P&C AGM
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held tomorrow night from 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

National Close the Gap/Harmony Day Activity
Goonellabah Public School is holding a special afternoon on Thursday, 20th March from 4.00pm-6.00pm, to celebrate National Close the Gap Day as well as Harmony Day. Activities include: Art/craft, teachers & parents v’s students in a game of touch football, tug-of-war, dance, volleyball, decorating a serpent with chalk on the footpath, free BBQ sausage sandwich. There will be soft drinks for sale.

Intensive Swimming Scheme – P&C Support
The 10 day ‘learn to swim’ program starts next Monday, 24th March. Please ensure notes and money are returned to the office by Friday, 21st March. Thank you to the P&C for subsidising the scheme. The total cost for each child is $30.00.

Goonellabah Public School Senior Cricket Team
The Senior Boys cricket team travelled to Lennox Head last Friday to compete in the State Knockout Competition. It was a close match but unfortunately Lennox Head passed our total with 8 wickets down. Lennox was a very experienced side who play on a regular basis. We had great performances from our batters and bowlers with a couple of great catches when fielding. We all look forward to our next game.

PBL
The PBL (Positive behaviour for learning) team has introduced a super draw in 2014. All bonus awards go into a second chance barrel (Superdraw) to attempt to win special prizes at the end of the term.

Year 7 students, 2015 - reminder
Year 7, 2015 expression of interest forms need to be returned to the office by this Friday, 21st March. If you have any questions regarding the High School enrolment please see Mr Rhijaan.

Maths Textbook
Students in Kinder to Year 6 need to purchase a maths textbook. The book will cost $12.00 and is used to enhance the delivery of the numeracy session and consolidate what the students are learning. Payments can be made at the office.

Craft Supplies – Donation
A big thank you to Dorelle Ernshaw for her generous donation of craft supplies to Goonellabah Public School.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan
School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Mark Spencer,
Principal

Date to Remember – Term 1
This Week 17th – 21st March
Wednesday P&C Meeting AGM, 7pm
Wednesday Book Club is due / School Banking
Thursday Close the Gap/Harmony Afternoon

Week 9
Mon-Fri Special Swimming Scheme
Tuesday Rural Fire Visit
Wednesday Northern Star Newspaper – “My first year” Kinder 2014
Wednesday School Banking

Week 10
31st March – 4th April
Mon-Fri Special Swimming Scheme

Last day of Term 1 - Friday, 11th April
Term 2
Staff Development Day – Monday 28th April
Students return – Tuesday 29th April

P&C NEWS

Bunning’s Barbeque – Sunday 16 March 2014
Many thanks for all those who came down to volunteer on Sunday, even if you weren’t able to help behind the barbeque, just to have the support for our school was fantastic!! It was great to see many new faces.
All money raised will go towards the school swimming scheme.

Uniform Shop
Uniforms are now available through the front office for purchase on any school day.

The AGM and next P&C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 7 pm. It would be fantastic to have as many new faces as possible. Children are most welcome to attend. Come and join us, meet other parents and have your say.

Jane Van Den Bogert – P&C President

International Competitions for Schools
Competitions $8.00 per competition
Computer skills Yrs 3 to 6 Tuesday 20th May
Science Yrs 3 to 6 Wednesday 4th June
English Yrs 3 to 6 Tuesday 29th July
Mathematics Yrs 3 to 6 Tuesday 12th August

Enquires to Mrs Dolman (JADE)
Closing date: Tuesday 1st April 2014
Notes and information will go home on Wednesday

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