**NAPLAN testing**

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will take place on Tuesday, 12\(^{th}\) Wednesday, 13\(^{th}\) and Thursday, 14\(^{th}\) May. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7, & 9 are assessed on the same days using a national test in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. More information: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

**Cross Country – Fun Run**

The school Cross Country/Fun Run will be held Friday, 1\(^{st}\) May on the school oval commencing at 12.00pm. Please return your sponsorship forms by Friday, 15\(^{th}\) May. If your child suffers from Asthma, please ensure they bring their puffer with them. Guides for the race times are listed on the next page for your information.

**School Stream App**

Goonellabah Public School now has the School Stream Smartphone App which we will be using to send you important information. A flyer was sent home with last week’s newsletter if you require further information please contact the office.

**Parent Online Payments (POP)**

Over the next few weeks Goonellabah Public School will launch a new online payment portal linked to our school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This will be a secure payment page hosted by Westpac Bank. More information will be provided to you over the coming weeks.

**School Fees**

The voluntary school contributions have been set at $35.00 per student, $70.00 two students and $100.00 per family. The contributions go towards purchasing resources for our students.

**Managing depression**

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.


**Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016**

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. The application website is at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

**Spellcheck**


Mark Spencer,
Principal
Cross Country/Fun Run
The P&C will be running at cake stall at the Cross Country/Fun Run on Friday. Anybody able to donate Cakes, slices, biscuits etc. Please leave them at the canteen Thursday or Friday. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Aladdin Choir Rehearsals
Thursday afternoons at GPS in Jade Classroom 4:30-5:30pm
Dates: 23/4, 30/4, 7/5, 14/5
Thursday afternoons at Lismore High School Hall 4-6pm
Dates: 21/5, 28/5, 4/6, 11/6
Aladdin Band Rehearsals
Thursday afternoons at GPS in Band Room 4:30-5:30pm
Dates: from 23/4 at GPS until further notice
ALADDIN MUSICAL PERFORMANCE WEEK: 15th-18th June

Dates to Remember – Term 2
Week 2 27th April – 1st May
Friday School Cross Country/Fun Run
Week 3 4th – 8th May
Thursday Everyday Wisdom Event – Lismore Workers Club – Jade
Friday Grip Leadership Conference – Tweed Heads

Creative Arts Camp: 26th-31st July
School Photos: Monday, 18th May

Cross Country/Fun Run Times
12.10pm - Walk course (3-6) 2.00pm – K-2 assemble
12.30pm - 10 year old boys 2.10pm – Year 2 (6-7 yr old)
12.40pm - 10 year old girls 2.20pm – Year 1
12.50pm - 8/9 year old boys 2.30pm – Kinder
1.00pm - 8/9 year old girls 3.00pm Presentations
1.10pm - 11 year old boys
1.20pm - 11 year old girls
1.30pm - 12/13 year old boys
1.40pm - 12/13 year old girls
** Asthma children, please ensure you have your puffer.
Please remember to return sponsorship forms and money by Friday, 15th May.