thank you to all those parents who helped out on the day. We appreciate the support you gave the children.

Thank you also to Mr Burns for all of the time that he puts into organising the carnival so that it runs smoothly on the day.

Ribbons will be given out at this week’s assembly. A list of children who will be attending the District Swimming Carnival will be announced this week and notes will be sent home as the District Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday, February 24.

DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS
Over the coming weeks District sports trials will be happening for a number of sports. Last week we had Charith attend the District Cricket Trials and Nathan, Xavier L and Jonah attend the Basketball Trials.

Well done to all boys who attended the sports trials. Congratulations to Xavier L who was selected into the District Basketball Team to attend the Northern Illawarra Zone Trial on Friday. Good luck from all of Gwynneville Public School.

BOYS STATE KNOCKOUT SOCCER TEAM
Mr Jennings and Mr Burns will be holding trials for the school soccer team to play in the State Knockout. Mr Jennings will let you know which lunchtimes the trials will be happening. These trials will be for boys in Years 4-6.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR OUR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
The date for our School Cross Country has been changed to Thursday, April 7, 2016.

SCHOOL MURAL
Looking for ideas and helpers for our School Mural “Every Face has a Place”. Please see Mrs Devlin.

DRAGONS VISIT
As a part of our health unit Year 6 have been working from the “Dragons Diary, The Best You Can Be” and promoting positive body image and healthy lifestyles. On Friday, Dan Hunt will be visiting 4/5B and 6E as a part of the program.

SWIMMING SCHOOL
Swim school places are complete and we have a waiting list if any student cancels. Thank you for your support in this very important program. Mrs Ahearn and Miss McKernan will be supervising the children. They will depart the school each day at 1.25pm and return before the end of the day.

NEWSLETTER OPTIONS
Our newsletter is available on the Skoolbag App and the Gwynneville PS website. The school will still supply newsletters to families who would like a hard copy.

Could you please fill out and return the slip at the bottom of the last page of this newsletter if you do not wish to receive a hard copy of our newsletter.

SKOOLBAG APP
If you haven’t already downloaded our free skoolbag app then now is the time to do it. Please follow the instruction 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.

Download 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 notification, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CANTENE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
LIBRARY NEWS
All library classes have commenced. Please ensure your child brings a LIBRARY BAG to borrow books for home. Kindergarten lessons will be on Wednesdays. Tuesday classes 4/5B, 3K. Thursday 3/4J, 2M, 2A.
Help needed by any parent who can offer time to cover our library books
Thanks
Mrs H

School Banking Account
Opening Day

Gwynneville Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.
To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.
The rewards available during 2016 are:
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm
School Banking day is FRIDAY. Each week you need to bring your completed deposit book along with your money hand it to your classroom teacher

WE WILL BE HOLDING AN ACCOUNT OPENING DAY AT OUR SCHOOL:
Time: 8.40am
Date: This Friday 19th February 2016
Location: Asphalt area – Front of office (subject to weather)
If you are an existing you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.
Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Have you ever wanted to have a go at BMX racing? Feel the thrills of having a go at the newest Olympic Sport. Well here is your chance. Southlake/Illawarra BMX Club is the only BMX Club in the Illawarra area and is located in the Croome Road Sporting Complex located on Croome Road, Albion Park.

We are having a FREE Come and Try Day. Saturday 20th February 2016
From 10am to 1pm
We have riders ranging in age from 4yrs to 65yrs so anyone can come and have a go.
For safety reasons all participants must wear a FULL FACE HELMET, gloves, long pants, long sleeved top, shoes and socks.

Please bring a road worthy bike with working brakes. We will have limited helmets and gloves available to use or you can bring your own.
Full canteen facilities will be available.
For all enquires contact Andrea Dallinger 0418 245 268
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Registration for Term 1 is on Monday 8th February 2016 - from 9.30am.
Room 12 - Holy Spirit College, Bellambi
Enrolment via Canley Street. Cnr Park
Classes start on Monday 15th February 2016

Cost per lesson
$10 for first child
$5 for second child
$3 for third child
$1 for fourth child

ITALIAN AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM

ITALIAN CLASSES
MIDAY AFTERNOONS
4.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Classes run during school terms
For students from Kindergarten to Year 12
Classes will be held at Holy Spirit College, Bellambi

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Child’s name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________
Parent signature: ___________________________