School Photo Day – Tomorrow 22nd May

School Photographs will be taken tomorrow, Wednesday, 22nd May. All students should have received by now the Photo envelope to order your child’s school photographs. Please return your envelope with payment to the office before Photo Day. If you would like a Family photo, family envelopes can be collected from the office. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for the photos.

School Fees

The voluntary school contributions have been set at $35.00 per student and $100.00 per family. The contributions go towards purchasing resources for our students.

Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards

At Goonellabah Public School we acknowledge positive behaviour and work habits in a number of different ways. One form of commendation and positive acknowledgement we use is the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

- Children receive a ‘Thank you’ (blue award) from their classroom teacher
- Once they have collected five ‘Thank you’, (blue awards) they take them to Mr Whitelaw or Mr Blacklow
- Children will then be presented with a ‘Bronze Award’ at their stage assembly
- When they have collected three ‘Bronze Awards’ they take them to Mr Whitelaw
- They will then receive a ‘Silver Award’ at the following K-6 Assembly
- When three ‘Silver Awards’ have been collected, they are given to Mr Whitelaw
- These children will then receive a ‘Gold Award’ at the next K-6 Assembly
- Awards can be carried forward to the next year.

Before School Supervision

The School’s supervision roster starts from 8.45am. There is no adult staff member available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to 8.45am. However, there is available within the school, a Before and After School Care Service. This service operates from 7.00am each morning. They can be contacted on 6624 4928.

Apps for Learning

Young children love smartphones. Rather than just playing Angry Birds, why not download some educational apps that are fun too? You can find them at many different sites including:

- www.apps4kids.net/
- www.smartappsforkids.com/
- www.bestappsforkids.org/
- www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/

Don’t forget to download the terrific free app available at School A to Z for smartphones and tablet devices at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications

Online Safety

Tips for Parents:
- If you don’t already, get to know the Internet. It’s important to familiarise yourself with what is available to your child online
• Talk to your children about the importance of online safety and show them how to put this into action, including passwords and privacy settings
• Set up the computer in a public area in the home – making supervision easier
• Install safety software (anti-virus, filter and spyware software)
• Reassure your children that you are there if they need help
• Create a contract or online rules with your children including times of use, information that can and can’t be shared, and pictures that can and can’t be posted online
• Take your child seriously if they report anything unsafe on the Internet and forward your concerns onto your Internet Service Provider and to police

**Tips for Children**
• Be careful who you talk to in chat rooms or on instant messenger
• Ask permission to use chat rooms
• Tell your parents or carer if someone says something to you in an email or chat room that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe
• Remember that people are not always as they seem online
• Never tell anyone your name, address, phone number or school
• Do not send a photo of yourself to anyone: it can be very difficult to remove these later
• Never tell anyone your credit card or bank details
• Never make plans to meet anyone you find online – people you meet online aren’t always who they claim to be
• Talk to someone you trust if there are people online that make you feel uncomfortable.

Mark Spencer, *Principal*

**Northern Rivers PSSA Zone Cross Country – This Friday 24th May**
The Zone Cross Country is on this Friday, 24th May at Corndale Public School.

**Brisbane and Sunshine Coast Excursion: Reminder**
There is still room on the Brisbane and Sunshine Coast excursion.
**Dates travelling:** Wednesday, 4th to Friday, 6th September 2013. **Total Cost:** $355 per student
A deposit of $100 will need to be paid by Friday, 24th May to secure your child’s place on the excursion. Please be aware that a limited number of 50 places on the excursion are available, so please get your deposit in on time.

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**P&C NEWS**

**A huge thank you to our volunteers...**

**Bunnings**
The Bunnings BBQ was another successful fund raising day. We were able to raise $924 despite the bad weather. A huge thank you to Michael, Allison, Ed, Trisha, Kirsten, Maina, Tiffany, David, Vanessa and Janelle for taking time out of their day to help raise funds for our school.

**Mother Day Stall**
We hope that all the mother’s had a relaxing day and enjoyed their gift from the Mother’s Day Stall. The P&C raised $314. Thank you to Janelle for arranging all the gifts and thank you to Janelle and all those who helped run the stall - the kids loved it, as do the Mother’s.

**P&C Meeting**
The P&C’s next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 June 2013 at 7 pm. All are welcome (as with children). 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.

Jane Van Den Bogert – P&C President

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**Dates to Remember – Term 2**

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**Celebrating Birthdays this week:**

- Braydan – Emerald
- Malcolm – Purple
- Mr Peiti, Mrs Cox, & Ms Ward,