School Swimming Scheme now finished for another year. Swimming Instructors were really impressed with the behaviour of our students once again. Good to see all the kids made progress, especially those reluctant swimmers from the K-2 room.

Well done to the P&C hosting the Inaugural Garage Sale. Despite the bad weather all the feedback was really positive and looks like something we can continue and share with community. It was great to hear the students performed their ValleyFest piece to an appreciative audience once again.

With the summer season upon us it is time to make arrangements for the bushfire season. A letter will be sent home today for your information.

Also those students wearing mufti to school need to adhere tounsafe clothing recommendations (no singlets or sleeveless dresses please).

Thank you to the parents that made the time to come along and hear about Visible Learning and how it will work in our school. Exciting times ahead!

You may have noticed a new face around school lately, Maya Barnes has now been accredited as our official Story Dog. Story Dogs improves children's reading and communication skills by empowering a powerful method - reading to loveable, gentle dogs. Just another way we deliver innovative literacy for all learning styles here at Goonengerry.

Our end of year Concert is almost upon us. Thank you to Sue for her dedication to this Goonengerry tradition. We are aware the concert date is also Byron Bay High Schools' year 7 orientation day and are working around this. The show will go on on Thursday, 3 December at Repentance Creek Hall, 6pm – gold coin donation on the door please.

## Important Dates

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Our **end of financial year** rollover happens next Tuesday, can you please settle outstanding accounts, especially swimming costs and Year 6 students. If you are having difficulties with payment, please talk to Mandi and keep us in the loop.

This is also the time where we set budgets and staffing allocations for 2016. If you have a child starting **Kindergarten** with us or know someone who is, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Don’t miss the **Christmas/Gift Cards** on sale now. The students have selected their favourite piece of artwork to include on the cards, with all designs available to view on the front counter. We can print orders of individual students or mixed packs. See Mandi in the office.

**Tracey Barnes**
**Principal**

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
One of our focuses for 2016 is rebooting the PBL program. We will determine the needs and priorities of our school, and look at how we explicitly teach desired and expected behaviour. This is a collaborative process with staff, students and parents, where we will develop a matrix of expectations.

We have begun by identifying three main expected behaviours as:
- Respectful
- Safe
- Learners

PBL is based on the premise that students need to be taught explicitly how to behave appropriately in different schools settings. The photo below is an example of our students modelling how to be safe at the end of the day.

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**Student Achievements**

**Congratulations to the following students:**

K-2 **Star Student** to **Esiaha** for great class focus and trying really hard with this writing; and **Aelewan** for beautiful bookwork.

3-6 **Star Student** to **Bella** for embracing a leadership role across the school; and **Song** for being courteous at all times.

**Happy Birthday**

Simon for 6\textsuperscript{th} December

**From Ange**

It’s always amazing to hear what past students are up to and have an update on their lives. Goonengerry has helped to foster some fabulous talents in so many areas.

I am completely blown away to hear of the incredible humanitarianism shown at the moment by **Freyja Catron-Wright**. At present Freyja is in Croatia on the front of the refugee crisis. She started her Gap Year working in Iceland with horses. The refugee crisis surrounded her in the news and she felt she had to do something.

Crowd funding has enabled her to get to Croatia where she is volunteering with the Red Cross supporting refugees as they surge off the trains across the border in need of support. Many nights she hands out water, food and clothing. She is also finding it incredibly rewarding playing with and entertaining the children who are scared and traumatised by the war. Here is a link to her blog [https://intransitwordpresscom.wordpress.com/2015/11/15/day-1-2/](https://intransitwordpresscom.wordpress.com/2015/11/15/day-1-2/)

On another note, **Katie-Rose Kirkpatrick** has been invited to exhibit in Byron Bay for the RAW exhibition. A talented and driven artist, it is great to see her acknowledged in this way. [https://www.rawartists.org/tickets/purchase/1840/291944](https://www.rawartists.org/tickets/purchase/1840/291944)

Congratulations to **Ruby Koutsoubos** who has been selected to have her gap year with the Australian Air Force to work as cabin crew with dignitaries and officials.
Student Council News

Recently, the world leaders gathered together and made 17 Global Goals for our world. They say that if we don’t complete these goals by 2030, it will be too late. One of those goals is reducing poverty.

The Goonengerry Student Council have $300 to spend, and as a class we want to help the people that aren’t as fortunate as us, to support this Global Goal. Through OXFAM we have decided to donate a well to provide clean water to a village in Sri Lanka; a goat to provide milk and later on meat; a duck for its nutritious eggs which they will be able to eat or sell, giving them vital money to spend on their children’s education; a chicken to give to a family in South Africa for the nutritious eggs and meat and some seeds which will give a family in Sri Lanka the boost they need. All of this comes down to the cost of $221.

We are thinking we might use the leftover money to go towards building a chicken pen at school.

If you want to help a family go to OXFAMUNWRAPPED.COM.AU. Also if you want to explore the Global Goals go to www.globalgoals.org.

From Nyha & Kia (on behalf of Goonengerry students)

P&C News

Next meeting tomorrow, 24 November at 3.15pm
Minutes of the previous meeting are attached today.
Community News

CANTEEN THIS WEEK
Please order & pay tomorrow $4

THE FEDERAL EXCHANGE
Community Produce Swap

Share excess home grown produce • Improve local food resilience
Strengthen community connection • Support and inspire gardening
Encourage new varieties of produce • Support sustainable living
Reduce food waste • Reduce dependency on food commerce

Last Saturday of every season
Gather 10am / Food swap 10:30

Spring Gathering
28th November

Join us at the Federal Park
opposite Federal Store
and Doma Cafe

Bring your produce and
smiles to this exchange.
This is a cash free event.
Please leave your coins and
plastic money at home!

For more info contact:
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Flowers
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Honey
Seedlings
Cuttings
Compost
Worms
etc

Fantastic NO Plastic
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only $5

StUDENT ARTWORK
GIFT CARDS
2015

$1 for 2
$5 pack of 12
$10 pack of 24

Available for individual student or mixed pack

Please pay & order with Mandi

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