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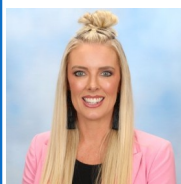
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Newsletter Term 3 Week 4 Wednesday 13 August 2025

Principal's Message



It's been another vibrant and inspiring fortnight here at Gwynneville! Our classrooms and playgrounds have been filled with learning, laughter and moments that remind us of the strong sense of community we share. I am continually proud of the way our students strive to do their best, support one another and live our school values every day.

Education Week, Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week

Term 3 is always a busy term celebrating and recognising many wonderful things happening in Public Education. At Gwynneville we have decided to recognise the 3 wonderful initiatives (Education Week, Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week) and celebrate all events in the same week.

In Week 6 Gwynneville will be holding a week of celebrations. This year's Education Week theme is 'Ignite your Potential'. It is a celebration of the commitment of the NSW Department of Education to ensure that ALL students are at the heart of learning and that every school improves every year.

Education Week/Book Week/Literacy and Numeracy Week are times for parents, carers, grandparents and community members to connect with our school and join in celebrating students, staff and school achievements. We have planned a number of events to showcase our wonderful school.

Thursday 28 August

- Book character parade- 9:30am
- Open classrooms- 10:30am-11:10am
- Picnic lunch (Bring your own)-11:10am-11:55am

Students will be involved in a number of activities throughout the week including: book trivia, treasure hunt, literacy and numeracy activities afternoon, colouring in competition, whole school Kahoot challenge and so much more.

We really look forward to seeing you all at some stage during the day.



Tournament of Minds

Our Tournament of Minds team is working hard to finalise their challenge to present to the judges in the coming weeks. They have been working tirelessly with Mrs Hogan and Mrs Eshman. Tournament of Minds is a fantastic program that provides students with the opportunity to develop their higher order and critical thinking skills. I wish the students all the very best in the last few weeks of preparation. Our TOM team will be displaying their knowledge and teams challenge at the University of Wollongong on Sunday 24 August.

Good luck to all of the wonderful students involved.



Celebrating NAIDOC Week at Gwynneville

On Friday 1 August, our school came alive with colour, music, stories and traditions as we celebrated NAIDOC Week. Students took part in a variety of cultural activities that deepened their understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and traditions. From learning traditional games and hearing Dreaming stories to creating beautiful artworks and exploring Indigenous symbols, the day was a rich and meaningful experience for all.

One highlight was the chance for students to taste a sample of freshly made traditional damper. A 'delicious' reminder of the importance of food in culture and community.

Thank you to Miss Lawrie and Mrs Ellison for their hard work and dedication in organising such a wonderful day of learning and celebration, and to the students from Wollongong High School for sharing their time, knowledge and skills with us. It was a powerful reminder of the value of respecting, honouring and celebrating our Indigenous and First Nations people.



Choral Festival

Last week, our talented Gwynneville students lifted their voices in harmony at the Choral Festival. Their beautiful singing, enthusiasm and commitment shone through every song, perfectly reflecting our school values. Listening to their voices blend so confidently and joyfully was a moment of real pride for me as Principal. Our choir truly embodied the spirit of our school.

A big thank you to teachers for their dedication, preparation and encouragement, which ensured our students could share their love of music with such success.

Congratulations to all involved, you have made Gwynneville proud!

Fathers Day Stall

Our P and C Father's Day stall will take place on Tuesday 2 September. Please make a note in your diaries to remember to send your child with money on the day to pick something nice for their special person.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2026

We are now taking Kindergarten 2026 enrolments for Gwynneville Public School. If you are planning to send your child to Kindergarten in 2026, it is important that we know as soon as possible. Please drop into the school office to collect an enrolment form or complete and online enrolment form.

If you know someone who is considering enrolling their child here in 2026, please pass on this message. We understand that the enrolment process, especially for a first child, can sometimes be confusing. We are more than happy to answer questions and provide guidance, so please encourage families to contact the school for support.

If your child will not be returning to Gwynneville Public School in 2026, we ask that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Our staffing is based on the number of students enrolled, and having accurate information helps with our planning and organisation for next year.

Have a great fortnight.

Keep smiling 😊

Mrs Tenae Carroll



Sport News

State Netball Championships

Good luck to Ambrose S who will be competing at the NSWPSA Boys Netball Championships this week in Coffs Harbour. Games will be livestreamed on the NSWPSA website.

District Athletics

Firstly, I would like to thank Mr Burns and Mrs Eshman for their support with the school athletics team. It was a long day in the wind and the rain for competitors, officials and spectators. Everyone that competed on the day showed true Gwynneville spirit and there were some great results. We had children who achieved personal best results and placed in the top ten.

Congratulations to Camilla C, Kobi T and Keith C. Good luck at the South Coast carnival at Beaton Park on 5 September.

Best you can Be

On Tuesday Stage 3 completed an outdoor session with Courtney from the Dragons as a part of their in school program.

League Stars

Last Friday all classes K-6 participated in a 45 min introductory lesson about Rugby League. A flyer was sent home for anyone who might be interested in participating in the 6 week program. This will run on from next Wednesday, 20 August, after school 3:20-4:20pm. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Devlin.



Library News

Book Week is nearly here, I hope you've got your costumes ready for our school parade.

Book Fair

Our school Book Fair will be in the Library from Monday 25 – Friday 29 August where you can purchase books to raise money for the school library. Information will be sent home next week.

The library will be open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, afterschool and during the Book Week activities on Thursday if you would like to purchase any books.

Book Week Activities

Date : Thursday 28 August

Parade

Time : 9:20am -10:30am

Concrete area outside the office

Open Classrooms

10:40am -11:10am

Picnic Lunch

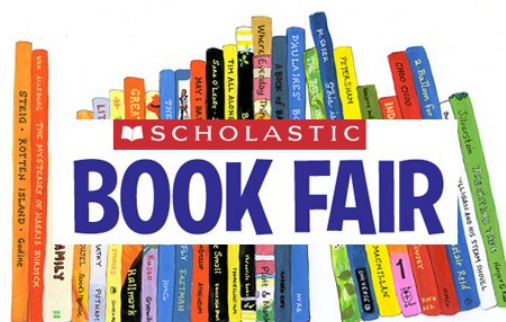
11:10-11:50am

Literacy and Numeracy Activities

12:00-1:25

Whole School Quiz in the hall

2:00 -2:30pm



Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character!

Book Week Competitions

Photo Competition

We're on the hunt for the most unusual reading spot! Take a photo of yourself in your favourite place to read — it could be up a tree, in a cubby house, or out in the garden.

You can print your photo and bring it to the office, or hand it directly to Mrs Devlin.

Entries close Wednesday, 27 August and winners will be announced in the hall on Thursday, 28 August.

Writing Competition

Do you love writing? Here's your chance to share your creative skills!

As part of Book Week, we'll be holding a special writing competition. All you need to do is create a story inspired by this year's theme: 'Book an Adventure'.

Categories: Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3.

Prizes will be awarded on Thursday, 28 August in the hall.

Drawing Competition

We have some outstanding artists within our school and this is your chance to express yourselves. We will be holding a drawing competition, all you need to do is come up with an illustration that is inspired by the book week theme "Book an Adventure".

Categories: Kindergarten, Stage 1 Stage 2 and Stage 3

Prizes will be awarded on Thursday 28 August in the hall.

Colouring Competition

For those students who love to colour in, we will also be having a colouring competition. This is open to all Stages and will be available next week. The winners will be announced at the hall on the 28 August.

Guessing Competition

We will be have a guessing competition running throughout book week where you can guess how many bookworms there are in the jar.

1 Guess = 20c

The winner will be announced in the hall on Thursday 28 August.

Mrs Tracy Devlin



GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Book An Adventure

BOOK WEEK

NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK

Ignight Your Potential

EDUCATION WEEK

BOOK FAIR

CELEBRATIONS!

25TH-29TH AUGUST

THURSDAY:

BOOK WEEK PARADE

9:30AM

OPEN CLASSROOMS

FROM 10:50AM

PICNIC LUNCH

WITH PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

DOING THINGS TOGETHER ROTATIONS

MIDDLE SESSION

WHOLE SCHOOL KAHOOT

AFTERNOON SESSION

BOOK FAIR

RUNS ALL WEEK IN THE LIBRARY



Created by Miss Nelson.

AWARDS—Week 4 Term 3 2025



K RED	Jinan H, Leo M, Noor H,
K/1 YELLOW	
1 PINK	
1/2 BLUE	
2/3 GREEN	Bilal A, Yusuf A, Asha C, Zarmisha K, Mohammed S, Percival S, Indi T, Mahmoud A, Luke B, Leo L, Hamza P
3 LIME	Olivia M, Marla M, Ella J
3/4 ORANGE	Christopher Graham
4/5 BROWN	Felix H, Sethumi P, Archie M, Laelieasha T
5/6 MAROON	Eddy D, Biak T, Arham K, Finn D, Maddison M, Kloe G, Maryam T, Yousef A, Poppy K, Manvitha G, Samantha H, Tshewang S, Chol R
6 PURPLE	Pavle V

The Awards from Week 2 and the above Awards will be presented at the assembly on
Friday 15/08/25

@ 2:00pm in the school hall.

All welcome.



K-Red



In Week 2, K-Red and K/1 Yellow celebrated 100 days of learning, laughter, and new adventures! Students enjoyed a fun-filled day with exciting activities, from counting to 100 in different ways to creating colourful crafts and cookies. A highlight of the day was playing games with our Year 6 buddies, sharing lots of smiles and teamwork. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how much we have learned and grown since the start of the year.









Last week, K-Red and K/1 Yellow participated in the League Stars program, enjoying an energetic session filled with fun games and skill-building activities. Students practised tagging, dodging, dummy passes, and other ball skills, while also building teamwork, coordination, and confidence. It was a fantastic morning of active play and smiles all around!



Clean Energy Sparks Bright Ideas Across the Illawarra

A new kind of energy is lighting up dinner table conversations across the Illawarra and it's coming from our Year 5 HPAG EXTEND students who are currently taking part in a new STEM Sprint that aims to inspire future clean energy innovators by exploring real-world problems and challenges we face with rapidly increasing energy demands and a direct need for sustainable sources.

Thanks to the support of BlueScope WIN Community Partners, Green Gravity, and Inside Industry, students participated in the Clean Energy Tour, touring the steelworks to better understand renewable energy innovations taking place and those planned for the future. Back at the visitor's centre students were getting hands-on with solar panels, hydrogen fuel cells, saltwater electrolyzers, wind turbines.

Students will use what they've learned to design and test their own clean energy solutions, leading up to the Innovate for Impact Showcase, where teams will pitch ideas to local industry mentors. It is a fantastic opportunity to grow young minds, spark big ideas, and show students they really can help shape the future. We can't wait to see what they come up with!

Mr Russ Taunton (IAST) & Ms Erin Lam (HPAG Extend)



Choral Festival

Last Thursday, 7th August, our Year 3-6 Choir performed in the 68th Annual Choral Festival at Wollongong Town Hall. The children rehearsed during the day and then returned to perform in the evening. Our individual performance was outstanding, with the choir singing “A Million Dreams”.

The behaviour of all 61 students was impeccable, both at the rehearsal and during their performance, and they were a credit to their families.

It is always one of the highlights of my year to train such an enthusiastic group of children to such a high-performance standard and both Mr Burns and myself were extremely proud of them.

Congratulations to Dayandi and Samantha H. for successfully auditioning for solo parts in two of the Massed Choir items.

Well done everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES 2025

Term 2

Week 4	
Wednesday 13/08/25	League Stars—after school program
Friday 15/08/25	Assembly— 5/6 Maroon @ 2pm
Week 5	<i>Book Week</i>
Monday 18/08/25	Stage 3—Hawks visit
Tuesday 19/08/25	Japanese Visitors 12-3pm
	Regional Spelling Bee
Wednesday 20/08/25	League Stars—after school program
Week 6	<i>Book Fair</i>
Monday 25/08/25	Edmund Rice Band performance 12pm
Wednesday 27/08/25	League Stars—after school program 3.20pm - 4.20pm
Thursday 28/08/25	Book Week Parade
Friday 29/08/25	Assembly—3/4 Orange
Week 7	<i>Literacy and Numeracy Week/SASS Recognition Week</i>
Tuesday 2/09/25	Father's Day Stall
Wednesday 3/09/25	League Stars—after school program 3.20pm -4.20pm
Friday 5/09/25	Regional Athletics Carnival
	Assembly—K/1 Yellow
Week 8	
Monday 8/09/25	P&C Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 10/09/25	League Stars—after school program 3.20pm-4.20pm
Thursday 11/09/25	Are you OK? day
Friday 12/09/25	Gala Day
Week 9	
Wednesday 17/09/25	League Stars—after school program 3.20pm-4.20pm
Saturday 20/09/25	P&C Garden Tidy Up & Working Bee 8am-11am
Week 10	
Friday 26/09/25	Assembly—K Red

P&C NEWS



This year, P&C funds will be used to upgrade and purchase laptops & devices for students learning – as well as ongoing contributions towards fun events and excursion costs.

**Wed
23/07**

Turn your artwork into treasured items or gifts. P&C fundraiser to transform your child's artwork into a personalised waterbottle, tea towel or mug of your choice. Details coming soon.

**Tues
02/09**

Fathers and Carers Day Stall. Students can purchase from a range of gifts for their special supports in their lives. Prices range from \$2 - \$10. A small amount of gifts will be available 03/09 till 9:10am

Volunteers needed for Fathers & Carers Day Stall

**8:30am to 11:30am Tuesday 2nd September &
8:30am to 9:30am Wednesday 3rd September**

If you are able to help out either day please get in touch via email or leave your name and number with the canteen and we'll be in touch.

**Sat
20/09**

Garden Tidy Up & Working Bee from 8 - 11am
Come join families in our school community for a morning of light garden chores, conversation and fresh air.

Join us for our next P&C meeting:

NEW TIME 6pm !!

Monday 8th Sept (Term 3, Week 7)

To share your ideas, feedback or you require more info, please get in touch:

pcgwynneville@gmail.com



GPS P&C FUNDRAISER



**GPS P&C is excited to launch a creative fundraiser
featuring your child's artwork!**

**Your child's drawing will be printed on a range of fun
and practical items- perfect as keepsakes or gifts for
family and friends.**

**You're welcome to invite cousins, neighbors, and family
friends to join in and place orders. The more we sell, the
more funds we raise!**

ORDERS & PAYMENT DUE BY 20TH AUGUST

How it works?

- Place your order by scanning the QR code or returning the attached form with correct cash to the office
- Receive a template
- Return your child's drawing (due 27th August)



Please note there is a 10 weeks
turnaround for collation and
production- estimated return of
completed products 21/11/2025.
No late orders can be accepted. If
you have any questions or need
more info please get in touch
pcgwynneville@gmail.com

GPS P&C FUNDRAISER

Your child's drawing will be printed on a range of fun and practical items- perfect as keepsakes or gifts for family and friends.

Name:		Contact Number:	
Child's name (if applicable):		Child's class:	
Product	Cost	Qty	Sub Total
Pictureclock (25cm melamine)	\$35		
Pictureplate (25cm BPA-free melamine)	\$30		
Water bottle (600mL, Aluminium)	\$30		
Tote bag (48x35cm polyester)	\$30		
Small Clock (20cm MDF)	\$30		
Mug (250mL, ceramic)	\$25		
Mug (250mL, plastic)	\$25		
Water bottle (400mL, Aluminium)	\$25		
Pencil case (28x14cm, polyester)	\$25		
Mouse pad (20x25cm, rubber-backed)	\$25		
Table mat (20x26cm, MDF)	\$25		
Calendar (2026)	\$20		
TOTAL			
Total Enclosed			

Please note there is a 10week turnaround for collation and production. No late orders can be accepted. If you have any questions or need more info please contact Amy W via pcgwynneville@gmail.com

GPS P&C FUNDRAISER

Orders open until 20th August



Calendar
A\$20.00



Mouse pad
A\$25.00



Pencil case
A\$25.00



Picture Clock
A\$35.00



Picture Plate
A\$30.00



Plastic Mug
A\$25.00



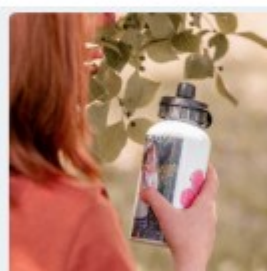
Small Clock
A\$30.00



Table mat
A\$25.00



Tote bag
A\$30.00



Water Bottle 400ml.
A\$25.00



Water Bottle 600ml.
A\$30.00



The canteen is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. View menu and order through myschoolconnect.com.au


CANTEEN Kat
 Celebrating Education and Books 2025



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1. Blue Jelly
2. Chocolate & White Chocolate Mousse
3. Mini Sausage Rolls
4. Sushi Bites
5. Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows
6. Yoghurt or Custard with Hidden Treat
7. Pizza & Cheesy Taco Pieces

All items \$2.50
 Available over the counter
 at breaks while in stock.
 Funds raised will go to your
 school library or book fair





TIPS TO INCREASE VEGETABLES IN THE LUNCHBOX



Vegetables are packed with vitamins, minerals and fibre to help with healthy growth and development. Vegetables will help to strengthen your child's immune system and ensure they are healthy to learn and play at school. We know not all kids love vegetables. Here are some top tips for ways to include more vegetables in the lunchbox. Remember, there's a rainbow to choose from.

1. INVOLVE YOUR CHILD IN LUNCHBOX PLANNING

- First, find out what vegetables your child likes and discuss ways they would enjoy them in the lunchbox.
- Explain to your child the need for vegetables. Focus on things that are important to them like 'it will help you learn and play'.
- Children are more likely to eat what's packed when they're involved in the planning and preparation. Involve your child with the washing, peeling and chopping of vegetables
- Try the SWAP IT everyday lunchbox planner with your child. [Download the PDF](#) and add to your fridge to easy planning.
- With your child, allocate a compartment or section of their lunchbox that is only for vegetables.

2. ADDING COOKED VEGETABLES TO THE LUNCHBOX

- If your child prefers cooked vegetables, then why not try adding cooked vegetables to their lunchbox.
- Cook extra vegetables the night before and store them in the fridge ready to be added straight to the lunchbox. Our favourites include homemade sweet potato wedges or corn on the cob.
- Add dips such as hummus and dress the vegetables in lemon juice for a zing.

3. ADDING RAW VEGETABLES TO THE LUNCHBOX

- Choose bite sized vegetables like cherry tomatoes, baby cucumbers and snow peas that require minimal preparation.
- Cut vegetables into smaller pieces to make them easier to eat e.g. carrot, cucumber and capsicum sticks.
- Pack cherry tomatoes in a small container to avoid them getting squished.
- Chop extra vegetables the night before while you are making dinner to save time in the morning.
- Colour and crunch – choose vegetables in a variety of colours and textures to keep things exciting. Why not try our [rainbow vegetable vegetable kebabs](#).
- Pack raw vegetables with a dip or cheese to make them more appetising.
- Include salad vegetables such as lettuce, spinach, tomato and cucumber on a sandwich, wrap or roll.

4. HIDING VEGETABLES

- Try to include as many raw vegetables as possible first as this will save you the most time. If you're struggling to get your child to eat any vegetables, then it's time to try hiding them. See our vegetable recipes for more ideas.





Kindergarten 2026 enrolments



Gwynneville Public School is now taking Applications for Enrolment for Kindergarten 2025.

Enrolment is applicable to children who turn 5 before July 2026 and are school ready.

Application for enrolment forms are available from the office or you can enrol online:

<https://gwynneville-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Please contact the school if you have any questions



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