Welcome
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a restful break. As you are aware Mr Whitelaw has taken on a role at Casino Public School over the next 18 months, I wish him all the best. Welcome back to Mr Blacklow who returned to Goonellabah Public School at the beginning of this term.

Rivers Sporting Challenge
Over the next four weeks students in Year 4, 5 & 6 have the opportunity to represent the school in the Rivers P-12 sporting challenge. Each Thursday they will travel to venues around Lismore playing sports such as netball, soccer, touch football and basketball.

Goonellabah KO Netball Team
Congratulations go to our Knockout Netball team who competed at a Gala Day late last term. They performed extremely well winning the day. Their next game in the State KO will be against the winner of Woolgoolga and Westlawn Public School.

NAPLAN trial 2015
Our school has been selected to trial questions for the 2015 NAPLAN tests. The trial assessments will be conducted on Monday, 4th August. Students from Years 3 & 5 will be involved in this trial.

Athletics Carnival – This Friday, 25th July
The school athletics carnival is being held this Friday, 25th July. The day will start at 10.00am with individual races. K-2 age races will start at 12.30pm. Students can wear their House Colours for the day. Wattle – Yellow, Banksia – Red, Jarrah – Green. If there are any parents who are able to assist on the day, please let Mr Rhijaan know so we can give you a job on Friday morning.

Canteen and Sausage Sizzle – Athletics day
The canteen will be having a Special Athletics Day canteen this Friday. There will be sausage sandwiches available for lunch. There will also be cakes, slices, biscuits, drinks, ice blocks and chips for sale. The P&C are asking parents/carers to bring in cakes, biscuits and slices to be sold. They can be dropped off at the canteen Thursday or Friday morning.

Major Excursion updates
Stage 2 Excursion – Lake Ainsworth, Week 6 – Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd August.
Stage 3 Excursion – Year 6, Canberra, Week 5 – Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th August.
Stage 3 Excursion – Year 5, unfortunately there has been a change to the Year 5 excursion to Tea Gardens. There were not enough students attending to make it viable. An alternate venue has been organised. Students will now have the opportunity to go to Midginbil Hill on the 10th, 11th and 12th of November. More information is going home with the Year 5 students today.

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 place them in the blue box in the office.
- Children will then be presented with a ‘Bronze Award’ at their stage assembly.
- When they have collected three ‘Bronze Awards’ they place them in the blue box in the office.
- They will then receive a ‘Silver Award’ at the following K-6 Assembly.
- When three ‘Silver Awards’ have been collected, place them in the blue box in the office.
- These children will then receive a ‘Gold Award’ at the next K-6 Assembly.
- Awards can be carried forward to the next year.
Year 6 Careers Day
Information is going home today with Year 6 students regarding a “Careers Expo” being held at Lismore South Public School on 31st July. Please return the permission note to the office by Monday, 28th July.

Removing Head Lice and Nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:
- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page. Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Mark Spencer, Principal

Dates to Remember - Term 3

Week 2  21st – 25th July
Thursday  Junior Assembly – 1pm
Friday  Athletics Carnival

Week 3  28th July – 1st August
Friday  Jeans for Genes Day
Sun – Friday  Creative Arts Camp

Week 4  4th – 8th August
Wed-Friday  Opera House excursion

Week 5  11th – 15th August
Sun-Saturday  Canberra excursion – Yr 6

Week 6  18th – 22nd August
Wed-Friday  Lake Ainsworth excursion Yr3/4

Lost Property
There is a large number of lost property items in the Junior module area. It will be displayed for one week and then it will be taken to the op-shop.

All Staff and Students are invited to wear their JEANS on Friday 1st August 2014 to raise money for genes research!

Gold coin donation please.
Everyone receives a prize!