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G.C.S would like to welcome everyone back for Term 2.

Students of the Week

Primary

Ruby Hooper
Week 2

Secondary

Adrian Brown
Week 2

Tylerca Cochrane
Week 1

Priscilla Barker
Week 1
Yaama,

For my Principals section this fortnight, I have decided to use my recent report to the AECG. This report summarises some highlights from Term 1 and also sets out the schools priorities for Term 2. As always, please feel free to come and see regarding any issues to do with the school.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all of the community for making me feel welcome and helping me settle into my new role. I felt as though there was a positive atmosphere at the school in Term 1 and this was largely created by school staff, families and the community working together to ensure our students are learning in the best possible environment.

I believe there were many highlights during Term 1. These included every student having a Personalised Learning Plan developed and implemented. All plans were developed collaboratively with students, teachers and families. Teachers and tutors have been working with the students so that they know their goals and are able to articulate how they are going to achieve them. I believe this will build confidence and create a culture of success amongst our students.

A student Representative Council was elected and they recently held their first meeting. This meeting was a great success with all students involved making valuable contributions on how they could improve the school. I would like to see this body of students also become our junior AECG and present their thoughts at AECG meetings.

The school has been heavily involved in the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative which aims at improving student’s welfare and discipline. During Term 1, a PBL committee was formed which included representatives from the teaching and non-teaching staff as well as community members. This term, representatives from the SRC will join our meetings. The PBL committee was the driving force behind the following initiatives:

1. Creating our new school goals ‘Safe, Respectful, Learners’.

2. Developing, in collaboration with the community new symbols to represent each of these new goals. These new symbols are a turtle to represent safe, shaking hands to represent respectful and a learning map to represent learners. The design competition to create these symbols was a real highlight of the term, specifically because of the high level of community involvement.

3. Redesigning our schools merit system. Our merit system now has a free and frequent “swoop” system and a long and strong “river” system. The students who made it to Narran Level enjoyed their reward day at the end of the term.

4. Evaluating and redesigning our Discipline and Welfare System. This is the system that staff use to respond to negative behaviour. Staff have indicated that there has been a decrease in negative behaviour since the implementation of this policy.
A Draft attendance policy has been developed which aims at encouraging attendance and puts in place steps to address problematic attendance. This policy is centred around strong relationships between the school and families and in particular highlights the important work the schools AEOs play in liaising with families to encourage good attendance. This year the school is aiming for an attendance rate of 93% which would be an increase of 4% from previous years.

All students have had access to the teaching of Aboriginal Languages in Term 1. The primary school students have regular lessons from Mrs Melinda Gibbs and the High School students receive lessons via video conferencing. Our two year 11 Aboriginal Studies students recently received the highest marks in the region for an assessment task they recently submitted.

A focus in Term 1 has been on increasing and improving the student’s use of new technologies. Mrs Shandel Curtis has worked tirelessly on getting the schools iPad’s up and running. This has resulted in all students regularly been able to use highly engaging apps to create meaningful and high calibre work.

A major issue for the school has been the significant numbers of Kangaroos which come onto the oval. To address this I made enquiries about a new school fence and I am pleased to say that this is in the initial stages of approval.

There were many other highlights during the term, however I recognise more can be done in certain areas. Priorities for Term 2 will be:

- The establishment of a finance committee which will oversee significant spending initiatives (an AECG representative will be asked to be present on this committee).
- Maintaining a focus on students setting goals for themselves and the evaluation of PLPs.
- Implementing the Journey to Respect and Success program. Isabelle Orcher is in the process of planning how this will work.
- Providing staff (including myself) with cultural awareness training specifically through the Connecting to Country program.
- Focussing on the Aboriginal 8 Ways of Learning to provide constant cultural learning in classrooms.
- Ensuring that community participation is maintained through running successful Sorry Day, River Day, Indigeneous Games Day and NAIDOC week events. Planning for these days will begin in soon and community collaboration will be sought.
- Creating the new school signage based on our PBL goals.
- Implementing the new School Plan to ensure our school creates confident, creative and clever people for the future.

As you can see it has been a busy start to the year. I hope that this Term will bring about more success for our students and build upon the great start we have had to the year. I look forward to achieving this through constant collaboration with the AECG and wider community.

Yaluu,
Nathan Forbes
Principal
K -1 News

K - 1 has celebrated some birthdays. Take a look below!

This term the students are learning about “Being Australian” in HSIE. So far they have looked at World War I – ANZAC, when did it begin, what A.N.Z.A.C stands for and what flowers, and animals help in the wars. The children of K – 1 made a cross wreath for last Friday’s ANZAC school service.

In Science, Kindergarten and Year 1 are learning about “Weather” and they have drawn their symbols for different types of weather and are keeping a journal of the weather each day.

The students loved when Khynen’s Great Nan Rose came up to the classroom late last term. She listened to some students read, write sentences and string letters together to make words.

Thank you for coming Nan Rosie.
Secondary students setting their own Personal Goals

Personal learning goals are about improving students’ learning and achievement and building students’ capacity to learn.

They are about students becoming active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners, and motivating them to achieve their full potential.

Previous research into the motivation and efficiency of students has indicated that students who set their own working goals tend to achieve more than when working on goals set for them by the teacher.

Students who set their own learning goals have more confidence to take on more challenging tasks, regardless of their ability. Their motivation to improve and master a task is improved and their self-esteem remains strong, even in the case of failure.

When students are assisted to delve into their own thinking and learning processes, they are drawn to think about the effectiveness of the strategies they used to achieve the learning goals they set. Planning what to do, monitoring progress towards achieving it and evaluating the outcome can help students take more control over their thinking and learning processes and equip them with learning to learn skills.

STAGE 4&5 COOKING UP A STORM!
**Goo-dooga Gala day**

The school hosted the rugby league 7’s tournament last term. The school was well represented by a combined 3/4 team and 5/6 team. Our teams played well and were extremely competitive but were unable to make the finals. The students must be congratulated on their sportsmanship, respect for officials and the way they conducted themselves all day.

Well Done! Mr Banks

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to all competitors that competed the cross country last term. Special mention to the following place getters:

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Well done to all students who participated on the day.
ANZAC SERVICE

The Centenary ANZAC commemoration held on Friday 24th April around the flagpole area was a fitting tribute to those Australian’s who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country. A simple ceremony but also very respectful for Australia’s war heroes. The students are to be congratulated on their behaviour and contribution during the service. *LEST WE FORGET*

Barwon Cross Country

When: Friday 15th May 2015  
Where: At the School  
Starting Time: 9.00am

*Please come along and support our Students!!*

AECG Meeting Dates

* Tuesday 9th June  
* Tuesday 21st July  
* Tuesday 1st Sept  
* Tuesday 13th Oct  
* Tuesday 25th Nov

Starting time is at **11am** for all dates.

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.

DOCTORS!!

Coming to Goodooga Health Service:

**Dr Kath Keenan** - Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd May 2015  
**Dr Mark Young** - Thursday 4th & Friday 5th June 2015  
**Podiatrist** - Friday 22nd May 2015  
**Optometrist** - Monday 18th May 2015  
**Dentist** - Wednesday 27th May 2015

*Please see Health Service for Appointments!!*

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!!**
School / Community News

**COMING EVENTS 2015**

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<td>Friday 22nd &amp; Monday 25th May</td>
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<td>Tuesday 2nd June</td>
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**Athletics Carnival**

Goodooga Central School's Athletics Carnival has been postponed due to wet weather. The Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 8th May 2015. 

*Hope to see you there!!*

**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.

**MID TERM BREAK**

**FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2015**

**&**

**MONDAY 25TH MAY 2015**

*School resumes
TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2015.*