Welcome
Welcome to the 2015 school year, especially new students and parents. Students have been placed in home classes and will be working through the eight day program. At this stage we have twelve classes. As usual at this time of the year there may be a few minor changes to the classes. If there are new families that have moved into your street and have not yet enrolled, please give them our contact details. There will be a couple of new faces you will see around the school. In next week’s newsletter I will provide an overview of our staff.

Swimming Carnival
The school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday, 11th February at Alstonville. Please refer to the note going home today. We would also like some volunteers to help out with time keeping and judging. If you are interested please contact Mr Peiti or Mr Rhijaan.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held Wednesday, 18th February from 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend.

Scripture
Scripture classes will commence next Friday, 13th February. Please refer to the cut off section on the next page if you would like your child to attend non-scripture.

Uniform & School hats
The Department of Education requires all pupils conform to the school’s uniform requirements. It is policy of Goonellabah Public School, in conjunction with the P&C Association, that children wear uniform at all times, especially when they are representing the school. We encourage our students to wear the school uniform with pride. The uniform is stocked and available from the school office. Each child should be wearing their blue 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.

School Newsletter
The school newsletter is handed out on Tuesday and will be sent home with the youngest child of the family. Parents can subscribe to the school newsletter email distribution list. It is easy and it is free. All you have to do is log into whichever email account that you would like to receive the email from and send an email to: goonellaba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with “subscribe me” in the subject line.

Late for School
Please support your children by encouraging them to arrive on time. Any students arriving after 9.30am need to come to the office and ask for a “Late Pass” and then go to your home class teacher.

Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Mark Spencer,
Principal
Dates to Remember – Term 1

Week 3
Wednesday 9th – 13th February
Swimming Carnival – Yrs 3-6
Thursday Aladdin the Musical – Auditions For Yrs 5-6

Aladdin-Musical Opportunity
The Rivers Musical P-12 Learning Community of public schools are excited to announce that we will be producing a combined Primary and Secondary musical theatre production “Aladdin” at the Lismore City Hall in June 2015.

WANTED NOW: Students currently in Year 5-11 to audition for Dance, Choir and Band for The Rivers P-12 Learning Community musical theatre production of Aladdin 2015

AUDITIONS for DANCE: Wyrallah Road Public School
Thursday 5th February 2015 - 4:00pm-5:00pm

AUDITIONS for CHOIR: Goonellabah Public School
Thursday 5th February 2015 - 4:00-5:00pm

AUDITIONS for EXTENSION BAND MEMBERS: Goonellabah PS
Thursday 5th February 2015 - 4:00-5:00pm

AUDITIONS for OTHER INSTRUMENTALISTS: Goonellabah PS
Thursday 5th February 2015 - 5:00-6:00PM

Please see Mrs Dolman for information packages and application forms

School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.
For over 60 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children life-long money skills. This year, your child is invited to be the Difference on an interplanetary mission to Planet Savings.
Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a revolving redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.
Your school has received parent/teacher hitlist information, so you want to get on board.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015
The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome rewards!
For every $10 you save through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Solar System range, including 12 DVDs, Travel Gardens, Invincible Mark’s Planet and a Mutant Planet. Enter our Competition, Drive to the Outback, Sun System, Goonellabah Light Beam, Yamba, Dorrigo Solar System, Money Gardens and Local Light Robots.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland
By School Banking customers who have saved $50 or more. School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition with a chance to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. Entrants can enter multiple times and will receive full entry into the competition. The competition closes on 15 March 2015 and winners will be announced on 16 March 2015.

For more information, visit www.schoolbanking.com.au/schoolbanking

NON-SCRIPTURE CLASS 2015
At the beginning of each year we will need to update our Scripture rolls. There will be Non-Denominational Scripture, Catholic and Bahai available at Goonellabah Public School. If parents/carers request Non-Scripture for 2015, a note must be returned to the school office before Friday, 6th February, 2015.

I wish for my child/children ____________________________ in class/es ____________________________ to attend Non-Scripture classes for 2015.

YELLOW’S YR 1 – WRITING EXERCISE

Layla Denmead Said: Miss Watson brought in tadpoles to school. We like looking at them because they are fun to watch.