Newsletter
Thursday 12th March 2015

SCHOOL TERM DATE 2015

TERM 1
Monday 2nd February - Thursday 2nd April 2015.

TERM 2
Monday 21st April - Friday 26th June 2015.

TERM 3
Tuesday 14th July - Friday 18th Sept 2015.

TERM 4
Tuesday 6th October - Wednesday 17th December 2015.

Primary
Betty Ann Smith
Week 7

Secondary
Adrian Brown
Week 7

Primary
Khynen Gibbs
Week 6

Secondary
Kia Coffey
Week 6
Principal News

Yaama,

What a great start we have had to the year here at Goodooga Central School. The year has got off to a fast and productive start and I can’t believe we are almost coming to the end of Term 1.

This Term we have been focusing on a few key areas of the school to ensure our students are receiving the best possible education in a safe and caring learning environment. These focus areas have included;

1. Establishing the Early Action for Success Strategy, which aims at improving students in Kindergarten to Year 2 literacy and numeracy achievement.

2. Strengthening our links to the Northern Borders Senior Access program to give our senior students access to a broader and engaging curriculum.

3. Consolidating our Positive Behavior for Learning process including the creation of new merit and welfare/discipline policies and the establishment of 3 new school rules (Safe Respectful Learners).

4. Collaborating with community to create new Personalised Learning Plans for our students and the creation of a Journey to Respect and Success, which incorporates strong links to our student’s Aboriginal culture.

It has been a great start to the year and I would like to thank all the students, staff and community for working together to make Goodooga Central School the outstanding school it is.

Yaluu,

Nathan Forbes
Principal
Primary News

5/6 has started the term with great enthusiasm and the students are very engaged in their learning.

**HSIE**
So far this term we have been learning about the *Australian Gold Rush*.

**Class Dojo**
We are using the Class Dojo rewards system in the classroom. The children like the interactive system and can see their progress as they work during the day.

You can learn more about Class Dojo at [https://www.classdojo.com/](https://www.classdojo.com/)

**Having Fun in Science**
During science we have been exploring Energy and how it is transferred. Also 5/6 has been very eager and busy designing, making and trying out their own *waterwheels* using a variety of recycled and new materials.

**Creative Art**
We have been experimenting with colour, primary, cool and warm colours. Stay tuned for more amazing art!
Secondary - Stage 5 Science

This term in science Ursula, Pricilla and Tamika have been exploring the elements in the periodic table. They have learnt about atomic symbols, atomic numbers and electron shells. Applying their understanding of the elements stage 5 has begun to explore the different chemical reactions that can take place. They have looked at Acid/Base reactions in the image below they have neutralised Acetic acid (Vinegar) by adding Bicarbonate soda (Bi-carb soda) producing a salt, carbon dioxide and water. We have also begun looking at combustion reactions. This experiment looked at the different flame colours given off by metal salts when they are combusted. Simply we made Fireworks!!! This is a very complicated topic and I would like to commend all the students for the way they have applied themselves so far this term.

Dates to Remember

- Monday 16th - Friday 20th March - HSC Mid Course Exams
- Tuesday 17th March - Winter Zone Trials
- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th March - HSC Work Placement
- Wednesday 25th March - Regional Trials
- Friday 27th March - School Cross Country
Secondary News

This week the secondary students have been focusing on intellectual growth at our environment of responsibility and respect. Our students are building on their self-confidence to voyage out beyond their comfort zone with courage and confidence. This was evident when the secondary students ran the whole-school assembly. The students showed self-belief and confidence. This type of leadership showed maturity at further forged positive example for their junior peers. Well done!

Mr Banks

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.

23 Days until Easter Bunny arrives............

Important notice to the community

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

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!!

PLAY GROUP

Mondays @ Dhiyan Guumali Room at the school
Time: 10am – 12pm

BOOK CLUB Please have your order placed for this month's book club by Wednesday 18th March 2015.
A Special Thank you!!

Goodooga Central School would like to thank the Walgett & Brewarrina AMS and their team of Health Workers for the annually health screens for our students. The screens were done over a 2 day period in which enabled all students to be screened. We would also like to thank parents and carers for coming along with their children. As stated before if any further health referrals need to be done then WAMS will contact the Goodooga Health Service and parents notifying of such.

We would also like to thank AMS for their kind donation of meat packs for all families involved.

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.

DOCTORS!!
Coming to Goodooga Health Service:

Chronic Diseases Clinic -
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th March 2015

Dr Kath Keenan - Thursday
26th & Friday 27th March 2015

Children Dentist - Tuesday
21st April 2015

Dentist - Wednesday 22nd
April 2015

Please see Health Service for Appointments!!

Primary Sports & PE

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

Kinder/Yr 1 - PE
Thursdays 1.00pm - 1.40pm

5/6 - PE
Mondays 2.00pm - 2.40pm

5/6 - Sport
Fridays 2.00pm - 2.40pm
### School Bell Timers

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### 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.

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**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.

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**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!!