Attendance – Every minute counts
When your child misses 20 minutes a day that equals 1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week, which is nearly 2 ½ weeks per year. Therefore from Kindy to Year 12, that is nearly a year of school. Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day.....School starts at 9.15am.....DON’T BE LATE.

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. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. 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_acegli_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.

School Stream App
Goonellabah Public School now has the School Stream Smartphone, why not go to the App store on your smart phone and download it today.

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.

Road Safety
Attached to today’s newsletter is information regarding road safety. Please reinforce these messages with your children.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on 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 are to be 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 Wednesday, 16th September.

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

Mark Spencer, Principal
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

K-2 Early Action for Success News – Emerald Class

Merran Campbell -Instructional Leader - Literacy and Numeracy

My Learning Recount by Harley

In writing, I wrote about how you can blow up a balloon without using air.

My Learning Recount by Mia

I am learning about how to blow up balloons. I learnt that when we put vinegar and bi-carb soda together it will make lots of air bubbles which will blow up the balloon. I wrote about this experiment.

My Learning Recount by Melinda

In writing, I wrote about how to blow up balloons. I learnt that when you put vinegar and bi-carb soda together the balloon will blow up by itself.

“You Can Do It”

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

✓ Talking to someone new