**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.

**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 take them to the office.
- Children will then be presented with a ‘Bronze Award’ at their stage assembly.
- When they have collected three ‘Bronze Awards’ they take them to office.
- They will then receive a ‘Silver Award’ at the following K-6 Assembly.
- When three ‘Silver Awards’ have been collected, they take them to 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.

**Emergency Planning/Practice**
It is part of the Work, Health and Safety regulations that we prepare for and practice emergency procedures on a regular basis. Every 6 months we either practice a:

**LOCKDOWN** – A continuous bell rings and the students stay in their classrooms with staff. The blinds are drawn and the door locked. We use a LOCKDOWN if unauthorised persons enter the site or if there is an incident happening just outside the school property.

**EVACUATION** – An intermittent bell rings. The students and staff leave the buildings and assemble on the oval near the front gate. An EVACUATION would occur if a building was on fire.

If you are on the school site when one of these practices occurs you will be asked to go to the nearest room or the oval.

**ROAD SAFETY around your child’s school - Your child’s safety depends on you**

**Drop off and pick up by car**
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly. Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about. Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights. Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns. Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic. It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic. If for any reason you need to enter the school the speed limit is 15km/h. If leaving your car use the car parks provided. No cars should be parking on the access road, netball court or in the turnaround bay.

Mark Spencer, Principal
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YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION
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KADINA HIGH SCHOOL
Kadina High School Invites you to our 
Year 6 into Year 7
2016 Information Evening
Wednesday 11th March 6.30pm-8.00pm
Kadina High School is a quality comprehensive secondary school providing outstanding educational programs.
- Strong student support programs
- Highly qualified and dedicated staff
- Engaging literacy and numeracy programs
- A high level community involvement
Visit the website: http://www.kadina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Phone Enquiries: 02 66243133

The simplest way
...to protect your skin
Have you been sunburnt this summer?
Too many Aussies are still getting sunburnt. On a fine summer day, sunburn can occur in as little as 10 minutes and cause permanent damage to your skin.

What you need to know:
• The more often you are burnt, combined with your accumulated lifetime exposure to UV radiation, the higher your risk will be for developing skin cancer.
• You can’t see or feel UV radiation. It is present every day, can be high even if the temperature feels cool and can pass through clouds.
• Protect your skin in five simple steps! Slap on sun-safe clothing, slap on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade and slide on your sunnies.

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