Uniform & School hats
The Department of Education requires all Students conform to the school’s uniform requirements. It is Goonellabah Public School policy, 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 stock 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.

Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards
At Goonellabah Public School we acknowledge positive behaviour and work habits in a number of different ways. One form of commendation and positive acknowledgement we use is the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

- Children receive a ‘Thank you’ (blue award) from their classroom teacher.
- Once they have collected five ‘Thank you’, (Blue Awards) they take them to the office.
- Children will then be presented with a ‘Bronze Award’ at their stage assembly.
- When they have collected three ‘Bronze Awards’ they take them to office.
- They will then receive a ‘Silver Award’ at the following K-6 Assembly.
- When three ‘Silver Awards’ have been collected, they take them to the office.
- These children will then receive a ‘Gold Award’ at the next K-6 Assembly.
- Awards can be carried forward to the next year.

Emergency Planning/Practice
It is part of the Work, Health and Safety regulations that we prepare for and practice emergency procedures on a regular basis. Every 6 months we either practice a:

- LOCKDOWN – A continuous bell rings and the students stay in their classrooms with staff. The blinds are drawn and the door locked. We use a LOCKDOWN if unauthorised persons enter the site or if there is an incident happening just outside the school property.

- EVACUATION – An intermittent bell rings. The students and staff leave the buildings and assemble on the oval near the front gate. An EVACUATION would occur if a building was on fire.

If you are on the school site when one of these practices occurs you will be asked to go to the nearest room or the oval.

ROAD SAFETY around your child’s school - Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly. Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about. Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights. Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns. Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic. It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic. If for any reason you need to enter the school the speed limit is 15km/h. If leaving your car use the car parks provided. No cars should be parking on the access road, netball court or in the turnaround bay.

Attendance – Every Day Counts
A day here or there doesn’t seem like much but......when your child misses just 1 day each fortnight that equals 20 days per year which is 4 weeks per year. Therefore from Kindy to Year 12, that is nearly 1½ years of school. Give your child every chance to succeed......EVERY DAY COUNTS
School Sores/Impetigo
There have been a few reports in the past couple of weeks regarding “School Sores”. Please read the information below on how to treat them.

**Symptoms**
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

**School or home?**
Keep your child home from school until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

**How can I help prevent spread?**
Parents of children who may have had contact with impetigo should look for signs of infection and seek treatment if symptoms develop. Careful hand washing especially after changing dressings. Avoid sharing toilet articles, towels, clothing or bed linen. Consider using anti-bacterial soap for bathing for two to three weeks. Avoid scratching or touching the lesions to prevent spread to other parts of the body. Completing the recommended antibiotic course is very important.

**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).

**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.

**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?

Mark Spencer,
Principal

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**Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion Information 2016**

**Sunday, 21st August to Saturday, 27th August (Term 3)**
The permission note for the year 5/6 Canberra Excursion was sent home last week. The excursion will run from Sunday, 21st August to Saturday, 28th August (Term 3). The total cost for this camp is $550.00. If you are wanting your child to attend, please fill out the permission slip and return it to school with your $100 deposit by Friday, 4th March to secure a seat on the bus. We only have 50 seats available for this excursion which is filling up fast. A waiting list will be created. A more detailed Canberra Information Package will be sent home at the start of Term 3. If you have any questions about the excursion see Mr Rhijaan.

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

**Pink Class**

**Merran Campbell -Instructional Leader**

**Literacy and Numeracy**

My Learning Recount by Jayda
I did writing about Leo the Lion. I wrote a sentence and then I had to reread it to check that it made sense. I felt confident because it was easy.

My Learning Recount by Levi
I had to write a sentence about Leo the Lion. My job was to read my message and use topic words. I felt happy because I liked my sentence.

My Learning Recount by Bodina
I wrote about Leo the Lion. I wrote sentences that made sense. My learning was good because I went back to reread. I felt great because all of my sentences made sense.