Swimming Carnival
The school swimming carnival will be held on Monday, 18th February at Alstonville. Please refer to the note sent home last week for more information.

Intensive Swimming Scheme
The ‘Intensive Swimming Scheme’ will be conducted from Tuesday, 19th February to Tuesday, 5th March. It is a ‘learn to swim’ program to support children who are unable to swim 25 metres confidently unaided in deep water. The total cost for the program is $47.00 which includes bus travel, entry to the pool and the swimming lessons. Information was sent out to students in Year 2 and Year 3 inviting them to attend.
If your child is in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and you would like them to be part of the program, information is available from the office.

P&C News
On behalf of the P&C, I would like to welcome all the new families to our wonderful School and community. And welcome back to all our families & staff – we hope that you had a safe & relaxing holiday.
The P&C meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7.00pm in the staff room and so our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 20th February and we welcome you all along.
These meetings are a great place to meet other people in our school community and to become aware of what’s happening in our school. So please come along, join in and support the efforts of the teachers, support staff and families that make Goonellabah PS a great place for our kids.
Karen Kennedy – P&C President

Scripture
Scripture classes will commence Friday, 15th February.

School Hats
Each child should be wearing their blue broad-brimmed hat whilst in the playground at lunch and recess. Hats can be bought for $5.00 from the office.
School Newsletter

The school newsletter is handed out on Tuesday and will be sent home with the youngest child of the family. Parents can subscribe to the school newsletter email distribution list. It is easy and it is free. All you have to do is log into whichever email account that you would like to receive the email from and send an email to: goonellaba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with “subscribe me” in the subject line.

Maths Textbooks

Last week in the newsletter it was indicated that students in K-6 will need to purchase a maths text book this year. The cost was going to be approximately $18.00. Fortunately we have been able to source some funding and can subsidise the price. The book will cost $10.00. It will be used to enhance the delivery of the numeracy session and consolidate what the students are learning.

As of tomorrow parents can start paying for the books at the office. We anticipate the books will be ready for use in the next two weeks.

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 went home last week.

Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.


Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework

Mark Spencer
Principal

Do we have your current contact numbers? Please ensure we have your current contact details so we can contact you in case your child becomes ill or injured.

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you send a note in on their return to school or phone the office on the day they are away. If the school has not been notified the school sends home a Departmental absentee note to be completed and returned.

Dates to Remember – Term 1

Week 4
18th February  Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Alstonville Pool
19th February  Years 2-3 Swimming Scheme
10 day program

Week 9
29th March  Good Friday

Week 10
1st April  Easter Monday

Week 11
12th April  Last day of Term 1