

Newsletter



We would like to acknowledge that our school sits on Bundjalung Country and acknowledge the Arakwal people and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

World Teachers Day

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day and the amazing work that our teachers do everyday at Goonengerry. Our staff enjoyed a well deserved lunch while our SAS team spoke from their hearts about how appreciative we as a school and community are to have highly skilled and dedicated teachers in this wonderful work environment. Thank you to all our staff who continue to nurture and inspire our students.



Important Dates for Term 4

- **Monday 3 - Friday 7 November**
School Swimming
- **Friday 21 November**
School Concert 4:30pm
- **Friday 28 November**
Muggi Day
- **Tuesday 2 December**
Year 6 High School orientation
- **Thursday 11 December**
Celebration of Learning Assembly
- **Wednesday 17 December**
Xmas lunch

School Swimming

This week our whole school will participate in the Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program, an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Thanks to Nikki, Zoe and Toni who coordinated the program. The busy week will culminate with a fish and chip lunch and some very tired students and staff. Thanks to Baz Daniels and his staff at Byron Bay pool for their assistance over the week.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to Rose, Elkie, and Olive on receiving the Principal's Award! Rose has been a wonderful role model to the younger students, Elkie has shown great determination in improving her writing, and Olive has demonstrated impressive growth as an increasingly independent learner. Well done to all three!



Schools Rock at Mullumbimby Show

This Sunday we have eight of our students performing on the “Schools Rock” stage at the Mullumbimby Show. The performance begins at 10 am. Good luck to Feather, Lottie, Dewi, Mabel, Rose, Koda, Thea and Eva. Please go and support all the young performers from the local public schools. Performances start at 10 am. Thank you to Alice for accompanying the students for their performance.

Grandparents Day

A heartfelt thank you to all our grandparents who visited last Thursday. It is always a special occasion when visitors come into our school, but having grandparents with us added an extra level of excitement for both students and staff. Our children truly shone during their performances, and it was wonderful to see the smiles and pride on the faces of both the children and their grandparents. I also extend my gratitude to all the staff for their hard work in organising such a memorable morning.

Sue Sommerville retires

Many families will remember Sue who taught music and guitar at Goonengerry for many years. Sue undoubtedly would have taught hundred of our students guitar and created and directed many of our school musical performances. We wish her well in retirement. All families are invited to a relaxed picnic at Cooper Creek School on 22 November.

School Survey

A short 10 question parent survey was sent out via email yesterday. Thank you to those parents who have completed it already. If you missed the email and require it again, please contact the office. The survey will close at the end of the week.

Tony Hutchinson
Principal

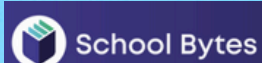
“Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don’t.” — Bill Nye



A PICNIC FOR SUE

Saturday 22 November, 1pm
UPPER COOPERS CREEK PS

After many years of creative teaching and amazingness, our Sue is retiring. Sue is a teaching legend who has influenced generations of students, many of whom continue to share a love of creativity inspired by Sue. Sue, being Sue, does not want a 'big event' so, please join us for a relaxed picnic at the school to celebrate Sue's incredible 40+ year career. Bring along a picnic lunch and perhaps a musical instrument to celebrate community, family and the magic of Sue. Please extend this invitation to any others who have had the fortune of being influenced by Sue's teaching.

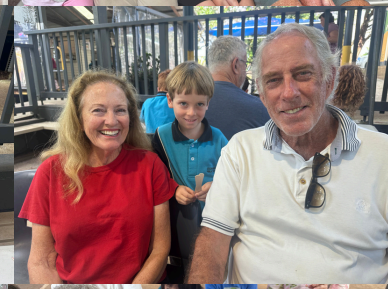


Parent App

To assist us with our 2025 budget, could all parents finalise outstanding fees before the end of November. Statements of accounts will be sent out on Schools Bytes. If you are unsure if you have outstanding amounts, please discuss with Nikki. Thank you.



Grandparents Day 2025





Term 4, 2025

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 4 topics:

- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into secondary school (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in upper primary school (ages 11 to 12) and Year 7.
- **Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.
- **The changing face of cyberbullying: Protecting your child in 2025 (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



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Pack a water bottle in your lunchbox

No lunchbox is complete without it



Healthy Eating
Active Living



Don't forget to pack a water bottle every day!

Keeping hydrated helps kids stay focused, energised and feeling their best throughout the school day

For more information on the benefits of water and tips for getting kids to drink more visit

<http://www.healthyliving.nsw.gov.au/.../tips-for-drinking...>

Head Lice are still rampant. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair regularly and treat if required. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Screens are a part of life, but nothing beats quality face to face time with your children. Engaging with your child can strengthen your bond, boost their learning and development and support wellbeing. Take a moment to disconnect from your screen and prioritise what really matters. The best connection is right in front of you.

#disconnecttoreconnect
#screentime #kidshealth



Screen time

Disconnect to reconnect

Screens are a part of life, but there's nothing better than real face time. Here's some tips...



ONE to ONE
JOHN & YOKO

SAT NOV 8, FEDERAL HALL
DINNER & BAR FROM 6PM
FILM SCREENING AT 8PM

MENU

Star Anise Chicken or Tofu
Asian Flavoured beans
Coleslaw
Jasmine Rice
Plus a selection of delicious home made cakes

Federal FILM SOCIETY

Goswami Landcare Group