Principal
Nathan Forbes
Rel Assistant Principal
Melinda Gibbs
Rel Head Teacher Secondary Studies
Malcolm Banks

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

TERM 4
Tuesday 6th Oct - Wednesday 17th Dec 2015.

...5 Days till Indigenous Games Day

On Thursday 6th August 2015 Goodooga Central School will be holding their Indigenous Games Day.

Hope to see you there!!!

Students of the Week

Primary
Raymond Cubby
Naioka Welsh
Braidon Lamb
Week 3
Week 2
Week 1

Secondary
Kia Coffey
Ursula Coffey
Week 3
Week 1

Top Job

Newsletter
Friday 31st July 2015
Yaama,

Happy Education Week everyone! This year’s theme is “Celebrating Local Heroes”. We know that our town is full of local heroes so that is why we are inviting the whole community to an open classroom and afternoon tea this Friday 31st July. The afternoon tea will be made by our Bokhara Award recipients and will be served at 1:40 PM. I hope you can all make it.

Canberra Excursion

Our Stage 3 students are getting very excited about their upcoming excursion to Canberra. I love hearing the excitement in their voices every time they talk about it. I would like to thank Mrs Curtis and Noonie who have done an excellent job fundraising for the excursion which is making the excursion more accessible for all our students. There will be further fundraising at the pub on Friday 31st July so I hope to see you all there.

Regional Athletics

I would like to congratulate all the students who represented the school at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Tamworth last week. Kenneth, Priscilla, Kayden, Keesha and Adrian all did the school proud through their fantastic behaviour and effort. I would like to give special congratulations to Kenneth who placed 3rd in the High Jump, narrowly missing out on a place in the state championships. However, our most special result of the day belonged to Priscilla who put in a wonderful effort to place 1st in her age group and earn a place in the state championships. Well done every one.

Rewards Days

Goodooga Central School is a proud PBL school. We love seeing students who strive to show our values of SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNERS. To acknowledge students who have demonstrated this throughout the year and reached their Bokhara Level, these students will be having a great time in the kitchen cooking up a variety of different items for our Education Week afternoon tea. This activity was chosen by the students through our Student Representative Council (SRC). Our SRC also came up with the idea of having lunch in Hebel for students who reach their Birrie Level this term.

Attendance

Overall, I am very happy with our students’ attendance. Up until the end of Term 2 our school had an attendance rate of 92% which is what we are striving for. However, some students attendance this term is concerning. It is very important that students return from the holidays ready to start on Day 1. If your child is sick or you are away on important family business, then please contact the school. The Home School Liaison Officer will be here next week to work with the school and families to ensure students are not missing out on their education.

I hope you have a great fortnight and I hope to see you around the school.

Nathan Forbes
Principal
We have been very busy this term learning how to write Information Reports. Check out our Echidna Reports... Did you know that a baby echidna is called a puggle?

**Written by Kyanne**

Echidnas are also monotremes and are reptile-like mammals. Echidnas are found in Australia and Tasmania. They are also called spiny anteaters and are very well camouflaged.

- The echidna has a long, thin, sharp spines that can be very dangerous. They use them for defense.
- Echidnas have a long, sticky tongue that helps them to catch ants and other insects.
- Echidnas lay eggs and their young are called puggles.
- Echidnas are known for their odd appearance and are often compared to anteaters.

**Written by Ruby**

Echidnas are found in Australia and Tasmania. They are known for their spines and are often called spiny anteaters. Echidnas are very well camouflaged and can be found in the bush and on the paddocks.

- Echidnas have sharp spines and their tongues are very long. The echidna's tongue is 15cm long.
- Echidnas give birth to their young, who are called puggles. They are born without spines and can be very cute.
- Echidnas eat ants, termites, grubs and ants.

**Written by Kiyesha**

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**Family:**

Echidnas are very well camouflaged and can be found in the bush and on the paddocks. They give birth to their young, who are called puggles. They drink their mother's milk in a special pouch. Echidnas eat ants, termites, grubs and ants.

**Food:**

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Secondary Report

TERM 3: PEER SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

The concept of wellbeing and its close links with learning are not new. A wealth of evidence is available to inform educators of this important relationship in the work they do every day with students, from preschool students beginning their education journey, to senior students preparing for further education, employment and adult life.

The themes that will drive wellbeing in our public schools into the future are Connect, Succeed and Thrive. Our commitment to our students, parents and members of the community is that public schools will be teaching and learning environments that enable the development of healthy, happy, successful and productive individuals.

In turn, our students will be expected to contribute to their own wellbeing, the wellbeing of their peers and the collective wellbeing of their communities. In this way schools in partnership with parents and carers will equip children and young people to be active and positive contributors to the society in which they live.

Achievement contributes positively to a student’s wellbeing, and can contribute to a student’s confidence and self-esteem. It can help to foster student self-discipline and effort, encourage students to stretch themselves and take risks in their learning. Achievement fosters positive emotions which can build further engagement and effort.

Positive relationships foster connectedness and feelings of belonging and are essential for wellbeing. These relationships are characterised by constructive interactions that provide enthusiastic and genuine support. They are important because they help us to build social and emotional skills and in turn nurture other positive, caring and respectful relationships.

Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday 18th** - **Friday 21st Aug** - Yr 11/12 HSC Trial Exams
- **Thursday 20th August** - School Photo’s
- **Monday 24th** - **Friday 28th Aug** - TVET Workplacement
Tamworth Regional Athletics Carnival

Last Thursday, 5 of our Secondary Students travelled to Tamworth to compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival hoping to continue the success we have had there in previous years.

As we awoke on Friday morning dark clouds and heavy rain threatened to postpone the event, although the carnival went ahead in cold and rainy conditions. The miserable weather didn’t dampen the spirits of our students and they all competed well in every event they participated in.

Both Adrian Brown and Kayden Hooper made the 100m sprint finals, with Adrian finishing with a 5th place overall in the 16yrs boys race. Kenneth Skuthorpe also had success finishing 3rd in the 13yrs boys high jump, only just missing out on making it away to the NSW State Championships.

Kesha Loughrey competed in the discuss with some great throws, but it was Priscilla Barker who stole the limelight in the 15yrs girls discuss with a 1st place, meaning she has qualified with flying colours to compete in the NSW State Championships.

I would like to congratulate all the students for the positive attitude and sportsmanship they displayed on the day, as well as the respectful behaviour they demonstrated at all times. Again, a big congratulations to Priscilla for coming first in discus and qualifying for the State Championships.

Mr Sam Crook
Week 10 of Term 2 the school celebrated NAIDOC week. We had an excellent week with loads of excellent activities. We would like to thank all students, staff and community members for a great day.

Hope to see you all for a great NAIDOC week next year.
Elders Lunch – NAIDOC Week

Our NAIDOC week celebrations that took place in the last week of Term 2 started off with an opening ceremony and an Elders luncheon that was hosted by our secondary students with the assistance of Karen Lane, Bob Hooper and Mr Hughes.

The secondary students put their best efforts into this event as they thought it would be a great way for the elders of the community to come together and share their stories with the younger generations, while socialising and having a good time with them.

All guests were treated to a generous three course meal prepared and cooked by our students with chicken and corn soup being served as an entrée, beef stroganoff as the main and some delicious golden syrup dumplings as dessert. Everybody was impressed with the meals that demonstrated the skills our secondary students have been developing in their food technology classes!

The Elder’s Lunch wouldn’t have been the success that it was if it wasn’t for the hard work put in by the staff and students for this event, as well as the great turn out from the respected elders of the Goodooga community.

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to Karen Lane and Bob Hooper for helping the students organise and cater for luncheon, as well as Mr Hughes and anybody else that contributed to the success of this event, including those who attended.

Mr Sam Crook.
SCHOOL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 15th July the students participated in running and throwing events on the school oval. The athletics had to be moved to the school oval but it did not deter the students participation, effort or enthusiasm. All the events were full and some promising times and distances were thrown.

Congratulations to Dhinawan 596 points for winning the overall point score with Bandaar close behind on 494 points. Many thanks to the staff and community members that helped on the day.

Good luck to the students going to the next level.
School/Community News

Dhiiyan Guumali - Play Group

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

Where: Dhiiyan Guumali (blue room) at the school

Welcome Back to Term 3

Caitlin & Hayden are on leave for a few weeks. We have had lots of wet weather so the mobile service has not been able to make it up from Brewarrina, Hopefully next Monday will be dryer for the ladies to come up.

- Week 1 - Staff development Day
- Week 2– 11 children - we did body pasting, Painting, Play dough & Playing Dinosaurs
- Week 3– 11 children - we did yellow ducks & pasting Feathers, Play with dough, reading lots of books, Playing dinosaurs and in the kitchen corner.

We really want to go outside and play but our yard is too muddy.

We hope to see more children coming along and join me with fun!!!

AECG Meeting Dates

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

Starting time is at 11am for all dates.

MID TERM BREAK

FRIDAY 14th AUGUST 2015 &
MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2015

School Resumes
TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2015

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.

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**

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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 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.