**Kindergarten 2016**
The Kindergarten Orientation program for children starting school in 2016 starts on Friday, 23rd October. If you know of any children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2016, please inform their families of our program and ask them to contact the school on 6624 1444 for more details.

**Out of School Sport – Term 4**
Out of School Sport has already commenced. There are still some limited places available if children would like to be involved. Permission notes are available from the front office.

**P&C Meeting – Wednesday, 21st October**
The first P&C meeting for Term 4 will be held on Wednesday, 21st October from 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

**Reminder – School Hats**
Each child should be wearing their broad-brimmed hat whilst in the playground at lunch and recess. New students receive a hat when they arrive. If lost, a new hat can be bought for $5.00 from the office.

**Grandparents Day – Monday, 26th October**
Grandparents Day acknowledges the vital role that grandparents play in our society, both as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care, love and guidance to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and the wider community. There will be some activities running at Goonellabah Public School on Monday, 26th October celebrating this very important day. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

**Special Swimming Scheme**
The 10 day learn to swim program starts Monday, 26th October. Please ensure notes and money are returned to the office. Thank you to the P&C for subsidising these lessons. The total cost for each child is $34.00.

**Selective High Schools**
Online applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017 can be made online between 13th October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Find out more: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

**Tricks for encouraging kids to read**
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie they've enjoyed. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at [http://bit.ly/HLPmB9](http://bit.ly/HLPmB9)

Mark Spencer,
**Principal**
School Swimming Scheme

Thank you to those parents who have already registered an expression of interest for children wishing to attend the School Swimming Scheme. It is now time to complete the permission note and start paying the fee. Please contact the office.

The Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

The P&C’s has again agreed to subsidise the program this year by paying $30.00 of the $64.00 fee. Goonellabah Public School can now offer the 2 week Swimming Scheme at a cost of $34.00 to each child.

Get in quick to secure your child’s position in this important skill for life.

Mr Peiti, School Swimming

Dates to Remember – Term 4

Week 2 12th – 16th October
Friday Out of School Sports
Friday Sista Speak

Week 3 19th – 23rd October
Wednesday P&C meeting
Thursday Dreamworld – Band
Friday Kinder orientation

Week 4 26th – 30th October
Mon-Fri School Swimming wk1
Monday Grandparents Day
Wednesday Kinder orientation

School Fund Raiser

On the 30th of October, our school will be supporting the Day for Daniel. The children are asked to bring a gold coin donation and wear red clothing for the day. The Day for Daniel is about keeping kids safe. For more information, visit http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/

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