



# Goonellabah Public School Newsletter



14<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 – Week 8 – Term 2

## Staffing Information

I would like to welcome AJ Harrington, our new Aboriginal Education Officer, who started at Goonellabah Public School today. He is looking forward to working closely with our students, parents and staff.



## P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June from 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

## Half Yearly Reports

Half yearly reports will be handed out this Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. An invitation for a parent/teacher interview will also be with the report. All parents/carers are encouraged to meet with their child's classroom teachers to discuss their progress.

## ROAD SAFETY around your child's school - Your child's safety depends on you

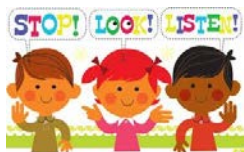
### Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly. Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about. Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights. Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns. Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic. It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.



### Walking together to, from and around the school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible. Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can be easily distracted and wander into traffic. Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road. Talk with your children about STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and



THINK every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK! whether it is safe to cross

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

**If for any reason you need to enter the school the speed limit is 15km/h.** If leaving your car please use the car parks provided. No cars should be parking on the access road in and out of the school or in the drop off/pick up area.

## Excursion to Lennox Head

On Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, K-2 students will be going on an excursion to Ballina and Lennox Head to complement their units in Science and Geography. A Note will come home this week with all the details.

## Mobile Dental Service

The dentist who conducts the checks for the Mobile Dental Service was unwell last week. The check-ups were not able to be conducted. We are hoping to reschedule at a later date.

## Head Lice

On and off there are outbreaks of Head Lice at schools. Head Lice are very common so there is no need to be alarmed. However they should be treated quickly to prevent them from spreading. We are asking that all parents examine their child's hair and look for the following signs:

- Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash
- Tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft
- Small pale brown lice. You may wish to use a magnifying glass and a fine tooth comb under a strong light to help identify lice.

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If head lice are found please treat your child's hair and remove the dead lice and eggs using a fine tooth comb, before sending your child back to school.

As a precaution, any items which may harbour lice, such as bed linen, towels and combs should be washed in hot soapy water. To help prevent head lice in the future, ask your child to avoid sharing items such as brushes or hats from friends. Further advice can be obtained from your local pharmacist. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

### School Photographs

School photographs were taken two weeks ago. Orders can still be placed for individual and class photos at the office.

Mark Spencer,  
Principal

## P&C NEWS

**Qualified Electrician** - The P&C have been able to source a stove to replace the broken one in the school canteen. However, we need to have it installed by a fully qualified electrician. The P&C are asking if there are any electricians in the community who could generously donate their time to install the new stove, so the canteen can run to its full capacity. We would be so grateful and it would be hugely appreciated by the whole school community and the students. For details please contact Debbie Fiedler in the office 6624 1444 if you are able to help.

**Cake Stall** – Reminder - we are hoping to hold a cake stall at the upcoming election on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Details to follow when confirmed.

## CALENDAR

Term 2 2016

**Week 8**

Wednesday

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Thursday

Friday

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

ICAS – Spelling

P&C Meeting – 7pm

Rugby League Carnival – Casino

Reports to Parents



Please return your Jump Rope sponsorship money to the office by this Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June.

## Jump Rope for Heart

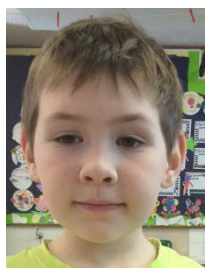


## K-2 Early Action for Success News – Yr 1 Pink

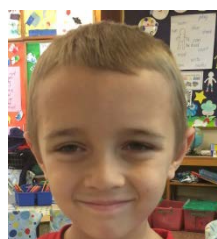
In Pink, we were writing to respond to the question "What makes me feel scared?"



I was writing about things that I am scared of like snakes. I used the word camouflage. By Braiden



In writing, I was using topic words, question marks and exclamation marks. I was able to use describing words. By Rhys



I am writing about what I am scared of. My job was to put in full stops and to write interesting sentences. By Jakaih

