Welcome
Welcome to the 2013 school year, especially new students and parents. Students have been placed in home classes and will be working through the ten day program. At this stage we have ten classes. As usual at this time of the year there may be a few minor changes to the classes.

Swimming Carnival
The school swimming carnival will be held on Monday, 18th February at Alstonville. Please refer to the note going home today. We would also like some volunteers to help out with time keeping and judging. If you are interested please contact Mr Peiti or Mr Rhijaan.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting for 2013 will be held Wednesday, 20th February from 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents, carers and community members are invited.

Scripture
Scripture classes will commence next Friday, 15th February. Please refer to the cut off section on the next page if you would like your child to attend non-scripture.
School Hats
Each child should be wearing their blue broad-brimmed hat whilst in the playground at lunch and recess. These hats are stored at school. New students receive a new hat when they arrive. If the hat is lost or needs to be replaced a new hat can be bought for $5.00 from the front office. Kindergarten hats will be given out this week.

Maths Textbooks
In 2013 students will need to purchase a maths text book. The book will be used to enhance the delivery of the numeracy session and consolidate what the students are learning.

It will cost approximately $18.00 and will be available from the front office. Further information will be sent home when we have a firm price.

Kindergarten – “My First Year”
On Tuesday, 19th February “The Northern Star” will be visiting our school to take photographs of our kindergarten students. This is part of the “My First Year” supplement “The Northern Star” runs for kindergarten children. If you require further information, please contact the school office. A permission note has gone home today.

Mark Spencer
Principal

Music Program
Notes have been distributed to Stage 2 & 3 students for our in-school music program. Lessons are run weekly in small groups. Please return your notes ASAP so music lessons can be timetabled and started. Recorders lessons are available for Years 1 and 2 students notes will be available tomorrow from Mrs Cox.

Dates to Remember – Term 1

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At the beginning of each year we will need to update our Scripture rolls. There will be Non-Denominational Scripture, Catholic and Bahai available at Goonellabah Public School. If parents/carer s request Non-Scripture for 2013, a note must be returned to Mr Whitelaw before Wednesday, 13th February, 2013.

I wish for my child/children ____________________________________________ in class/es ___________________ to attend Non-Scripture classes for 2013.