Students of the Week

Primary
Kiyesha Orcher
Week 3

Secondary
Tamika Wood
Week 3

G.C.S would like to welcome everyone back for the new school year!!

Top Job
Well done
Keep up the great work
Yaama,

Welcome back to Goodooga Central for another fun and enriching year. The school has got off to a fantastic start. All the students are very settled in their classes and have been engaged in some great learning. We look forward to continuing this throughout the year and appreciate all the support the community show us.

As I reported last year, Mr Hughes has left the school and found employment with another school. This gave us the opportunity to hire Mr Steven St Clair. Mr St Clair has a wealth of experience and is a qualified Design and Technology teacher. He will also be teaching Mathematics. Inside this newsletter Mr St Clair has written an introductory letter which I am sure you will all find interesting and informative.

Uniform

Our students have started the year coming to school with excellent uniform. From my observations, I have not seen a single student out of uniform. This is a great compliment to our parents, carers and students. Our school uniform looks great and when all the students wear it, they show pride for their school and community. I am looking forward to this keeping up all year. If you have any questions or would like to purchase new uniforms, please see the front office.

Attendance

As with our uniform, attendance has been great at the start of the year. Please remember, every day of school is important and try to only withdraw your child if absolutely necessary. If your child is away, please contact the school to explain the reason as soon as possible.

Community Participation

There are a number of opportunities for community participation coming up. Firstly, all students and parents/carers will have the opportunity to talk with teachers in a “Yarn Up”. During this time, students, teachers and parents/carers will discuss goals for each child to achieve during the year. Tania and Karen have visited most families to book a spot for their “Yarn Up”. If you are not sure of your time slot, please contact the school.

We are also hosting a community “Meet and Greet” BBQ this Friday, 12th February. We hope to see you all there!

Yaluu,

Nathan Forbes
Principal
K-1-2 NEWS

I would like to give a warm welcome back to the existing K-1-2 students and their families and a huge welcome to our 3 new Kindergarten Students and families. What a wonderful first few days we have had with all the enthusiasm of the children who are excited to be starting / returning to school.

Let me introduce our new Kindergarten students for 2016...

Jai
Taleeah
Alexander

The Kindergarten students have settled into school and their class routine very well and are eager to learn and share their knowledge.

Khynen
Malanjei
Maleek
Cayley
Leslie

To kick of the year the students enjoyed interviewing the fabulous staff at our school and reading and listening to some great books such as: First day Jitters, One Hungry Spider and Bad Guys, that they all got a good laugh from. What’s better than everyone soaking up the last days of summer with learning and improving their swimming skills. K-1-2 students were enthusiastic to participate in all pool activities.
Welcome back to a new school year. I can’t believe how quickly the holidays have disappeared. I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing break with your families and had time to recharge your batteries.

Remember that it takes a while to get back into routine and that everyone is often tired and sometimes a little fractious for the first few weeks back, especially with the very hot and humid weather we have been experiencing. Please understand that on the very hot and humid days the energy is quickly zapped from all of us, so don’t be surprised if everyone is a little tired and cranky in the first few weeks!

Whether you believe it or not, school does make a difference. It will make a difference to your future. Your achievements in the classroom will, to a great extent, be based on how you approach a subject. If you have the attitude that you cannot learn Maths then you will not. A student who hears that a subject can be mastered with the appropriate help is more likely to seek that help. After all, there is a great self-satisfaction in learning something new, in mastering something and in getting better results. So this year I would suggest that you take a hard look at your own strengths and see how you can best utilise them.

A very warm welcome to Mr Steven St Clair who will be teaching Design & Technology and a range of subjects in secondary. I am sure the students will benefit from his experience and knowledge. I have asked Mr St Clair to write an introduction about his subject area which is printed in the newsletter.

The students must be congratulated on their uniform and how smoothly they have started the school year. All years were in class period 2 on the first day back and working well. Well Done!

Mr Banks
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY COMES TO GOODOOGA CENTRAL SCHOOL

I am Mr St-Clair and would like to introduce myself to the Goodooga community. I have been teaching Design & Technology for nineteen years and before that I was a First Class Boilermaker. My first school was Norseman District High School (four Years) in Western Australia which had a twenty-five per cent Aboriginal population. A.S.S.P.A (Control of funding for Aboriginal students) who have been disbanded for a number of years were extremely kind to me providing Go-Kart materials, five Fender jumbo acoustic guitars, photography studio backdrops and lighting. When you’re a novice teacher another teacher always takes you under their wing, in my case an Aboriginal Lady teacher called Alison Ware (Ware was not her real second name because her real name was very difficult to pronounce). I learned a great amount of knowledge.

I would like you to know that I had a really good job at All Saints Grammar School in Belmore Sydney where I still could have been. The school is 16km from the Harbour Bridge and where I have been teaching 7-12 Design and Technology (HSC). I have chosen to come here because I need to repay the kindness back to the Aboriginal Society.

Design and Technology will include plastics, wood, metal and electronic design. I am going to renovate the wood workshop to offer a wider scope for the students to learn. The Principal Mr Forbes and Head of school Mr Banks are keen to improve facilities to promote learning. I would also like to do some work with the students in the community, for example concreting.

What have I noticed so far. My first impression of the school was on duty in the primary and how neatly the students all sat and then placed their rubbish in the bin. It was my second day and one primary student even new my name. I have been really impressed how the Secondary students work from the initial start of the lesson until its conclusion, their dress code and manners. I am not here to impact on Aboriginal culture because that is far too important but to impart every ounce of knowledge I possess relating to my subjects.

Goodooga Central School on first impression is a superb little school that has very caring staff that seem to work together well and want to be there. The students are well-mannered and focussed.

Mr St-Clair
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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. Thank you!!

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.
MID TERM BREAK

Friday 26th -
Monday 29th
February 2016

School Resumes Tuesday
1st March 2016

DOCTORS!!
Coming to Goodooga Health Service:
Thursday 18th February -
Chronic Diseases Dr Thaya
Friday 23rd February -
Optometrist
Thursday 10th March
- Dr Kath Keenan
Children Dentist - Early March
Dentist – Early March
Please see Health Service for Appointments!!

SCHOOL BELL TIMES.

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

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

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 Tuesdays to include in Thursday edition.
Primary Swimming Times

Please make sure that your child has their swimmers and towel on these days.

K12
Tuesdays: 2.00 – 2.40pm
Fridays: 2.00 – 2.40pm

2/3/4
Tuesdays: 2.00 – 2.40pm
Fridays: 2.00 – 2.40pm

5/6
Fridays: 2.40 – 3.10pm

Dhiiyan Guumali - Play Group

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

Where: Dhiiyan Guumali (blue room) at the school

Book Club
Due on Tuesday 16th February 2016