**NAPLAN testing**
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will take place on Tuesday, 12th Wednesday, 13th and Thursday, 14th 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

**Cross Country – Fun Run**
The school Cross Country/Fun Run will be held tomorrow, 6th May on the school oval commencing at 12.00pm.

**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 earlier this term; 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.

**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

**School Driveway/Car Park**
Schools are very busy places in the morning and afternoon and there is a lot of traffic. Safety is extremely important and I would like to remind parents/carers of the 40km/h zone around the school. If for any reason you need to enter the school the speed limit is 15km/h. If leaving your car please use the car parks provided. No cars should be parking on the access road in and out of the school or in the drop off/pick up area.

**Mental maths strategies**
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of ‘number’ which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Mark Spencer, Principal
**Cross Country/Fun Run**
The P&C will be running at cake stall at the Cross Country/Fun Run on Wednesday. Anybody able to donate Cakes, slices, biscuits etc. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Bunnings BBQ**
To all the volunteers who helped at the Bunnings BBQ, thank you and a special thank you to Janelle Van Den Bogert for organising the day.

**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday, 20th May. All are welcome.

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**Dates to Remember – Term 2**

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**Creative Arts Camp: 26th-31st July**

**Cross Country/Fun Run Times**

- 12.10pm - Walk course (3-6)
- 12.30pm - 10 year old boys
- 12.40pm - 10 year old girls
- 12.50pm - 8/9 year old boys
- 1.00pm - 8/9 year old girls
- 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
- 2.00pm – K-2 assemble
- 2.10pm – Year 2 (6-7 yr old)
- 2.20pm – Year 1
- 2.30pm – Kinder
- 3.00pm Presentations

**Please remember to return sponsorship forms and money by Friday, 15th May.**

**Asthma children, please ensure you have your puffer.**

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Goonellabah Public School students have the opportunity to learn an instrument in 2015. The students have the choice of woodwind, brass, percussion and guitar. Students in Years 1-6 may also learn the recorder. Tuition fees are $90.00 per term ($45.00 for recorder) with a hire fee of $20.00 per term if you need to hire an instrument.

If you are interested please ask your child to come to the office to collect a form. Below are a few comments from students about our instrument program.

- **Dom** - “It’s fun”
- **Bond** – “I will get paid lots of money from being a professional drummer when I grow up”

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**K-2 Early Action for Success News**

**Merran Campbell -Instructional Leader - Literacy and Numeracy**

**Yr 1 - Green**

- My Learning Recount by Lanni
  
  I am learning about Mr Wintergarten. Mr Wintergarten has a fish as big as a palm tree.

- My Learning Recount by Jamal
  
  I am writing about Mr Wintergarten

- My Learning Recount by Noah
  
  I am writing about Mr Wintergarten. I felt happy because I was thinking of animals that were as big as a whale.