

THE GOONELLABAH WAY

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 4

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Things Happening this Term

Book Week - 19th - 21st August
Book Week Parade (Dress up) -
Wednesday 20th August

Zone Athletics Carnival - Friday 22nd
August

Performing Arts Festival-
Wednesday 3rd September (SCU
Whitebrook Theatre)

School Concert - Wednesday 10th
September (2 Shows)

Stage 2 Darlington Beach Excursion -
16th - 18th September

Creative Arts Camp
22nd September - 26th September

All things

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is in our Library
Week 5 Monday 18th August – Thursday 21st August
Books will be displayed in our Library and may be
purchased by parents, community members, teachers
and students before school and at lunch time.



BOOK AN ADVENTURE

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST

9.30AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Come dressed as your favourite book character!

P & C Meeting

Our next meeting is
Wednesday 20th August at 6pm.

Please come along as it is a great way
to meet other parents and carers
and to find out first-hand what is
happening around our school.

Any questions please feel free to email
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GOONELLABAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTS

GOONELLABAH
GROOVES

| WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025 |
| 12PM | SCHOOL HALL |
| 6PM | SCHOOL HALL |
| A TICKETED EVENT |
| \$5 PER PERSON | UNDER 5'S \$2 |
| MAX 4 TICKETS/FAMILY |

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL
OFFICE SOON
595 Ballina Road, Goonellabah, 2480

Reminder

THE FINAL INSTALLMENT FOR STAGE 2
DARLING BEACH EXCURSION IS DUE ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND, ALONG WITH THE
BEAR GRYLLS SURVIVAL PARTICIPANT
RELEASE FORM. IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE
OFFICE.

Congratulations everyone!

As we look back on the year so far, I am so proud of our students and I want to say a big congratulations to all of them for their results during Semester 1!

Our students showed great commitment to their learning and faced the challenges with determination. It's amazing to see how much effort they put into their studies, and how they used the skills they learned in the classroom.

We also owe a huge thank you to our wonderful teachers. They have been incredibly dedicated, creating fun and supportive learning environments. Their hard work alongside our students helps everyone improve and succeed.

This teamwork between students and teachers is what makes a big difference. Together, they have set goals, celebrated successes, and tackled challenges, all to help each other grow.

As we move forward, let's keep this spirit of working together. I encourage all students to stay excited about learning and to keep pushing themselves. Every step you take in your education is important for your future.

Once again, a big congratulations to all our students, I can't wait to see what you achieve next.

Promoting Safe and Respectful Behaviour at Our School

As we continue to foster a positive learning environment, I want to take a moment to remind everyone of our core expectations regarding safe and respectful behaviour at our school. Creating a school culture where every individual feels safe, respected, and valued is a priority for all of us.

Why Safe and Respectful Behaviour Matters:

When we talk about safe and respectful behaviour, we are referring to the actions and attitudes that contribute to a supportive school community. Every student and staff member has the right to feel secure and appreciated within our school grounds. This not only enhances the learning experience but also helps build strong relationships and a sense of belonging.

Expectations for Everyone:

Respect for All: Treat everyone with kindness and consideration, regardless of their background or beliefs. Simple acts of courtesy can make a significant difference in how others feel.

Open Communication: Encourage open dialogue. If you see or experience behaviour that makes you feel uncomfortable, speak up. It is important to communicate any concerns to a trusted adult or peer.

Inclusivity: Make an effort to include others in activities and conversations. Everyone deserves to be part of our school community, and your actions can help foster inclusivity.

Support and Empathy: Be there for your peers. Showing empathy and support can help someone who is struggling feel valued and seen.

Positive Conflict Resolution: Disagreements are natural, but how we resolve them is vital. Approach conflicts with a willingness to listen, understand, and find a common ground.

As a school community, we all play a role in creating an environment where everyone feels safe and valued. Thank you to the large majority of our students who display these values all the time while at school. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child the expectations of appropriate behaviours at school.

Attendance Matters

Going to school every day is really important for our students, and the NSW Department of Education has rules to support this. As teachers, we need to encourage all students to attend school regularly and let parents and caregivers know why it matters.

We should communicate in a way that everyone understands. Teachers also help by planning lessons that meet the needs of all students, making school a place where they want to come. It's our job to keep track of who is at school and follow up with families if a student is absent without a reason.

Writing regular articles in the school newsletter about the importance of attending school we can help everyone remember how valuable daily attendance is. These steps help ensure that all students get the best education possible without interruptions.

If you're interested in more details, you can check out the department's policies on student attendance.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2005-0259-02>

Until next time, have a great week.

Warren

SCHOOL CONCERT GOONELLABAH GROOVES

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER.



Our school will be hosting Goonellabah Grooves on Wednesday 10th September with two exhilarating performances: a matinee from 12:00pm – approx. 1.40pm and an evening show from 6:00pm. A max of four tickets, in total, can be purchased by each family. The tickets can be for either the matinee or evening or both but only 4 tickets in total can be purchased. This is a ticketed event, therefore no tickets will be available at the door.

Tickets and more Information

Tickets will be available for purchase soon, so keep an eye out for updates! Whether you prefer the afternoon matinee or the evening spectacle, we encourage everyone to come out, support our performers, and enjoy a fabulous day filled with music and joy.



BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Last week, our school participated in a Basketball Gala Day at the Lismore Basketball Stadium. Teams from various Lismore schools, featuring mixed abilities, came together for a day focused on fun, inclusiveness, and great sportsmanship. While the scores didn't count, our students demonstrated impressive skills and teamwork, truly dominating the games. It was especially heartwarming to see our boys set aside their competitive spirit to enjoy the social aspect of the event and ensure every team member had a chance to feel the glory of adding points to the board. With the relaxed atmosphere came an increase in risk-taking, resulting in many three-point shots, trick shots, and behind-the-back passes. Thank you to all the organisers of this event. We look forward to more opportunities to come together and celebrate sport!



LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

Last Wednesday, seventeen Stage 3 students visited Albert Park Public School to participate in a round-robin series of League Tag for the Town Principal's Gala Day. Goonellabah entered two teams in the event and played games against Lismore South, Lismore Heights, Albert Park, and Wyrallah Road Public Schools. This was a fun day that focused on teamwork, enjoyment, and building connections with students from other schools.

Our students played with passion and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the development of skills and confidence gained with each game played. Students stepped up and demonstrated their leadership qualities and football skills. They cheered for their friends, enjoyed the canteen, and had the opportunity to play games with professional referees.

Thank you to the staff at Albert Park Public School for organising the day, to the referees who volunteered their time, and to the students for showing up and giving their best on the day while representing our school.



TRSC YEAR 6 MEET & GREET

The Rivers Secondary College Meet and Greet teams from Kadina High, Lismore High, and Richmond River High visited our Year 6 students last Thursday morning. The teams included some current Year 7 students and teachers from each of the colleges. This was an opportunity for our Year 6 students to ask any questions they might have about high school and for college staff to get to know the students ahead of the high school transition days next term. Highlights included seeing some of our former students and a game of "Everyone's In" to finish the session.



K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Our K-2 assembly took place earlier this week, and we extend a huge congratulations to all the award winners. Keep up the great work!

