As our Year 5/6 Canberra campers and Mrs Barnes tour our Nations’ Capital today it sure is quiet around here!

We have heard this morning they are in Canberra, all going well after the long overnight bus trip. Check for photos on Facebook as they come through.

ValleyFest
Practise is in full swing and all children are involved. The program is Monday (rehearsals all day), Tuesday (matinee performance) and Wednesday evening performance. The students will travel to and from Byron Bay High School by bus on Monday and Tuesday. Parents will need to transport them to the Wednesday night performance at 5.30pm. Please make sure all children have brought in their blacks.

Please confirm your tickets with Mandi urgently; tickets must be purchased by this Thursday as all unsold tickets must be returned to other schools on Friday. Also have your notes back by Thursday too.

The students enjoyed an engaging visit from the Dorrroughby Environment Education Centre staff and Energy Trailer has Wednesday. This will be followed up with a school Energy Audit in Week 4.

Congratulations to our strong team heading off to Brunswick Valley Athletics on 31 July. Good luck Andy, Aroha, Nyha, Tarquin, Nicky, Felix and Peter!!

We will be visiting the Federal Preschool on 6 August to check out their new Bush Tucker Garden, enjoy storytelling and take our guitars for a sing-a-long. Keep that date free if you can join us.

The Year 5/6 InterRelate Program has finally been rescheduled and will now be held in Week 1 and 3 of Term 4.

A warm Goonengerry welcome to Zaska, London and Ceda who joined us this term. Welcome to our community!

Woolworths Earn and Learn has begun again for this year. Please collect and send in Earn and Learn stickers as these earn us educational resources. Ask family, friends and neighbours to help out too!

Thank you to everyone who supported Pirate Day at the end of last term. We sent off $43.10 to Kids Cancer Project and had some fun while along the way. Ahhhhr!

### Important Dates

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K–2 Corner

Welcome back from the mid-year break, I hope you all managed to stay warm as it certainly has been rather chilly. It is already term three and what a fantastic first half of 2015 we’ve had with plenty of action for everyone.

As we continue on our learning journey this term we are already making discoveries about alternative sources of energy and learning to differentiate between dirty unsustainable sources compared to clean, sustainable alternatives. The whole school experienced a variety of activities provided by the Dorrroughby environmental unit with time allocated to both classes for guided investigation and discovery learning across several activity stations. K–2 children engaged in small group, hands-on activities as they used solar panels, wind generators, kinetic energy devices and assembled simple battery powered circuits as well as participating in the fun, interactive equipment trailer. We will continue to build on this knowledge and understanding throughout the coming term.

We will be investigating sustainability through a variety of activities with a particular focus on Asia and how different cultures use various materials for a range of purposes. This will include looking at the way people build houses or accommodation in different parts of the world, for example, bamboo, thatch, woven palm fronds etc. Children will have opportunities to explore how different materials could be used to reduce our impact on the natural environment.

Morning literacy and numeracy lessons continue apace as students apply themselves to the various learning activities to progress their comprehension of concepts and develop new skills and strategies.

Kind regards, Matt

From Ange

Premiers Reading Challenge
Remember the Reading Challenge is open! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The children all have been given access to many books in the library and in the classrooms.

Remember to encourage them to keep reading. They can all enter the books they have read online by accessing the Department of Education website and logging in with their school logins. They can also search for books to see if they are listed.

The Challenge, as well as helping students discover a love of reading as a leisure time activity, also helps to develop essential learning habits: being organised, meeting deadlines, being accountable, taking responsibility for their reading, valuing regular reading.

K-2 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you. (30 books -25 of the list, 5 can be your own choice).

Year 3-4, 5-6, students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them. (20 books, 5 can be your own choice). The Challenge closes 21st August. Let’s all enjoy the love of reading.

Angela
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CANTENE LUNCH
THIS WEDNESDAY

Vegetarian Minestrone Soup & Crusty Bread

$4

Remember to order & pay on Tuesday
Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students for:

K-2 Star Student to Travis for great effort in maths and to Amy for trying hard in writing.

3-6 Star Student to Andy and Carita for consistently performing at their best.

Happy Birthday

23rd July: Esiaha
27th: Delilah

Quick check

- ValleyFest tickets purchased by Thursday
- ValleyFest bus permission note by Thursday (blue note) no cost
- Byron Bay Writers Festival permission note and payment (lilac note)
- District Athletics note for qualifiers (green)
- Term 3 Music Program payment due to P&C

Orientation for Kindergarten 2016

Parent Information Sessions and In School Experience Days will begin at end of this Term.

Thursday 27 August & 10 September

If your child will be starting school next year please let us know so we can keep you up-to-date with information.

If you have family, friends or neighbours with Preschool children please spread the word.

Talk to Mandi in the office for more information.

P&C News

P&C Meeting to be held Tuesday, 28 July at 3.15pm.

Reminder Term 3 Music Program payments are due.

GOONENGERRY P&C MUSIC PROGRAM

Payment options are as follows:

$58.35 per term or $5 per week (per child)

All direct debits to be made to: Goonengerry Parents and Citizen Association BSB: 062578 Acc: 10305897.

If you need extra assistance or other payment options, get in touch with the P&C to discuss your situation in confidentiality. You can also email goonengerrypandc@gmail.com with any questions.

Today at Parliament House, Canberra
Community News

Spend an Afternoon with Jacqueline Harvey

Bestselling author of the Alice-Miranda and the Clementine Rose series

Byron Bay Library is pleased to present an afternoon with Jacqueline Harvey in conjunction with Byron Bay Writers Festival and Room to Read.

When: Friday, 7 August 3.30pm-5pm
Where: Lone Goat Gallery at Byron Bay Library, Carr Laeveson & Middleton Street
Cost: $5 per child. This ticket allows two carers to attend for free, per child
Purchase Tickets: www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.au
More Information: Byron Bay Library 02 6615 8590
Books will be available for purchase at the venue.

Jacqueline Harvey is a writer ambassador for Room to Read, an innovative global non-profit which is focused upon literacy and gender equality through education in two developing countries in Asia and Africa.

Room to Read

Richmond Tweed

Federal Community Children’s Centre

Bush Food for Children of the Northern Rivers

Federal Community Bush Food Living Classroom

RENEE & RYAN have just moved their young family to the area with 3 of their 4 children attending Goonengerry public.

Renee is a Hairdresser and Ryan is a landscape contractor and they are both SUPER excited to be part of the community and bring their services to you!