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.

The “Tell Them from Me” student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the ‘Tell Them from Me’ feedback survey. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link:
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17943&j_password=Goo2041
Please contact Debbie Fiedler here at school if you would like more information or would like to book a time to use a school computer to complete this survey.

Traditional Indigenous Games Circuit
Friday afternoon will see all children participate in a fun Traditional Indigenous Games Circuit. The games will begin at 2.10pm and finish by 3.15pm. Students can wear Indigenous colours to school to celebrate.

Kindergarten 2016
In Term 4 we will be running a Kindergarten Orientation program for children starting school in 2016. If you know of any children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2016, please inform their families of our program and ask them to contact the school on 6624 1444 for more details.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow Wednesday, 16th September from 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents/carers and community members are invited to attend.

K-6 Assembly
Our end of Term K-6 Assembly is being held next Thursday, 17th September from 9.20am in the hall. All Bronze and Silver Awards should have been handed in at the school office by Tuesday, 15th September.

Catch up Photo’s
For any students who were absent on photo day, individual photos will be taken on tomorrow Wednesday, 16th September.

Out of School Sport – Term 4
Notes about Term 4 ‘out of school sport’ for students in Years 3 to 6 were sent out last week. Students are to select their preferred sport and return to the office before Friday to receive the permission note for the sport they have chosen.

End of Term Message
The last day for Term 3 is this Friday. Students and staff return on Tuesday, 6th October.

Mark Spencer,
Principal
Canberra Excursion 2015

Students from our school have just returned from an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. While in Canberra our students visited key civic and cultural sites such as The National Capital Exhibition Centre, National Museum of Democracy, The War Memorial, CSIRO Science Centre and Parliament House to name a few.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $80 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

5/6 Kadina High School Science Day

Tomorrow, our 5/6 classes will be walking to Kadina High School to participate in a series of science activities in their science laboratories. During this visit our students will be able to carry out scientific investigations and conduct experiments using some high school equipment under the supervision of their class teacher and a KHS science teacher.

Our classes will leave our school at 11.30pm and should return at approximately 2.30pm. If you would like more information on the science visit please contact Mr Rhijaan.

K-2 Early Action for Success

News – Aqua Class

My Learning Recount by Charlotte

I was writing about Fox. I made a book. I wrote sentences and drew a picture. I felt happy because I worked hard.

School Swimming Scheme

Thank you to those parents who have already registering an expression of interest for children wishing to attend the School Swimming Scheme. It is now time to complete the permission note and start paying the fee.

Please contact the office.

The Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

The P&C’s has again agreed to subsidise the program this year by paying $30.00 of the $64.00 fee.

Goonellabah Public School can now offer the 2 week Swimming Scheme at a cost of $34.00 to each child.

Get in quick to secure your child’s position in this important skill for life.

Mr Peiti, School Swimming Co-ordinator

“You Can Do It”

Confidence is trying something new. Confidence is sharing new ideas with my teacher.

• Talking to someone new