NEWSLETTER
Term 1, Week 2

A big warm welcome to so many new smiling faces this year -
Our Kinders (and families): Arahi (Awfi), Tane (Ashlee & Aaron), Kaila (Rebecca & Kirk), Javarre (Renate & Geoff), Sofia (Kiri), Nanaia (Iyoti & Mark) and Will (Fiona & Jamie);
Primary Class: Boudica and Corban (Jeni);
K-2 Classroom: Mitch Hutchinson (prac student) and Toni (learning support officer Tue-Fri).

Great to see everyone back after the break refreshed and enthusiastic! 2016 is looking good!

Straight into it with our Small Schools Swimming Carnival tomorrow for students turning eight this year and older, if not swimming, as our school cheer squad. There will also be novelty events for non-competitive swimmers in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone for getting the notes back so quickly and helping with driving. Go team Goonengerry!! Our younger students will stay at school with Mr Squires, Toni and Mr Hutchinson.

Parents are reminded that students and spectators need to pay pool entry ($2.70 competitors, $2.70 spectators) at the gate tomorrow morning. We are also reminded the smaller pools are off limits and children should not enter them.

School Book Packs will remain at $50 per student this year. This contributes towards the cost of text books, student stationery, classroom supplies and on-line subscriptions. Please have this paid by the end of Term 1. ($5 per week will cover it). Eftpos is available in the office.

This year Guitar Hire continues to help supply and maintain guitars for our Year 4 to 6 students. This fee is necessary to maintain the guitars and keep them in tune. Once your child has paid the annual $20 fee they will be allocated their own guitar for 2016.

With this warm weather it is important that children are wearing Sun Smart clothing (no singlets or bare shoulders) and sensible closed-in shoes (suitable for running around and daily fitness activities).

Students are encouraged to bring cut-up fruit and vegetables and water bottle for daily Crunch & Sip during class.

Important Dates

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Welcome back to all our wonderful families, we are at a new beginning for all new Kindergarten children. I’d like to extend a warm welcome to Arahi, Tane, Kaila, Sofia, Javarre, Nanaia, Will and Oliver as they start their learning journey with us at Goonengerry.

This term we have Mitch Hutchinson working in our class as he completes his teaching degree.

So great to see everyone back after a nice long break, we all look so refreshed and ready to engage in a new year of learning.

Happy days!

Mr Squires

Our exciting learning journey this year

Visible Learning here we come! A great start to the term. It has been so exciting getting to know our new classroom. Thanks to the P&C for your support.

We have begun to talk about the "Learning Pit." The Learning Pit is a metaphor we can use to help children (and ourselves) face challenges in learning. There are very few things in life that are easy to achieve. If they are easy they are likely to be unfulfilling. I spoke to the children about how important "the pit" is. If we don't go in the pit - we are not learning.

Our aim, as part of our learning journey, is to learn about the many ways to "get out of the pit," not just on our own, but with the help of others. This is where a growth mind sets help. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVUqv0v1EE

Some of the children's reflections are included today.

Library

Fridays will be library day. All children need a library bag to borrow. A "Fantastic No Plastic" Goonengerry Calico bag works well. $5.00

Music

Thursday is music day, which included whole school singing and guitar tuition for Years 4 to 6. Students will be loaned a guitar if they do not have one for a small fee. Students will need to take responsibility and care for their guitar and bring it every week.

Ange x
Happy Birthday

January 8th Orin
26th Sophia

TODAY London

From the Office

Here we go... 2016! Hope everyone had a wonderful break and energised for a great year at Goonengerry.

Uniform Shirts available in the office for $18. Thank you to the P&C for helping to keep the cost down. We also provide each student with a hat (that remains at school).

Our school keeps parents and carers informed of news, excursions, events and progress using a range of communication tools. Our fortnightly newsletter is distributed in print and posted on the school website, social media updates on Facebook, regular emails, text messages, phone calls and an open door policy.

www.goonengerr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

It’s important to take the time to read through your newsletter and notes that come home. Please support your child’s learning and our school systems by sending in paperwork and notes on time and finalising payments when due.

If you have any questions, any time, please give me a shout, I’m here to help – students, staff & families 😊

Mandi x

QUICK CHECK:

☐ Swimming tomorrow (8 years +) students & spectators to pay at the pool gate
☐ Return notes
  o General Permission 2016 (yellow)
  o Student Emergency Contact (pink)
  o Authority to Publish (white)
  o Contacts/Email newsletter (purple)
☐ 2016 Book Pack $50 per student due Term 1
☐ Y4-6 Guitar Hire Fee $20
☐ Library on Friday

P&C News

Welcome back Goonengerry! A HUGE warm welcome to our new children and parents. My name is Mick, I am president of the Parents and Citizens Association. The aim of the P&C is to give us parents a chance to find out what’s happening at school, a chance for you to raise and discuss any concerns you may have, and to discuss ways of improving our children’s overall educational experience at Goonengerry. We run catering events throughout the year and all funds collected are used for the children’s benefit, eg. subsidising school uniforms and bus costs, contributing to new classroom furniture, new classroom books. We discuss and vote on how to spend these funds at the P&C meetings. Being a small school, any contribution you can make to P&C is so appreciated - coming to meetings, baking, helping set up or pack down at events.

We hold two P&C meetings a term, usually on a Tuesday at 3:15pm. Our first meeting of this year will be on Tuesday 23rd Feb at 3:15pm on the deck at school. This will also be a welcome to new parents event, come along, say g’day and share a cuppa and some nibbles.

Mick

Music Program Payment:

Our beloved Music Program is an important integrated part of our children education at Goonengerry, covering weekly whole school singing and drama, and year 4 and up learning guitar. The cost per student for this year will be $264, or $5.74 spread over 46 weeks, or $66 a term. Payment can be made by direct debit (details below) or by cash payment at the office with Mandi.

We would ask that parents set up their direct debit by Sat 13th February and run it for 46 weeks to Sat 31st December. If you miss this date, please run your direct debit for 46 weeks from the date you set it up. And please use your child’s name as reference for payments. If you think you will have difficulty with making this payment or need support, please speak in confidence with our Music Program liaison person Jude White (Sam’s Mum) Ph: 6684 9393, Mob: 0408 663 870, Email: jude@whites.net.au

Account Name: Goonengerry Parents and Citizen Association

Acc Number: 10305897
BSB: 062578
Community News

Brunswick Byron Netball Association

Club Sign On details

Bangalow: Wed 3rd & 10th Feb 3.30 to 5.30pm. Bangalow Bowling Club. For more info Contact Ellie 0429 855 399

Byron Bay: Wed 10th 3-30pm to 5-30pm & Sat 13th Feb 9 to 11am at Byron Rec Grounds. For more info Contact Brooke 0418 628 353 Jacqui 0421 319 027

Main Arm: Contact Noreen 0438 181 219 or Sarah 6684 1487 by the 6th Feb

Mullumbimby: 6th Feb 9 to 11am at Brunswick Byron Clubhouse. For more info Contact Narelle 6684 3870

Ocean Shores: 6th Feb 9 to 11am at Ocean Shores Shopping Village. For more info Contact Joanne 6680 1857 ah or Janine 6680 5067 ah or 0438 649 061

Registration is also available online for ages 5-10 years
www.netsetgo.asn.au or 11-100 years www.mynetball.com.au

If you are interested in playing but are unable to attend the Sign on day or unable do your Registration online please contact your club official so you do not miss out.