Induction Assembly
The 2015 School parliament induction ceremony will be conducted on Wednesday, 25th February starting at 9.20am. All parents and carers welcome.

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

Maths Textbooks
All Students in Year 1 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.

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, with your child’s name.

Meet the Teacher Evening
A meet the teacher evening is being held for Years 1 to 6 on Tuesday, 24th February.

- 5.15pm Year 1/Year 2       Mrs O'Keefe’s Classroom
- 5.45pm Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6       Mrs Dolman’s Classroom

Parents are invited to afternoon tea from 5.00pm. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for home and school to share vital information about students. If you would like to talk individually with your child’s teacher an appointment time will need to be organised. Parents of Kindergarten students will be invited to a meeting in the Kindergarten rooms on Wednesday, 25th February from 3.20pm to discuss the Best Start assessments that were conducted at the beginning of the year.

The Rivers Secondary College Year 7 2016 Transition Information Evening
Stage 3 students and parents are invited to come along to the Lismore Workers Club Auditorium on Wednesday 25 February from 6pm-7pm to find out more about The Rivers Secondary College, how it works and the benefits for students as they move into high school. You will hear from John Baker, Executive Principal of The Rivers Secondary College and have the opportunity to meet, hear from and speak to students and other key personnel from each high school. This evening is designed to give an overview of The Rivers Secondary College prior to each high school holding its individual session in coming weeks: Kadina HS on Wednesday 11 March; Lismore HS on Tuesday 10 March; and Richmond River HS on Thursday 5 March.

Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school

Mark Spencer,
Principal
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Last Wednesday saw 108 children travel to the Alstonville Olympic pool to take part in the annual school swimming carnival. The carnival was a great success with all children participating in races and novelty events. Banksia proved to be too strong on the day, taking out House honours for the fifth year in a row. Well done Banksia. Congratulations to Sinovai Rooney and Oren Cooper in being 2015’s overall girl and boy swimming Champions on the day.

A team of swimmers has been selected to represent the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival held at the Lismore Memorial Baths on 26th February. Notes will go out to the selected swimmers this week.

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**The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey – Parents of children Years 4 to 6**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9th March and 2nd April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in Years 4 to 6 today with this newsletter. If you *do not* want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by *Friday 27 February*. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

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**Win a Classroom Makeover Northern Star Competition**

Parents, teachers, schools and community groups, put the best educational tools at your child’s fingertips! Imagine what your school could do with a $5,000 classroom makeover from *Staples*. The school with the most tokens wins, so help your children and their school by collecting as many tokens as you can. A token will be published daily in paper from Saturday 14th February to Monday 16th March 2015.

The 2015 School Parliament would love you to collect the tokens and drop them into the office. Remember, the school with the most number of tokens per student wins, so start collecting!

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**Photographs of support teachers**

- Ms Watson
- Miss Bethell
- Mrs Gallagher
- Mrs Wills
- Mrs George
- Mr Holmes