We are almost there! Another great year done and dusted! It is the time of year when we say goodbye to our Year 6 students and wish them well for the next chapter of their education, while we look forward to the next group of enthusiastic Kinders joining us next year.

The last of the Koutsoubos, Pyle and Williamson families leave us at the end of the year so it is a time tinged with sadness as we farewell these families from our school. Through the years their contribution and support has been invaluable and they have left behind a school that is better for having them in it! We also farewell the Wise family. You will all be missed!

On the flip side we have five Kindergarten students starting next year with three more still a possibility. If you know someone who is starting please let them know we are enrolling now.

Simon and I are very much looking forward to taking Year 6 on their end year adventure next Monday. We will not arrive back at school until 4pm, so those parents will need to make separate pick up arrangements. Make sure you check out the Facebook page for photos during the day!

Thank you to the P&C who have generously donated funds to purchase furniture for our future learning space. We are all so excited to begin the next stage of our Visible Learning journey in 2016. Angela and I will be sharing our presentation to families who may have missed out this year early next year.

Thanks must go to the wonderful staff we have at GPS. Matt, Angela and Sue for your commitment to quality teaching, our Learning Support Officers Simon, Monique and Susan who have made such a difference to the wellbeing of the students they support and of course Mandi – who is according to our Year 6 student speeches, “the best office person ever”.

We wish all of our families a very safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Tracey Barnes, Principal

**Important Dates**

- **Thur, 10 Dec** Christmas Lunch – 12 noon
- **Mon, 14 Dec** Year 6 Surprise Day (back at 4pm)
- **Wed, 16 Dec** Last day for students 😊
- **Thur, 28 Jan** Students Return 2016 Y1-6
- **Fri, 29 Jan** Kindergarten Students Begin
From Ange

What a stunning concert. What stunning performers. Congratulations to all the students on a magnificent job.

It is always so rewarding to see our ideas come to fruition on the stage. It’s weeks of hard work and joy laid out for all to see on the stage. A concert like ours doesn’t just happen. It is through systematic and strategic lessons that build on each other to create the final piece. Great job everyone. Remember, it’s always great to get your feedback.

Thank you to Pen who jumped in last minute with some fabulous stage make-up and to Christian for lighting and sound.

Can’t wait for another delicious Christmas Lunch this week and look forward to sharing some great food from our garden.

Have a wonderful holiday season everyone and I look forward to another great year in 2016.

Ange x

K-2 Corner

Hi everyone, wow, another year is rapidly drawing to a close as the festive season approaches. What an amazing year for all our K-2 kids, so much growing and learning – awesome! I’d like to extend a warm and genuine thank you to all our parent helpers, community volunteers and other friends in the community who have been part of our learning journey and who add to the diversity of interactions shared by our children.

As the year has progressed so too has the capacity of our children to apply their skills and attempt more challenging tasks which, of course, is driven by their own thirst for knowledge and learning. It is my privilege to be a facilitator of childrens’ learning as it is a truly rewarding experience to watch their growth, especially in these formative years as they develop skills in literacy and numeracy, and become more confident in their play with other children.

It’s always exciting to see the year 2 children moving from the K-2 class as they continue on their journey in the 3-6 class. Also, of course, it is great to see the Kindergarten kids moving from foundation learning onto more interesting and diverse challenges as they graduate from being Kindy kids. Year 1 kids will relish the challenge of year 2 learning material as their learning progresses.

I look forward to next year and beginning a new journey with our next group of Kindergarten children.

All the best for the festive season, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, enjoy and be safe.

Kind Regards, Matt
Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students:

K-2 Star Student to Talis getting along in the playground.

3-6 Star Student to Tarquin for commitment to have a go at everything and willingness to “step up” when needed.

Happy Birthday

Yesterday          Simon
17th               Mandi
19th               Mr Squires
20th               Maya
25th               Toby
28th               Talis

From the Office

We are sending home a complimentary Gift Card with each of the students today; if you would like to purchase more please let me know tomorrow. $5 for a pack of 12 cards (individual student artwork or a mixed pack).

We are debuting our Goonengerry Linen Tea Towels this Thursday for $12. Thanks Jude for your time and energy in this ongoing screen printing project.

A new supply of school uniform polos are now available. Sizes 4 to 14. Thank you to the P&C for subsidising the cost and keeping the shirts at $18 for parents.

Thank you to everyone for another fantastic year at Goonengerry. I do still feel I have the best job in the world even three and a half years later!! Special thanks to Monique, Christina, Christian, Mish and Keith for your help and support over the past few years, I will miss you guys!

Wishing everyone and your families an amazing summer break full of happiness and sunshine! My family and I are off to Japan snowboarding so I won’t be coming back with a tan! LoL!

Stay safe! Mandi x

Festive Season Snippets

We are all looking forward to Christmas Lunch this Thursday, starting at 12 noon. What a wonderful job our parents do in carrying on this school tradition and providing a hot lunch. It is a real example of Goonengerry heart and community.

The P&C have included a note today with the final lunch helpers list.

If we are all very well behaved there may be a special visitor in a red suit after Christmas lunch. We ask that all parents discreetly provide a wrapped gift ($5 value) for their children (and siblings) attending. Christmas elves will collect them in the front office.

We are also collecting non-perishable items to send a Christmas Hamper to those less fortunate than ourselves. There are plastic tubs in the front foyer where you can drop donations to go to the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre.
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