

# 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.*



## Term 4 Week 10

Another great year of learning comes to a close at Goonengerry Public School. Definitely a year to celebrate and acknowledge the success of our students, staff and school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff and parents for the extraordinary support and encouragement given to our school and for your work that you do above and beyond to support our students to achieve their best. I'm looking forward to continuing to build our community links and having our parents involved in parent reading, working bees, school canteens, sports, crafts and celebration days. Connecting both old and new families through P&C events and meetings. There will be opportunities early next year for our P&C to conduct fundraising raffles at the Bangalow Bowlo, so please come forward and be part of the Goonengerry School family in 2025. Thank you to our wonderful P&C led by Anna as President, as well as all the parent helpers who came forward on those occasions like School disco, canteen, 125 Celebration and Christmas lunch.

## Yarning Circle

A big thankyou to Ed and Leo for our amazing new Yarning Circle and outdoor learning space. Our children have been loving the area and really enjoy the "relaxing vibe" it provides.



## Celebration of Learning Assembly

Congratulations to all our students for their efforts in 2024 and the acknowledgement for all your hard work at last Tuesday's Celebration of Learning Assembly. Thanks to the staff for your organisation and thanks to the parents, grandparents and friends for joining us.

## 125 Year celebrations of Goonengerry Public School

This year we celebrated our 125 Years of Public Education to the Goonengerry community. This milestone was a significant event and our school community should be very proud of the achievements of our school that has been recognised as a leader in Public Education.

## RAT tests

With COVID still circulating in our community, we have RAT tests available at the office for collection if you feel as though you may need some over the school holidays.

## 2025 Planning

Our students return to school on Thursday February 6, 2025 with the office open from January 31 for new enrolments, uniforms and general information. There are 4 gazetted pupil free days in Term 1 and 2 more in Term 2. This time has been allocated for staff to undertake professional development. At this time, we plan to form three classes next year, a K-1 (Pebbles class), a 2-3 (Rocks class) and a 4-5-6 (Boulders class). The teaching staff should remain as 2024.

## Great News for our School

Late last week, I was informed that Zoe has been permanently appointed to Goonengerry PS as Mr Squires has relinquished his position. Prior to this Zoe was a TWT employee based at Goonengerry, but eligible to be transferred to another school.

## Last Day for Students

Wednesday 18 December is the last day for students with reports being available to parents on Monday (electronically) via email. Staff will also finish on this date as they have participated in professional learning throughout the year to accumulate time in lieu.

We wish all of our students and families a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

The first day for all students is Thursday 6 February.

Tony Hutchinson, Principal.

*"The expert in anything was once a beginner."* Helen Hayes

### *Important school dates*

- Wednesday 18 December  
Last day for students
- Friday 31 January  
School office open - All staff return to school
- Thursday 6 February  
First day of Term 1, 2025





**Congratulations  
Mackar for your  
Principal's  
award.**



**Hugo, Summer & Flo were surprised with a day out to Wet 'n' Wild last week, celebrating their 7 years of schooling at Goonengerry. We wish them well for high school next year.**



Parents and friends are invited to a special morning tea for

*Ange*

to celebrate 39 years of teaching.

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TUESDAY    DEC    10:00 AM  
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Goonengerry Public School

*We hope you can join us*

**"Many thanks to Goonengerry School for your continued support of Federal Loves Refugees. It really warms my heart to see the kids pass over these gifts and donations every year.**

**We wish you and the whole Goonengerry School Community a very Happy Christmas season."**

**Warmest wishes, Julie Federal Loves Refugees**







**Congratulations to all of our students for a fantastic year. Major Award winners were:**

- **Outstanding Attendance**
- **Sebastian**
- **Academic Excellence**
- **Florence**
- **Citizenship Award**
- **Summer**
- **Sports Performance & Participation**
- **Theadora**
- **Creative & Performing Arts**
- **Hugo**
- **Graham Jessup Guitar Award**
- **Tom**
- **Significant Progress in Learning**
- **Eva**
- **Library Awards**
- **Pippa, Townes, Nash, Mae, Mabel, Thea**

Many tracks, one road, sustaining community.  
Northern Rivers Community Gateway

# summer vacation CLUB with Rainbow Region Kids

**Childcare subsidy Approved!**  
**Educational, safe and fun!**  
**NOT-FOR-PROFIT!** **INCLUSIVE!**

**We are now taking bookings for The 2024-25 Summer School holidays in ALSTONVILLE, Blakebrook, CASINO, COFFEE CAMP, COORABELL, Evans Head, KYOGLE, LISMORE, MULLUMBIMBY, Ocean Shores, WARDLELL & WOLLONGBAR!**

**MEETING!**  
We are ACECQA accredited!  
\* Up to date childcare subsidy status for each of our locations can be found on our website.

**BOOK NOW!** Call 0429 640 075 (9am-3pm Mon-Fri) Email [rrkassist@nrcg.org.au](mailto:rrkassist@nrcg.org.au)

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## RTRL SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

*Reading is Magic*

**SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024 TO WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2025**

Register online at [www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au/summer-reading-challenge](http://www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au/summer-reading-challenge) or at your local branch of Richmond Tweed Regional Library. Record the things you read with the online reading log and grab an activity book from the desk. It's full of reading ideas, games, and puzzles!

Keep reading all summer long and you'll go in the draw for weekly prizes and the major prize of a Samsung Galaxy Tab A9+! Make sure you register for your area's finale party and come along for cake, prize announcements, special guests, and loads of fun!

Find out more and register on the web!



*Win*

You could win a **Samsung Galaxy Tab A9+** and prizes throughout the challenge!

**Richmond Tweed Regional Library**  
Connect. Discover. Escape.

## KIDS ART & CRAFT

### SUMMER HOLIDAY WEEKLY CLASSES

ART CLUB Ages 6 - 10 y / Jan 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
Tuesdays at the Federal Hall / 10 am - 1 pm

LITTLE CREATORS Ages 4 - 6 / 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  
Wednesdays in Bangalow / 10 am - 12 pm

ART CLUB Ages 6 - 10 / 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  
Wednesdays in Bangalow / 1 pm - 4 pm

TEENS ART Ages 10 - 15 / 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
Thursdays in Bangalow / 10 am - 1 pm

*"Where creativity blooms, minds grow, and community thrives."*