NEWSLETTER  
Term 3, Week 7

What a way to celebrate National Science Week 2015 with our “Goonengerry Goes Calico” launch in Federal Park last Friday. Not only were we lucky enough to receive the Australian Science Teachers Association $500 Grant to fund the project but our display went on to bigger and better things at the Art V Science Fair in Lismore on Saturday. We won several prizes – three individuals and school recognition for our display. We also attracted some impressive interest in our project.

Congratulations to Angela for leading the project with such passion, Jude for her time and sharing her amazing skills, Christine (Dorroughby Environment Education Centre) for her support and time, and to the students who have done such a wonderful job! “Fantastic – No Plastic” calico bags are now for sale at school and also at Federal Store. Funds raised will be used to further our own sustainability projects.

With Premier’s Spelling Bee underway – it was strongly contested spell-off in the primary room. Congratulations to all students who did so well. However we can only send four finalists to the Regional Finals on 7 September. Congratulations Andy, Carita, Nyha and Peter.

Kindy Orientation Program will begin this Thursday for children starting school in 2016. In-class program will begin at 9am with a Parent Tour and Morning Tea at 11am. We will run four morning sessions for Kinders with the flexibility of extra days depending on the students individual transition needs.

Welcome Sarah, Jessica and Toby who have started with us today. Jalalyn has also joined our Goonengerry family beautifully this Term.

We will be attending a VoSS Ball Games Picnic Day in Week 10 with fellow small schools, students and families. This day is planned as a fun, relaxed day to come together for a picnic lunch at Durrumbul Public School. All students will be expected to attend and we hope parents and siblings join us for the day. Families are asked to donate cakes for sale on the day as a way of raising funds for VoSS activities that bring our schools and students together.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is still going. Please collect and send in Earn and Learn stickers as these earn us educational resources. Ask family, friends and neighbours to help out too!

**Important Dates**

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You might have noticed the new traffic signs in our school carpark. The haphazard parking and driving out the front was identified as a safety issue. We ask that all parents drive SLOWLY in and around this area; follow the keep left sign around the turning circle; and at all times respect the no parking area in front of the main gate. We thank you for your assistance to keep our kids safe.

Well done to Angela hosting a Writers Workshop for principals and teachers from other small schools last week. The participants expressed positive feedback on your energy, knowledge and professionalism.

There will be a few different faces around the school in the next few weeks. Goonengerry staff are a busy bunch!

Mandi is off to The Pocket as relieving SAM from 31 August until the end of term. Karen Ode from Coorabell will be managing the office on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays during these weeks. This is good experience to check out other school systems and an opportunity to stalk her own children.

Ange and Reece are off on leave from Friday 4 September, enjoying Vietnam this year. Monique and Cheryl will be helping fill in.

We welcome Tracey McCarthy as a SLSO to help out in Matt’s class on Fridays.

Simon is away attending a Literacy & Numeracy course for SLSOs today. Matt will be attending an Autism Sensory Detective Workshop by Nelle Frances next Wednesday and Mandi and I are attending a development workshop together in Coffs Harbour on 14 and 15 September.

Following that, we should all have two weeks off 😊

Tracey Barnes

K-2 Corner

K-2 would like to welcome Sarah, Jessica and Toby to our happy class. We enjoyed completing signs and learning about sustainability as our contribution to the “Fantastic - No Plastic” bag initiative.

K-2 children are quite passionate about keeping our environment clean for all to enjoy.

In class we continue to learn about environmental issues through our literacy lessons and art and craft activities.

Happy Days!

Matt Squires

From the Office

If someone could spare a few hours to come in and assist with library book covering would be really appreciated. Karen has been busy accessioning piles of beautiful new books for the library.

Please help out during my time away by using the payment envelopes with info completed, sending in bus notes rather than phoning, and returning permission notes on time. Thank you.

Have a wonderful break. See you in the Spring!

Mandi x

NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK
P&C News

P&C Meeting tomorrow, Tuesday 25 August 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.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students:

K-2 Star Student to Travis for consistent effort.

3-6 Star Student to Wayde for impressive spelling.

Happy Birthday

26th August  Kia
28th      Willow
2nd September  Sienna
5th       Neisha

Quick check

✓ Permission notes for Stage 2 DEEC Camp
✓ Spelling Finalists RSVP please
✓ Permission note for Stage 2 Art Attack
✓ Permission note for Ball Games Picnic Day
✓ Term 3 Music Program payment due to P&C
✓ Read every night!!
Community News

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!

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*Renee*, Mosaic Hair Solutions - 0438 155 720
*Ryan*, Ryan's Outdoor Renovations - 0418 254 498
*Landline for both* - 6684 9269

Repentance Creek Hall
Wood Fired Pizza Night

Enjoy Pizza, drinks, cake and a kids’ movie.
A great social, community event.

Saturday 29th August from 4:00 pm – Repentance Creek Hall

Fantastic NO Plastic Goonengerry Calico Bags only $5