

North News

Goulburn North Public School

'Life is for Learning'

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Term 1 - Weeks 1&2

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Principal's Message

We welcome all of the Goulburn North Public School community back from holidays! We are looking forward to an exciting year and we hope that our families and their children enjoy a successful 2014.

We have started the year on a very positive note with 264 enrolments. Our classes will be formed by the end of the week and the children will be put into classes on Monday, and we hope to keep them in that form for the rest of the year. We thank the parents and children for their understanding as we use the first 3 days of the school year to confirm our classes and carry out our start of year testing.

Along with our new kindergarten children, we also have fifteen other children starting the year at Goulburn North Public School. We hope that all the new members of our school community enjoy their time at Goulburn North Public School.

We hope that families take part in some of the many activities that will be presented this year that will allow you to be a part of your child's education. We are looking forward to a great year on 2014.

Michael Hooker



Calendar Term 1

Week 1

Wed, 29 th Jan	1-6 start the school year! Kinder Best Start
Thurs, 30 th Jan	Kinder Best Start
Fri, 31 st Jan	Kindergarten commence

Week 3

Mon, 10 th Feb	School Swimming Carnival for children turning 8 years old and above.
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Week 5

Tues, 25 th Feb	District Swimming Carnival
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Week 6

Wed, 7 th Mar	Regional Swimming Carnival
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Week 10

Wed 2 nd April	School Athletics Carnival, Hudson Park
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Week 11

Last day of Term 1

11th April 2014

FETE & FIREWORKS

Goulburn North Public School's major fundraiser for the year is our Fireworks Night. This is our school's major community event.

Last year's event was very successful and we hope this year will be bigger and better again. **For this night to be a success, we would greatly appreciate your help.** To find out more, please read the attached note regarding the first meeting of the organising committee. The more people we have, the better our night will be.



Can you help?

As we begin another year at Goulburn North, we once again request your assistance in running our school canteen. Whether it is a few hours a week, a fortnight or even a few hours a month, your help would be greatly appreciated. It only takes a day and without your support our canteen sometimes risks being closed.

If you or another family member are able to assist, please call the school office on 4821 3838.



Hats! Hats! Hats!

We would like to remind parents and carers that all students who wish to play outside at recess and lunch, need to wear a school hat. The office supply of hats has been depleted and is no longer able to lend hats to students.

Please ensure that your child has their own hat for their own protection from the sun.

Uniforms

Has your child grown over the holidays? Do you need some more uniform? The clothing pool operates each Tuesday afternoon between 2-3pm and each Friday morning between 9-10am. In an emergency, please see our lovely ladies in the Office if you require assistance outside of these times.

As we start another school year, we would like to remind you of the footwear guidelines for school children. Please help by ensuring your children's shoes are suitable.



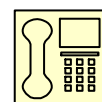
The above pictures indicate recent trends of "ballet flats" and canvas slip on shoes. These shoes unfortunately do not provide adequate support for your child's feet. Preference is for leather upper shoes with firm soles.



Have you changed your contact details?

If you have moved house or changed phone numbers during the course of the holidays it is important that you let the school know of the change.

It is important that we have **current contact numbers** and up to date emergency contact numbers, in case we need to contact you if there is an urgent matter with your child.



School Banking

Our school will again participate in School Banking this year in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank. To get started on your child's savings adventure, they will need a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account.

You can do this in one of 4 ways:

1. Online through Netbank for existing customers
2. Visiting our local branch
3. Over the phone on 132221
4. Download an application form from www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and return to the school office.

Our school banking day is Thursday.



A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.



Swimming Carnival

This year, our swimming carnival will be held on Monday 10th February. Notes have been sent home this week and please read it carefully as it will be run slightly differently this year. You will find attached to the permission note an Order of Events for the carnival. We ask that your child nominates which event(s) they would like to compete in, complete the form, and return this nomination with your child's permission note and money to the office by Thursday 6th February. Copies of the nomination forms are also available on the school website. We are looking forward to a wonderful swimming carnival to start the year.



Parent Parking

We are asking parents to be aware of the limited space that we have available at the school for parking. Parents are reminded that the Staff Car Park should not be used by parents for the dropping off or collecting of children from the school. That parking space is for staff only.

We also need to be aware that the businesses that we share Union Street with also need parking spaces outside their places of work. Parents should beware that the Hopes Cordials Carpark is for customers only, and that parking in some areas is limited to 15 minutes and there are a number of areas that are NO PARKING. Police are enforcing these zones

Parents who need to park near the school for longer periods are encouraged to use the parking area on the road near the 'Little House' and behind the two demountable buildings. The 'pick-up' and 'drop-off' area at the end of the road behind the demountable buildings is a great way to collect your children quickly and safely.

We appreciate your support! As always, we ask parents to take great care when driving near the school, an accident of this nature is something that we would all like to avoid.



Breakfast Program

Goulburn North Public School is pleased to be able to offer our Breakfast Program each Tuesday and Thursday Morning. Once again the children will be able to have fruit or cereal, free of charge.

The highly successful Breakfast Program operating each Tuesday and Thursday. We have been fortunate to have the Goulburn Mulwaree Rotary Club offering outstanding support to our school in running the Breakfast Program and donating \$2000.00 to see this program continue at our School.

Welcome back!

