



# Newsletter

## Friday 25th September 2020



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### Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

This term we have seen our students engaged in the classroom using more online platforms as COVID-19 still impacts the school's ability to travel anywhere. Our students have also been able to engage in cultural activities on Fridays during Journey to Respect lessons which have included dance for the girls, and boys self-esteem.

As reported on our Facebook page, we would like to warmly welcome to Madeleine Williamson, our new Head Teacher Secondary Studies. Mrs Williamson has hit the ground running with enthusiasm and a genuine passion for our students to succeed.

Students' Personal Learning Plans (Yarn Ups) have been reviewed and copies sent home to all Parents/Carers. Please read these plan and discuss them with your child on how they are going to achieve their goals.

Parents and Carers are reminded that formal supervision in the morning starts at 8:20am. With the increased traffic in the community, the school has changed the departure of students in the afternoon. This is simply for the safety of the students.

The new Wellbeing room for students to access during breaks has proved to be successful. Our aim as a school is to ensure all students become resilient, assertive, independent and caring young adults with the courage to make choices that improve their wellbeing and that of others. The Student Wellbeing Program recognises that the promotion of student wellbeing and a safe and secure learning environment that challenges, encourages and supports all students is fundamental to the achievement of the School's aims.

The new school uniforms have been ordered and will be available early term 4.

The school's new electronic sign has been approved and construction should be completed in the next three or four weeks. New shade sails for the playground and play equipment have been approved and installation will take place in term 4.

The Bokhara Rewards day will happen on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September which will be a bike ride to the Birrie River, lunch and team building activities. Please see our Facebook page for photos.

Further to publicity earlier in the week regarding the distressing reports of a video of a suicide circulating on social media, in particular through the hugely popular platform TikTok:

Please be aware that due to the way that TikTok presents content, if this video continues to be re-shared and viewed, unsuspecting users may be presented with it through their 'For You' page without actively seeking the video out.

Please exercise discretion in any communication regarding this incident with your children. In particular, avoid raising the issue with them if they are not aware of the video to avoid them actively seeking it out.

The last day of term 3 is this Friday. Staff and students will return on Monday 12th October. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the students and staff a relaxing break. Hopefully in term 4 student travel and community engagement in the school will be able to take place.

Mr Banks

## SCHOOL TERM DATE 2020

**TERM 4**  
Monday 12th  
October -  
Wednesday  
16th  
December  
2020

## *School Term* *Date for* *2021*

**Term 1**  
3rd February – 1st  
April 2021

# K12 News

## Kinder Start 2020

*We have had some very exciting visits this term for our Kinder Start students. They have been learning how to make their names with string letters and also using some of the robotics equipment when learning how to code.*



## Science

*In the last newsletter we had just hatched some chicks in the classroom. This newsletter we have an update of what they look like. They are growing so big!*



## **Safe Respectful Learners**

*We have been learning about how to keep ourselves safe and healthy in class this term. This has included some lessons on bike and road safety. We used the school bikes and the school bike track to practice being safe. Thank you to Uncle Kevin and Basil for getting the bikes ready for us to ride.*



**Kids and  
Bicycle  
Safety**





# 3-4-5-6 NEWS

## PDHPE

The students of 3-4-5-6 have been learning about bicycle road safety. They went for a ride around the town on Monday of week 7 and 8 this term. The students put practiced using hand signals and crossing roads with safety.





# Primary News

## English

Some students have written descriptions about either a place or an animal. While other students have been working on poetry and publishing their fractured fairy-tale of Cinderella.



**The Gold Coast**

We welcome you to Yugambah land. The Gold Coast has a lot of tourism places and is known for the golden sand and the beaches.

The Gold Coast is famous for its golden sand, Themes Park and shopping places.

The coast is conveniently positioned between Toowoomba and Brisbane and is only a 1hr and 25 min flight from Sydney. by Zoey



**By Zoey**

### DOGS

**The dog is a domestic animal. It is called man's best friend.**

**It can be any length, but it is the same as a dingo. They have a small head and eyes. All dogs have sharp teeth and tough claw.**

**Some dogs have hair and some have fur.**

**Dogs can be found all over the world.**



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Leaves:

Soft, green

Falling, stumbling, crashing

Covering the whole ground.

foliage.

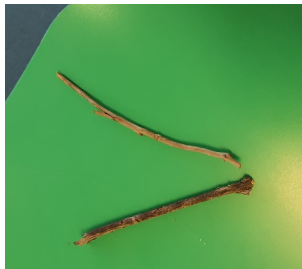
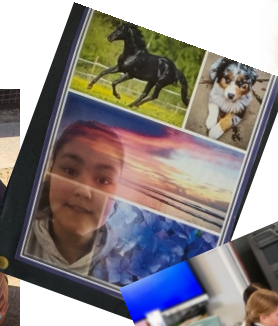
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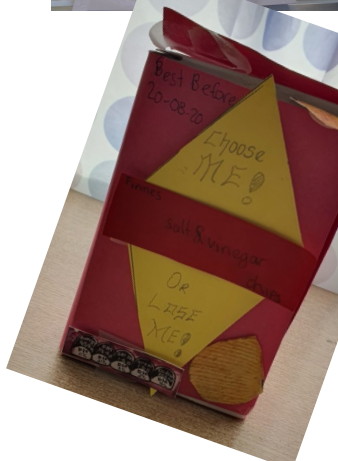


# Primary News

## Term In Review



Maths  
Angles in the  
environment









## Secondary English - Term 3



We have had a big term in English! Stage 4 have been learning about the play Romeo and Juliet. They created their own adaptation of a scene using a program called Moovly and then presented it to the class with a speech. The students all did an excellent job and celebrated their achievements with a bacon and egg breakfast this week.

Stage 5 have been learning about the history of Goodooga. They have been collecting stories about different places in Goodooga to publish on a website. They have also taken photos of the town and found some photos of the past. If you would like to have a look at their work, visit our facebook page.



## Sewing

Some of our secondary students have been using their lunch times to learn sewing skills. These girls have





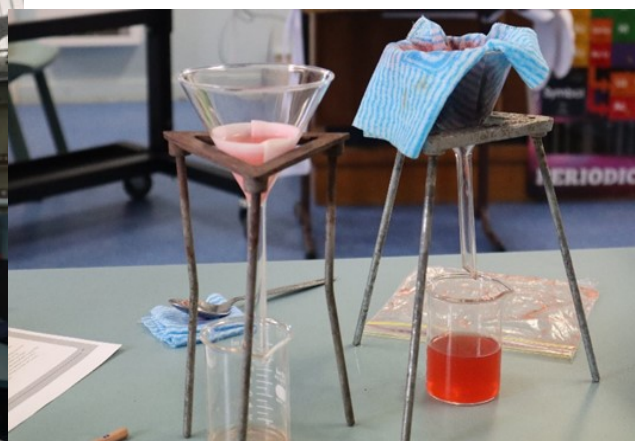
## Stage 5 Science Lesson

On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, stage 5 conducted an investigation to separate strawberry DNA. Stage 5 had to crush the strawberries and add some water.

Next the pulp had to be filtered to remove the solids. To do this the students had to set up the filter and fill the filter funnel when it was low.

Lincoln then poured the liquid from the beaker into test tubes.

Lastly, a separating agent was added slowly and the DNA floated to the top.





## School Holidays

### Last Day of Term 4

Wednesday 16th Dec

### First Day of Term 1

Wednesday 3rd February  
2021 - ***Students start***

## Mid Term Break

Friday 13th November &  
Monday 16th November  
2020

School resumes  
Tuesday 17th Nov 2020



## Goodooga Health Service

Phone number - **02 68 295 600**

### Reminder!!

***Mobile phones are not allowed in class.***

Students must hand them in to the front office at the start of each session.

\*If the student refuses to make the right choice the school will be contacting parent/ carer and asking for the phone to stay at home.

### 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!!

### Kinder Start Dates—Term 4

- \* Wk 1 - Thurs 15th Oct
- \* Wk 2 - Tues 20th Oct
- \* Wk 3 - Wed 28th Oct
- \* Wk 4 - Fri 6th Nov
- \* Wk 5 - Tues 10th Nov
- \* Wk 6 - Thurs 19th Nov
- \* Wk 7 - Wed 25th Nov
- \* Wk 8 - Mon 30th Nov
- \* Wk 9 - Fri 11th Dec



### 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.





### Visiting Services Goodooga Health Service

- ◇ Dr Young & Dr Keenan
- ◇ Podiatrist
- ◇ Optometrist
- ◇ Dentist
- ◇ Children Dentist

*Please call **02 68 295 600** if  
needing appointment!!*

**Marrabinya forms need to be in  
by 2 weeks prior to all  
specialist  
appointments !!**



RN Clinic Hours  
Monday-Friday

### Dhiyan Guumali - Play Group

**Play group is every Monday  
from 10 am-12 pm in the blue  
room down the back of the  
school.**

***Lunch is provided***

**ALL WELCOME!!**

**Read, sing, play with your kids!**



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

## 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

### 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.



### **EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every  
chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



### Attendance Notice

High school students are expected to attend every day. The DEC stipulates that all students in N.S.W should have an attendance no less than 85% to meet educational requirements. Attendance is link to Abstudy and Youth Allowance. If attendance drops below 85% then Centrelink can moderate payments. If a student does not attend a day or part of a day of school, as the school has a Duty of Care. If students have more than 15% unexplained absences, the Home School Liaison Officer HSLO will contact the students parent/carer.