Welcome
Welcome to the 2016 school year, especially new students and parents. Students have been placed in home classes and will be working through the eight day program. At this stage we have twelve classes. As usual at this time of the year there may be a few minor changes.

If there are new families that have moved into your street and have not yet enrolled, please give them our contact details.
There will be a couple of new faces you will see around the school. In next week’s newsletter I will provide an overview of our staff.

Swimming Carnival
The school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday, 10th February at Alstonville. Please refer to the note going home today. We would also like some volunteers to help out with time keeping and judging. If you are interested please contact Mr Peiti or Mr Rhijaan.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting for 2016 will be held Wednesday, 17th February from 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend.

Scripture
Scripture classes will commence Friday, 19th February.

Uniform & School hats
The Department of Education requires all Students conform to the school’s uniform requirements. It is policy of Goonellabah Public School, in conjunction with the P&C Association, that children wear uniform at all times, especially when they are representing the school. We encourage our students to wear the school uniform with pride. The uniform is stocked and available from the school office. Each child should be wearing their blue broad-brimmed hat whilst in the playground at lunch and recess. New students receive a hat when they arrive. If lost, a new hat can be bought for $5.00 from the office.

Late for School
Please support your children by encouraging them to arrive on time. Any students arriving after 9.30am need to come to the office and ask for a “Late Pass” and then go to your class teacher.

Induction Assembly
The 2016 School parliament induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, 18th February starting at 9.20am. All parents and carers welcome.
**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 by EFTPOS or by the online payment system (POP).

**SAVE THE DATE - Meet the Teacher Evening**
A meet the teacher evening is being held for Years 1 to 6 on Tuesday, 16th February 2016. Times will be sent home later this week.
These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for home and school to share vital information about students. If you would like to talk individually with your child’s teacher an appointment time will need to be organised.
Parents of Kindergarten students will be invited to a meeting in the Kindergarten rooms to discuss the Best Start assessments that were conducted at the beginning of the year. Once again more information will be sent home later this week.

**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.

**KINDERGARTEN – My First Year Photographs**
Each year the Northern Star Newspaper publishes a lift out supplement, entitled “My First Year” and it will feature kindergarten class photographs from across the Northern Rivers Region. Going home with Kindergarten students today will be a note requesting permission to be photographed; this note will need to be returned by Tuesday, 18th February. If you have any questions please contact the school office on 6624 1444.

**Updating Contact Details**
If your contact/address details have changed can you please contact the office immediately to ensure our records are kept up to date.

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

**School Notes Going home today with the newsletter**
1. **Swimming Carnival** – Information and permission note for Years 3,4,5 & 6 only
2. **Long Term Permission Note 2016** – Needs to be filled in and returned by Friday, 5th February
3. **Kindergarten Students only** – My First Year Photographs permission note
4. **Uniform Price List**

Mark Spencer,
*Principal*