Week 8 is now upon us with a cool change in the air. Easter and school holidays are just around the corner but we still have loads of learning and exciting activities before Term 1 is done.

It was great to come back from a few days away to such glowing positive things about our students, school and P&C! I hear the Federal Film night was a huge success with our parents showing the community how its done! Angela praises our students who participated in the AFL Gala Day and Stage 2 Circus excursions last week. Well done to everyone! Go Team Goonengerry!!!

Welcome to Talis and Mum, Vanessa, to our school community. Talis joined the Kinder class with Mr Squires.

Congratulations to all our boys who took part in District Winter Sport Trials, and well done to Nicky and Andres who make it through to Zone Soccer next Monday.

Our Year 6 students will be heading off very early this Friday for the National Young Leaders Conference in Brisbane. This is a wonderful leadership experience for our Year 6 Students and also a great day shared with their peers from our Small Schools group.

Hope our Year 6 parents managed to get along to the Byron or Mullumbimby High School Information nights last week, as Year 7 Expression of Interest forms are due back to school THIS FRIDAY.

You guys really did pack a lot into the three days I was away last week! I also missed the Byron Bay High School orientation visit. Mandi assures me that they brought the most gorgeous Year 7 students to visit and everyone was so delighted to see them.

Lucky Year 3-6 students will be off to Byron Bay surfing next Friday. This is an Ocean Life Skills Program which is subsidised fifty percent by the SEI. A school permission note and Surf indemnity form will come home today with those students.

### Important Dates

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**Coming in Term 2**

School Camp, NAPLAN, Robotics, Y5&6 InterRelate, NRL Gala Day, Athletics
We will begin Cross Country training this week, so please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for running. The Small Schools Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, 31 March at Newrybar Public School.

Last Wednesday I spent with other VoSS principals working on School Planning for the next three years. This highlights the importance of our Valley of Small Schools collegiate group, while maintaining our small school identity and vision.

I was also on the Sunshine Coast for a few days while my daughter Alex won bronze at Australian Youth Triathlon Championships last Thursday and then first in her age group at Mooloolaba Triathalon yesterday. So proud of her!!

Tracey Barnes
Principal

K-2 Corner

K-1-2 would like to welcome our new classmate Talis. Talis started with us last Thursday and is finding his feet in the K-2 classroom.

All students continue to work conscientiously and are making steady progress.

I'd like to say a special thank you to the wonderful parent helpers for your ongoing support with the home reading program, listening to children read and assisting with writing throughout this busy first term.

We really appreciate having such a caring and nurturing community supporting our school.

CAKES FOR SALE TOMORROW 50c
(left over from Film Night)

NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK
(unless a parent wants to volunteer)

Student Achievements

Round of applause to the following students for Week 6/7...

‘Rapid Response’ impressive return of notes Hamish

‘Thanks for Coming’ perfect attendance Sam

‘Good on You’ great school citizen Peter

K-2 Star Student to Marley for using expression when reading.

3-6 Star Student to Jack for his amazing improvement with bookwork and handwriting.

Happy Birthday

March
19th Jade
28th Tashi
30th Carita

Ange Update

What an incredible night it was on Saturday. I arrived about 6.30 to an incredibly ‘well-oiled ship’; serving awesome meals with smiling parents all on board. There seemed to be so many parents who were available. Serving, clearing tables, washing up selling... so well organised and joyous. Thanks Goonengerry parents, thanks Dave and Penelope you obviously delegated and organised impeccably. So proud to be part of Goonengerry school.

I had a great week on two excursions. AFL on Thursday with all of stage two and three and Circus on Friday with stage two. I was incredibly impressed by our two days out. We had a huge amount of fun and great participation. It was fantastic to see our children working with students from other schools and making the best out of incredible opportunities. Thank you to the parents who helped drive, your help with transport makes these days possible.

Ange x
Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.

Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Find our more: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf

Amazing art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar. Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Sounding out aloud

Fitness for the family
Michelle Bridges talks about how to make fitness a priority for the whole family - and the start of a lifetime habit for your kids. Try out tips to keep your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family

QUICK CHECK:

□ Return notes:
  o Y6 Young Leaders Day
  o High School Expression of Interest due THIS FRIDAY
  o Spaghetti Circus (K-2)
  o Surf Ed (3-6)
□ 2015 Book Pack $50 per student due Term 1
□ Guitar Hire $20 due Term 1
□ Read every night!
Community News

Byron Bay High School Year 7 Visitors 😊

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Jackie French

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2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

$150 TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate is: + Up to $100 in electricity rebates or rebates in equivalent value in gas for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer; + Up to $150 in direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (pensioner or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST: + Be a NSW resident; + Be an electricity account holder, or a long term resident of a residential community (pensioner or mobile home park) where your name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you: + Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return? + Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014? + HOW TO APPLY

ONLINE — it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Proceeding state immediately.

PAPER — download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use the form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE: Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL: appli-345@horizon.nsw.gov.au
WEB: www.energystartnc.org.au/energy/rebate/apply

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Kids’ Day Camps start from $47 per day and $34 per day for adults. Kids under 5 attend free; cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

For more information visit:
dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps
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Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Website: www.harmony.nsw.gov.au/

Earth Hour 8.30pm 28 March 2015

Earth Hour is an international sustainability movement, where individuals and businesses are encouraged to turn off all lights for one hour. Earth Hour aims to increase awareness of the impact we have on our world through the use of fossil fuels and electricity.

Website: www.earthhour.com/