



Goonellabah Public School Newsletter



25th September 2018 – Week 10 – Term 3

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you and your family had a restful break. It was nice to see the smiles on the children's faces as they lined up for classes.

Kindergarten 2019 Orientation

Goonellabah Public School is conducting a Kindergarten orientation program for students starting school in 2019. The program starts Thursday, 8th November and runs each Thursday for 4 weeks. If you know of any pre-schoolers who will be starting school in 2019, please inform their families of our program and ask them to contact the school on 6624 1444.

Out of School sport – Term 4

Starting next week, Friday, 26th October, Years 3 to 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in out of school sports. This year the sports on offer are Skating, Ten Pin Bowling, Basketball/Futsal, Gym/Swim at GSAC and Dance at Kadina High School. Dance at Kadina High School costs \$25.00. All other out of school options cost \$72.00. A free school sport option is also available at school. The program will run for 8 weeks every Friday from Week 2 to Week 8. Students who are still to select a sport will need to return their sport preference note to the office. When this note is returned, students will receive a permission note for their preferred sport. Final notes and money is to be paid to the office by Wednesday, 24th October. Places are still available in all sports.

Save the Date(s) – Performance Afternoons

Next **Tuesday, 23rd October**, students in Years 3-6 will have an opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have acquired in extracurricular activities in the school. Eg. Dance groups, choir, music tutoring, and tournament of the minds.

On **Tuesday the 30th October**, classes from K-2 will have a performance afternoon.

Both events will start from 5.00pm in the school hall.

School Swimming Scheme – Term 4

The Department of Education's Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program for Year 2 students, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. Due to sizable contributions from the P&C and funding through the Premiers Sporting Challenge, Goonellabah Public School is now able to offer the 2 week Swimming Scheme at a cost of \$30.00 to each child. Please return your note and money to the office by Monday, 29th October.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting is being held next Wednesday, 24th October from 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Lismore Show Excursion K-2

Unfortunately, due to the recent weather and the large amount of rain we have received, the K-2 excursion to the Lismore Show has been cancelled. Classes will be as normal this Thursday for K-2 students.

Day for Daniel - Friday 26th October

The School Parliament have organised for the school to participate in the "Day for Daniel" on Friday 26th October. The students are invited to Wear Red, Educate and Donate (gold coin donation). Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety awareness and education day. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation's goal is to make Australia a safe place for all children. Please find more information at <https://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-daniel.html>

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Education

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning is based around the philosophy of **PREVENTing** problems occurring, **TEACHing** the appropriate behaviours NOT presuming students know what to do, **ACKNOWLEDGing** when students are doing it right and **CORRECTing** them if they are doing something wrong.

Staff are showing their commitment to the PBL ethos by continuing to reward students in the playground, classroom, library and office for doing the right thing and behaving appropriately during lessons. Students receive Bonus Awards or a blue Thank You for following the 3 core school rules; **Being Safe** **Being Responsible** **Being Respectful**

This week in all classrooms K-6 students will be revisiting what it means to **BE SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE** by specifically targeting; **BE SAFE**

RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME

When the bell rings, students need to be in the right place at the right time.

The bell tells students when to stop playing and go to the toilet during breaks.

The bell tells all of us if there is a fire drill or we have to stay inside for wet weather.

Being in the right place at the right time keeps us safe.

When in the classroom, students are expected to be doing their jobs either by themselves, in a small group or with the whole class. Not being in the right place MAY affect a student's learning and they may miss out on important information, skills or understandings.

If, at any time, students need to go to the sick bay, office or toilet during class time they will need to take a coloured card with them. This lets others know they are not in the correct place but have permission to be somewhere else.

PBL international research tells us "For an average student to learn something new, it needs to be repeated on average 8 times. **This includes seeing it, hearing it and doing it.** For an average student to **unlearn** an old behaviour and replace with a new behaviour or strategy, the new behaviour must be repeated on average 28 times." (Wong, USF).



Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy Trainees

Term 4 welcomes a new group of Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy Trainees from Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus. The Speech Pathology Trainees will be with us for 8 weeks,

(Front Left – Right: Sophie Luscombe, Steph Daly, Kath Lidster, absent: Megan Hunter).

The Occupational Therapy Trainees will be with us for 7 weeks,

(Left – Right: Kellie Smith, Emily Baker, Nick Iriks, Sinead Kelly, Taylor Stewarts and Sophia Bowkett). The trainees are grateful and excited for this experience and their involvement within the school.



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