SCHOOL TERM DATE 2015

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

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

G.C.S WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE BREAK!!

Primary
Sonny Rossiter
Week 9

Secondary
Kenneth Skuthorpe
Week 8

Tyelra Cochrane
Week 8
Principal News

Yaama,

This week draws to close an extremely busy term at Goodooga Central School. We have achieved a great deal and our school continues to move from strength to strength. I have highlighted below some of the many significant events and achievements from Term 2.

- **Special Events:** The school held and participated in many important events during the term. These included The Family Fair, River Day, Sustainability Outreach, Bicycle Safety and Rugby League Workshops. It was great to see the community participate in these days and the students were involved in engaging hands on learning activities at many of these events.

- **Improvements in Behaviour and Attendance:** The students and their families should be commended on the students improved attendance and behaviour this term. All the staff are continuing to work on the goal of creating a positive school atmosphere and by our students following our 3 school goals (Safe, Respectful, Learners) we are attaining this goal. Evidence of this can be seen in our suspension data which shows a drop in the number of students suspended from Term 1 to Term 2. It has also been wonderful to see the majority of students attending school every day and arriving on time.

- **Professional Learning:** The best teachers are also great learners. This term, all of our teachers have participated in professional learning which has enabled them to grow their teaching skills. This professional development has included training in literacy initiatives, the new English and Mathematics syllabus, Aboriginal Languages and new technologies. I am confident our students will benefit from their teachers new knowledge.

The term was drawn to a close with our NAIDOC Week celebrations. It has been wonderful to see the community participating in our events and I am hopeful that our students have acquired a new love of learning about their culture. Personal highlights of the week for me were the speech made by Phyllis Cubby on the sacred grounds surrounding Goodooga, catching boogalies on the Culgoa River, collecting and eating witchedy grubs for the first time and listening to Tommy Barker tell stories about the traditional uses of weapons in Aboriginal society. It was a busy week but absolutely worth it.

To conclude, I would like to particularly thank the staff for their professionalism, adaptability and collaboration during this term. Our students and community are lucky to have such a dedicated group of experts ensuring their children’s education is of the highest quality.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and I will see you when school returns on Tuesday, 14th July.

Yaluu,
Nathan Forbes
Principal
This term, 5/6 has been exploring Antarctica as part of their HSIE unit. They've created some awesome Antarctica posters and developed and presented an individual class presentation. In science we have been Earthquake Explorers examining the earth and what causes an earthquake. Using plasticine tectonic plate models to predict and re-enact an earthquake. We have taken part in the Guringai Festival creative arts program where far 5/6 have learned a new song from Arnhem Land, done some weaving, and danced “The Emu” dance taught to us by Aboriginal dancer Terry Olsen (Bangara Dance Company). Some of us have represented the school in the Barwon Cross-Country and the 2015 Outback Challenge. We’ve visited the Ridge for the Questacon Science Circus and joined the rest of the school for the environmental sustainability afternoon visit from the Warrumbungle Environmental Centre. Wow, we’ve been busy!

* Lastly, just a reminder could all parents/carers please complete the Canberra permission slip for their child/ward and return it to the office by this Friday 26th June.

Stay tuned, as 5/6 will be fundraising next term for their Canberra trip, which is coming up in Term 4. We’ve got lots of activities planned, raffles, guessing competition, disco as well as some other great things. Also, a big thanks goes out to those 5/6 parents/carers who came along to our Canberra excursion information session offering support & ideas. It was greatly appreciated! All monies raised from the events held will be going towards reducing the amount each child in 5/6 will need to pay.
Secondary students have had an extremely busy last couple of weeks of Term 2. All students have been involved in assessments for subjects and having read over their reports, each student should be very pleased with their achievements.

The students have also been involved in many activities outside the classroom and it has been a pleasure to hear such positive feedback from guest speakers in relation to our students regarding their behaviour, manners, sportsmanship and positive interaction during group discussions.

These activities have included visits from the Aboriginal Bike Safety Instructors teaching the students about practical bike skills, safety, maintenance and the use of helmets. The sessions were informative, practical and the students left the program far more knowledgeable.

The recent success of the drug forums held this term, also led to a visit from the Walgett Medical service presenting forums on sexual health. The forums included topics on relationships, contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual abuse and assault. The forum was intense and extremely informative. The students have a clear understanding of the dangers involved in these risk behaviours. Both these forums have been booked for next year.

The Stage 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to attend the Careers expo held at the Lightning Ridge School. As much emphasis has been placed on our students working towards their goals and future opportunities. Students spoke to many professionals in different vocations. They were able to get advice on career paths and future subject choices.

Congratulations to Kayden Hooper (4th place) and Marion Waites (44th place) on their efforts at the recent Regional cross country championships held in Coolah. Both students gave their best and completed the gruelling course. Kayden will now compete at the NSW All School titles in July, we wish him all the best. A big thank-you to Karen Lane and Bob Hooper for driving and supervising the students.

Malcolm Banks

**FUTURE DATES**

17\(^{th}\) July - School Athletic Championships

17\(^{th}\) July - NSW Cross Country Championships, Sydney.  
\(\text{(Kayden Hooper)}\)

24\(^{th}\) July –Regional Athletic Championships Tamworth  
\(\text{(Secondary students)}\)

7\(^{th}\) August- Barwon Athletics( Primary students)
**Senior Interschool SRC Excursion**

This year we have established a Student Representative Council (SRC) with members from both the high school and primary school. As it is a new endeavour the students are learning how to run this council and what they can do to help improve the school experience for all students. To assist with the development of this student body, on Tuesday the 26th of May the three secondary SRC members Tamika, Priscilla and Adrian headed to Cobar. They went to meet up with SRC members from other schools in our region to share ideas and think about what they could do for our school.

After a long car ride we finally arrived at Cobar High School and settled in for a night camping in their big multipurpose hall. The next day we had breakfast at the schools SRC run breakfast club and then after a short wait for the other schools to arrive the day really started. Cobar’s SRC had organised all of the activities and speakers for the day. First on the agenda was the principal welcoming Goodooga, Warren and Gilgandra SRC students to the day and going over safety procedures (which thankfully we did not need).

Now with the day underway we played Ice-Breakers and began to mingle and make new friends. This lasted until lunchtime after lunch Cobar High gave a short presentation where they showed us what they had achieved over the last two terms. This led into a brainstorming session amongst each school of things that they could do in their schools. Our students would like to fix up the secondary toilets, smooth out the concrete out the front, purchase new sport equipment and many other things. They would do this through fun fundraiser activities like a whole school disco, a pyjama day or perhaps a movie night. These ideas were presented by Adrian to the other schools.

Following on from this the students listened to a talk given by a local ex-army sergeant about leadership. The students were challenged to think about their actions and decision making responsibilities.

Cobar then held an SRC meeting for us all to see how it was run and what job each member had. This got our students thinking about how to organise our SRC and hold effective efficient meetings.

The day rounded off with the students attending an Origin themed disco that was run by the Cobar SRC, watching the Maroons win against the Blues and camping one last time at Cobar High School.

The next morning after an egg and bacon breakfast thrown by Cobar High we headed back to Goodooga via some of the local tourist stops.

All in all it was an excellent few days where the students learned a lot, made new friends and came back with some great practical ideas about how to improve their SRC and the whole school. The students received many complements from the other staff members present and showed that Goodooga really is a good place. I would like to thank all the students for being excellent representatives of the school.

Miss Inglis.
School/Community News

Dhiiyan Guumali - Play Group

There will be NO playgroup on Monday 29th June & Monday 6th July due to school Holidays. Playgroup will resume on Monday 12th July 2015.

Where: Dhiiyan Guumali (blue room) at the school

Have fun with your kids!

The most important gift that you can give to your children is your love.

Doctors!!

Coming to Goodooga Health Service:

- Children’s Dentist - Tuesday 14th July 2015
- Dentist - Wednesday 15th July 2015

Please see Health Service Staff for Appointments!!

AECG Meeting Dates

- Tuesday 21st July
- Tuesday 1st Sept
- Tuesday 13th Oct
- Tuesday 25th Nov

Starting time is at 11am for all dates.

School Holidays

Last Day of Term 2
Friday 26th June 2015

First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 14th July 2015
(All students return)

Indigenous Games Day

Indigenous Games will be held on Thursday 6th August 2015.

Please stay tuned for more information.

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.
**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

**SECONARY**
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 work place 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.