Yaama,

Firstly, let me say a big thank you to those parents and community members who attended our meet and greet last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many parents and community members at the lunch and hope to see many more at our next one.

I have been away recently at a Principals Network Meeting in Dubbo. During this meeting we were presented information on the New Schools Excellence Framework. This framework is designed to assist schools in achieving excellence in teaching and learning. I am looking forward to working with staff, students, parents and community in implementing this framework to make positive changes at our school.

PBL

Goodooga Central School has a PBL committee. This committee is made of members of staff and a member from the community. During our last meeting we discussed the need to change our merit system so that we can better acknowledge our students who are always doing the right thing. As a result a new merit system will come into effect in the next week or so. I will send out more information when I can.

Assembly

Just a reminder that we will be having regular, whole school assemblies on Thursday’s at 2:10 PM. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend to help celebrate student success.

Mid Term Break

Like many schools in our district, our school has Mid Term Breaks. As a result, the school will be closed this Friday 27th February and Monday 2nd March. School returns to normal on Tuesday 3rd March. Please phone the school if you have any concerns.

Freedom Rides

The Freedom Rides, which took place 50 Years ago, are a very significant event which helped to change the discriminatory practises towards Aboriginal people at the time. I believe it is important for all Australians to better understand the huge achievements of this movement and to celebrate them. As a result, High School students from our school went along to the Freedom Rides Celebration which was held in Walgett last week. I am told our students were very well behaved and listened and participated respectfully. Well done!

Have a great week.

Nathan Forbes
Principal
What's Happening in 2/3/4?

We have started the year very well in the 2/3/4 classroom. Lots of things are happening and we are all working hard to achieve our learning goals.

The class has started a new reward system, it's called Class Dojo. It is heaps of fun and when we get used to it, parents and caregivers will be able to log in from home and look at how well their child is working in class.

Also we are waiting on the arrival of some little chicks in our incubator. Hopefully in about 14 days we will have some chicks hatching in the classroom, so please come up and have a look at them.

We are working hard on Literacy using the Daily 5 system, and using Math Daily 3 in Numeracy. Both of these systems are based on group work and are fun, challenging and helping us to develop our reading, writing, vocabulary and maths skills. Please come up and join in if you are interested.

Finally, homework will arrive home in week 5, with a reader too. Please encourage your child or children to complete their homework and try to read at home every day. This really helps the children to remember what we do in class and become a better reader.

Hope to see you in the classroom sometime soon!
In English this term our Year 7 students have begun learning about poetry. They have been learning all about how poems are created and the techniques poets use when writing their poems such as: similes, metaphors, alliteration and onomatopoeia. This week Kenneth and Kia learnt about imagery and how images are created in poems. They both created some outstanding pictures of the imagery that is found in the last stanza of ‘Late Summer Fires’ by Les Murray. I would like to congratulate our students for their consistent effort and excellent work they have produced.

Mr Sam Crook
English Teacher
Secondary Studies

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**Late Summer Fires**

Kenneth Skuthorpe

The paddocks shave black with a foam of smoke that stays, welling out of red-black wounds.

In the white of a drought this happens. The hardcourt game. Logs that fume are mostly cattle, inverted, stubby. Tree stumps are kilns. Walloped, wiped, hand-pumped, even this day rolls over, slowly.

At dusk, a family drives sheep out through the yellow of the Aboriginal flag.

Les Murray

Kia Coffey

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**Secondary Update**

During our peer support program, I took the opportunity to share with the students the benefits of planning and goal setting. Students have been asked to develop their own goals and plans for the future, using the word S.M.A.R.T!

- S - simple
- M - measurable
- A - attainable
- R - realistic
- T - timely

Students have a clear centre of direction and motivation to aspire to these goals. I stressed that goals can be short and long term and can always be modified. This is also a goal time for parents and caregivers to help reflect on their goals to help each child to establish an solid stepping stone to achieving them.

MR M. Banks
FREEDOM RIDE

Thursday the 19th was the 50th anniversary of the freedom rides. When we first got to the pool we got out of the bus and Michael Anderson told us to go the car where they was giving out free shirts, there was NITV cameras everywhere, then the Sydney University bus came with some of the students and also some of the original Freedom Riders, there were also the Americans who protested with Martin Luther King in 1955. After everybody got to the pool we marched to the RSL Club where the Freedom Riders made their speeches and then after that we all went into the hall to listen to the aboriginal elder’s story about the Freedom Rides and Charles Perkins. We spent about two and half hours in the hall listening to the stories. Five o’clock that afternoon we went to the footy oval to wait for Troy Cassar-Daley & Paul Kelly to perform and while we waited there was a free BBQ and drinks. The concert was great and we enjoyed it, it was very educational.

From Priscilla, Ursula & Tamika.
Primary Sports & PE

K/1/2/3/4 - Sport
Tuesdays 2.00pm –2.40pm

Kinder PE
Thursdays 1.00pm - 1.40pm

5/6 PE
Mondays 2.00pm - 2.40pm

5/6 Sport
Fridays 2.00pm - 2.40pm

MID TERM BREAK
FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
&
MONDAY 2ND MARCH
School resumes TUESDAY 3rd March 2015.

DOCTORS!!
Coming to Goodooga Health Service:
Thursday 26th & Friday 27th February - Dr Kath Keenan

Friday 27th February - Podiatrist
Tuesday 10th March– Children's Dentist
Wednesday 11th March - Dentist

Please see Health Service for Appointments!!

AECG Meeting Dates
- Tuesday 17th March
- Tuesday 28th April
- Tuesday 9th June
- Tuesday 21st July
- Tuesday 1st Sept
- Tuesday 13th Oct
- Tuesday 25th Nov

Starting time is at 11am for all dates.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
If you would like your Ads to be advertised in our school news letter
Please give your dates and articles to the school office by Tuesday to include in Thursday edition.
**COMING EVENTS 2015**

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**SCHOOL BELL TIMES.**

**PRIMARY**

- 8.40am - 2.40 pm - School Hours
- 11.00am - 11.40am - Lunch
- 1.40pm - 2.00pm - Recess

**SECONDARY**

- 8.35am - 3.10 pm - School Hours
- 11.00am - 11.40am - Lunch
- 1.40pm - 2.00 pm - Recess

**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.

**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 workplace safety. Thank you!!

**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.
PLAY GROUP

This week in playgroup the kids played with lots of different toys & also made fish on sticks with the girls from Brewarrina.

Over the next few weeks we will be starting some mother’s day and Easter craft activities, so come along and enjoy a cuppa while your kids play.

GIVE THE KIDS THE BEST START WE CAN!

Early learning opportunities are essential for mental development and encourage a joy in learning, and socialisation increases communication skills and relationship building skills; these are the 3 key factors in school success!

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.

Important notice to the community

During school hours its important that you slow down to the right speed limit when passing the school.

37 Days until Easter Bunny arrives............

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!!