Goonengerry Public School

Term 3 Week 10 24 September 2024

Newsletter



We would like to acknowledge that our school sits on Bundjalung Country and acknowledge the Arakwal people and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

125 Wrap up

Saturday 14th September was a day to be remembered and cherished for many years to come. With a crowd estimate of 350, turning up as the Principal, I could not have been more proud of our school, students, staff and community. A massive thank you to the dedicated staff and parents who gave up hours of their time to make the day a great success. It was lovely to hear our ex-students stories and see so many ex-staff, students and families enjoy the day. Thanks to Bec for her coordination, and to Willow, Linden and Jasper, as well as Dane for the fantastic music sets to entertain our crowd. If you have any pictures from the day please send them through to the school as we prepare a 150 Year time capsule.

Public Speaking

This week our Boulders class participated in Public Speaking to our very supportive parents and friends. Public Speaking is a wonderful skill and is linked to the focus area of the curriculum, Oral Language and Communication. The presentations were exceptional in their content, with a mix of information and humour. Congratulations to all the children for the work that they have put into this activity. The winners of each stage will represent our school at the Far North Coast Public Speaking competition in week 1 Term 4. The speeches were recorded, and links will be sent to parents this week.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Stem is a relatively new subject area that all schools are required to cover. Goonengerry PS is very well placed to prepare our students for the future through our weekly STEM lessons delivered by our teachers. Last Friday Years 3 and 4 visited Newrybah PS, whilst our 5 and 6 students went to Main Arm PS to work with other students and teachers from the VoSS learning community, to complete activities that support their learning in this area.

Tree Planting and Seed propagation Project

In 2023 Goonengerry PS participated in a seed propagation project led by Ray Moynihan at our school. It was so successful and a great learning experience. We have extended the opportunity for our school's participation by having a tree planting and maintenance day held next term at the beautiful Byrangery Grass Reserve, Friday week 1 Term 4. As you likely know, this area is just a few minutes down the road from the school, at 254 Mafeking Road. The children will travel by bus and experience seed gathering, propagation, planting and maintenance. This sits beautifully into our school's ethos of sustainability and caring for the environment.

Tony Hutchinson, Principal.

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." — Anthony J. D'Angelo







Wishing ou't families
a safe and happy
holidays, from all of
the staff at
Goonengerry

<u>Compass App Reminders</u>

- Many events happening in Term 4.
 Get ahead of the ball and please login to your COMPASS app in the holidays to approve your child's events.
- Please pay any outstanding overdue school fees.
 Thank you, Nikki

2025 Lighthouse Class

Congratulations to Summer and Hugo on gaining access to the 2025 Mullumbimby High Achievers class. Both Summer and Hugo were nominated for the positions and presented a sample of high quality work to support their applications.

North Coast Creative Arts Camp

Last week I attended an Arts camp at Tyalgum with students from Years 4-6. People who went were from a variety of schools from Port Macquarie to the Gold Coast.

We started each day with choir every morning. After that we participated in our Main Groups. I chose Strings and Things (guitar) as my main group. It was really fun to be in a band. I loved practicing with a group and when it all came together it sounded awesome.

Each afternoon we did different activities. My favourite was kayaking in the dam. We did a big concert at the end where all the different groups performed. I really enjoyed the Arts camp.

Florence (Year 6)

P&C meeting is on the 1st week back of Term 4, Wednesday 16 October @ 3pm.
All Welcome.

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Term 4 Save the dates

- Monday 14 October
 First day of Term 4
- Wednesday 16 October
 Public Speaking Comp, Uki PS
 P&C meeting 3pm
- Friday 18 October
 Whole School Tree planting morning and seed workshop @ Byrangery Grass Reserve
- Monday 21 October
 Boulders Class, PBL excursion
 The Pocket Public School
- Wednesday 23 October 2025 Kindergarten Orientation
- Friday 25 October Years 5/6 Leadership Day Mullumbimby HS P&C disco - Federal Hall
- Friday 1 November
 VoSS Art Day, selected students Stage 2/3
- Monday 4 November Friday 8 November Whole School Swimming
- Wednesday 13 November 2025 Kindergarten Orientation
- Thursday 14/Friday 15 November Whole school camp Marine Discovery Centre - Hastings Point
- Wednesday 27 November School concert, 5.30pm
- Tuesday 3 December
 High School Orientation Year 6
- Wednesday 4 December Presentation Day - 9:30am
- Tuesday 10 December Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 18 December Last day of school