Happy Holidays

I would like to thank all the students and staff for their hard work this term. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Term 1 finishes: Friday, 11th April
Staff return: Monday, 28th April - (School Development Day)

Students return: Tuesday, 29th April

Easter Hat Parade

Goonellabah Public School will be having their Easter Hat Parade tomorrow at 9.25am in the hall. The P&C Easter Raffle will also be drawn. Parents/Carers and Community members are all welcome.

ANZAC Day

Anzac Day falls near the end of the school holidays this year. Students and staff have been invited to march on Friday, 25th April. They will meet Mr Whitelaw and Mr Rhijaan at Clyde Campbell car park at 8.30am.

School uniform and school hat must be worn. More information is on the following page. Please note that our school Anzac Day assembly will be on Thursday, 1st May, after the holidays.

School Development Day – Term 2 (Monday, 28th April)

Staff will be returning to work after the holidays on Monday, 28th April. We will be involved in training on the New Mathematics Syllabus.

School holiday kids and family camps

It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen-time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common-sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen-time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?

It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

Mark Spencer,
Principal
P&C NEWS

Easter Raffle & Hot Cross Bun Drive
Delivery for the Hot Cross Bun Drive will be this Thursday, 10th April, after 2pm.
Please return all sold and unsold tickets for the Easter Raffle before school tomorrow morning. Thank you.
Vanessa Poole - P&C President

Dates to Remember – Term 1
This Week  7th – 11th April
Wednesday  Easter hat Parade – 9.25am – Hall
Wednesday  School Banking
Friday  Easter K-6 Scripture
Friday  Last day of term 1
FRIDAY 25th April – ANZAC day
Term 2
Staff Development Day – Monday 28th April
Students return – Tuesday 29th April

Celebrating Birthdays this week:
Ray Ray – Lime,
Monique – Lime, Jamal – Red, Brandon – Teal,  Mrs F
Henry & Mrs Fiedler.

Stage 2 – Lake Ainsworth Camp
Notes and deposit are now due. Please pay $50.00 deposit at the office and return note to secure your child’s place in this camp.

Intensive Swimming Scheme
Intensive Swimming Scheme has now finished. Congratulations to all involved. All children learnt some of the swimming skills required for life.

School Cross Country/ Fun Run Carnival
We are holding an adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be our school Cross Country/Fun Run held on Friday, 2nd May within the school grounds.
The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.
All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase: sports equipment
We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!
Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.
Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the adidas School Fun-Run event day at the school on Friday, 2nd May from 12pm to help cheer on the students. If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school. Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising! Deb Dolman (coordinator)

ANZAC Day 2014
Friday, April 25th will be Commemoration of ANZAC DAY. The Lismore Community has a strong tradition of showing support for this important national day through services and the ANZAC march. Students from our school are invited to participate in the march.
There will be teacher participation and I would ask all parents and guardians to encourage their child/children to attend the march.
Students need to assemble, in full school uniform including school hat, on ANZAC Day at 8.30am in the Clyde Campbell Car Park, as the march commences at 9am. All students can be collected prior to the service opposite the Post Office in Conway Street. Parents can then take their children to the service if they wish. Students will need to take their school hat home before the holidays.
Return slip: PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 11th APRIL.
My Child/children ____________________________________________ will be participating in the ANZAC march on 25th April 2014.
Signed: ____________________________________________________ (Parent/Carer), Date: ______________________