A big thank you to everyone who support our students with their Fundraising throughout last term and this term!!

G.C.S would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break!!!
Yaama,

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. Every fortnight Malcolm Cochrane does a great job in compiling all the items for our newsletter so I would like to thank him for the job he does and especially for putting up with me always handing my item in late.

**Mobile Phones**

I am aware that many of our students use mobile phones. They can be a valuable tool to keep in contact with parents, be used for entertainment and have become a part of everyday life. However, due to safety concerns mobile phones are banned in the **Primary section of our school**. If a staff member spots a primary student with a mobile phone they will ask them to put it in their bag and their parent/carer will be notified.

Secondary students are allowed to have phones on the school grounds so long as they are not used inappropriately and do not interfere with learning. If a staff member believes they are being a distraction they may be asked to put it away and parents contacted. I am sure the parents and carers of our students will assist us with this policy.

**Canberra Excursion**

Anyone who has kept up with our Facebook site would have seen photos of the exciting adventure that our Stage 3 students recently went on. They had a great time in Canberra learning about our Nation’s Capital. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Curtis and Kevin Hooper who accompanied the students on their trip. It is not an easy job supervising a large group of students in a new environment and they both did a great job ensuring our students had a fun and safe time. I was very pleased to hear from the Lightning Ridge Principal telling me that he had heard reports of how well the Goodooga students had behaved. I was told our students were respectful of all people and places and followed all the staffs’ instruction. There will be more photos and a review of the trip in our next newsletter so stay tuned.

**Flag Design and Cultural Garden/ Learning Space**

Visitors to our school may have noticed that we are slowly transforming the old sandpit area on the Primary side of the school. In this space will be a cultural garden, an outdoor learning area and a new sandpit. On the 12th November we will be holding a Working Bee so that the community can have some input into its design and construction.

Also on this date we will be holding a design competition to design a new flag for our Indigenous Games. The flag is being kindly donated by Justin and Kylie Littlewood who are relatives of Willie Pokarier. We will choose elements of the designs created to create our flag.

Yaluu,
Nathan Forbes
Principal
K-1 NEWS

K-1 has been very busy this term. We have been learning in maths, making groups of 3D shapes and 2D objects. In HSIE we have been learning about needs and wants and in dance the students have been creating their own sequence of movements to music. They are awesome dancers!

The notes for the K-2 Intensive swimming at Lightning ridge has been sent home recently. The dates for this are 16th to 20th November [week 7].

Our Pre-schoolers have had a great start to the Kinderstart orientation. They have participated in Maths activities, Literacy Centres and enjoyed Science last week where they observed their partner playing on the play equipment then named which parts of their body moved while playing and then drew their partner on the play equipment.
Canberra Snapshot

Students from 5/6 Goodooga Central School recently undertook, an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school.
Attendance & absence
Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

Students need to attend school regularly to meet the course requirements of the Higher School Certificate.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the school principal or the Head Teacher.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administration assistant at our school, or explain the reason by phone, email, or written note as soon as possible.

Sport
Last Friday our 5/6 and secondary students travelled to Lightning Ridge for competitive games against the Ridge school. Whilst our students were slow to start, the games were played at a fierce pace and very competitive. Our students are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and behaviour. Goodooga has another two Friday afternoons of competitive sport towards the end of term.

Meetings are currently being held to expand the competitive sport to involve other schools and be played every second Friday in 2016. Updates will be published as soon as the planning is finished. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Transition Program
Last week I attended the Transition Adviser Training course. The course has been developed for teachers to connect with students and relevant government departments and industry groups who are committed to making connections to support young people in their transition from school to work. Our students will be involved in the school to work program, we will be implementing a wide range of vocational and enterprise learning initiatives and opportunities to empower students to undertake positive career and transition planning.

Whilst I was attending these courses the secondary staff must be thanked for taking extra lessons and duties above their normal teaching loads, in particular to Mr Crook for also relieving as Head Teacher.

Gold Coast Excursion
Planning and fundraising is well underway for the Secondary excursion. The amount of donations and vouchers that the students have received from their letterbox drop and mail out has been tremendous. This will provide many raffles and great prizes on our Fete day, 19th November commencing at 3.30 and concluding at 6.30pm in the school grounds. A separate flyer will be sent home next week.
WARM WEATHER

With the weather ‘warming up’ please remember to send your children to school wearing a hat & closed in shoes & sunscreen each day. A water bottle is also recommended, which the students are able to keep in their classroom fridge.

FRESH EGGS FOR SALE

egg

$3.50 a carton

If you would like to purchase some fresh eggs please contact Isabel Orcher on 0448 782 627. Isabel is willing to deliver the eggs to your home. Thank you!!
ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/ CARERS
If your child/children are absent from school could you please contact the school on (02) 682 96257 or send a note with your child to explain absence. This would be appreciated.

Thank you!!

DOCTORS!!
Coming to Goodooga Health Service:

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th November - Dr Mark Young
Tuesday 17th November - Children Dentist
Wednesday 18th November - Dentist
Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November - Dr Kath Keenan

Drug & Alcohol Worker will be at the Health Service on every last Friday of each month.

Optometrist– February 2016

Please see Health Service staff for Appointments!!

Parents, Caregivers & Community Members
If you have the need to enter the school grounds for any reason including delivering lunch money etc, could you please sign in at the front office as part of our work place safety. Thank you!!

MID TERM BREAK

Friday 6th November 2015
&
Monday 9th November 2015

School Resumes Tuesday 10th November 2015

Canteen Notice
All monies owning to the canteen need to be finalized by Friday 20th November 2015.

If you have any concerns please see the canteen ladies.

Thank you!!

Lunch Orders
Please ensure your child/children have money in their lunch bag when placing an order and lunch orders must be in by 9.30am. Thank You!!

Are your details up to date?
Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any change in your living situation so we contact you if the need arises.
Term 4 Week 5
Gooordoona Central School

**COMING EVENTS 2015**

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**Dhiiyan Guumali - Play Group**

**Mondays**
10.00 am to 12 noon Lunch & early learning activities provided!

Where: Dhiiyan Guumali (blue room) at the school

**A Reminder:**
All students are required to wear a hat at school. All students have received hats at school and are encouraged to leave at least one of these hats at school for school use. If students are not wearing a hat they are expected to stay in the undercover sheltered areas in the playground.

We are also encouraging students to drink lots of water at school. Packing sandwiches and fruit for their lunch and recess is highly encouraged to provide students with healthy energy for tackling daily school work.