



# Newsletter

Thursday 6th May 2010

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## School Calendar

**Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th May –**  
NAPLAN

**Friday 21st May -**  
Barwon Cross Country

**Wednesday 26th May**  
- Sorry Day!

**Friday 28th May -**  
School Fair

**Friday 11th July -**  
Athletics Carnival

**Friday 2nd June- End**  
of Term 2



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## Principal's Message

The NAPLAN tests in literacy and numeracy will be conducted next week. It is important that all students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 sit these tests as the tests are an important tool for students, parents and teachers in determining how students are performing against minimum standards as well as determining the individual growth of each student. This information is then used in preparing teaching programs and also in the completion of Personalised Learning Plans for each student.

Congratulations to the boys who participated in and won the Rugby League Outback Challenge in Bourke last week. This was an outstanding achievement for the boys who were competing against much larger schools. I have also been told that their behaviour off the field was also first class. The school is very proud of their efforts.

The School Fair is occurring later this term. This is a major fundraising activity for the school and I encourage all parents to participate in the activities. NAIDOC Week is also occurring towards the end of term and once again all parents and community members are invited to be part of this celebration.

When I first arrived at Goodooga Central School I was immediately impressed by the positive tone of the school. All students were proud to wear the school uniform and the behaviour of students in class and in the playground was never questioned. I do not wish to see our standards lowered and I still have those same expectations of the students. Some students have recently been putting these expectations to the test and I seek the support of all parents in working with the school to ensure these high standards are maintained.

Ray Brooks

## NAPLAN

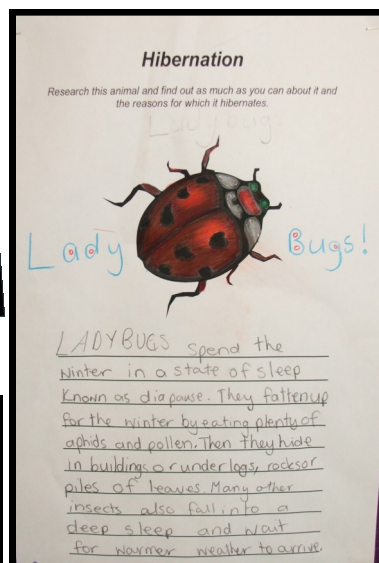
The NAPLAN 2010 test for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held from Tuesday 11th May to Thursday 13th May 2010.

# Primary News by 5/6



## Year 5 / 6 News

*Over the two weeks of this term our class has pursued interests in academic, sporting and creative areas. We have been writing some narrative stories which are both exciting and imaginative. Also we have been learning about how animals adapt to their changing environments through processors such as hibernation. In Maths we have started our new maths program called GO Maths, which is both fun and seems to be interesting for the children. A team of boys went to the Rugby League Outback Challenge in Bourke and won the competition, plus we have been modelling and painting some bird sculptures in Art. All of this in two weeks! The possibilities for the rest of the term are endless. Come join us in our classroom to help out or have fun when ever you like!*



# Healthy Eating

Year 7 & 8 are learning this term about healthy and nutritious eating and last week demonstrated their cooking skills in creating mini quiches. They learnt how to slice, dice, shred and mix ingredients. Year 7 & 8 stayed back after school to clean up and wait until their quiches were cooked. This week Stage 4 will be making healthy sandwiches for a pre-schooler.



Please remember...

## TO BRING WRITING EQUIPMENT

Students need to bring:

- Blue or black pen
- Red pen
- Pencil and ruler



Phúyan Gummali

'families gathering'



If you are interested in joining the Preschool Committee please contact Renní on 68296260, Lorina (Secretary) on 68296257 or speak to Karen Wood (Chairperson).

## Parenting and Play Visits!

A great chance to chat about pregnancy, parenting & child development. If you would like a Parenting & Play Visit please call 68296257. See you soon - Lorina

## Watch out for Week 6! SORRY DAY!

Wednesday 26th May and Thursday 27th May is the Baby book photo shoot- all children under 5 years and their relatives welcome!

Friday 28th May Family Fair Day starting 11am.

## PLAY GROUP DIARY

Term 2 2010

Week	Tuesday	Friday
3	4 May @ Dhiyan Guumali room 10-12 Bre Mobile	7 May @ Dhiyan Guumali room 10-12
4	11 May @ Dhiyan Guumali room 10-12 Goonimoo Mobile	14 May @ Dhiyan Guumali room 10-12
5	18 May @ Dhiyan Guumali room 10-12 Bre Mobile	21 May @ Dhiyan Guumali room 10-12
6	25 May @ Health Service 10-12 Goonimoo Mobile 26 Wednesday May @ School <i>Baby Book Photo session &amp; Sorry Day activities!</i> 27 Thursday May @ School/Preschool Baby Book photo session. All parents/Carers welcome!	28 May <b>FAMILY FAIR DAY</b> @ School from 11am til' late. Everyone welcome to join the fun!

Tea, coffee and a light snack. The Dhiyan Guumali room is the blue room next to the canteen at School!

Dhiyan Guumali  
'families gathering'



Strengthening  
Relationships

Growing hearts, minds  
and futures

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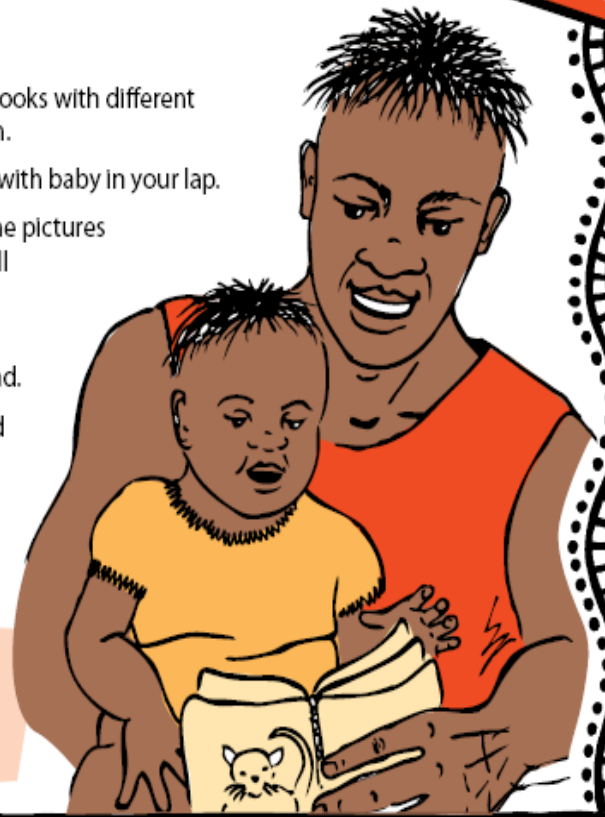
## Reading & yarnin' together

6-12 months

Reading is important for your baby –  
make reading time fun:

- read simple picture books and look for books with different textures – baby will enjoy touching them.
- get comfy on the lounge or on the floor with baby in your lap.
- look at your baby as you read. Point to the pictures and talk about them – no need to read all the words.
- change your voice to make the story interesting – loud and soft, happy and sad.
- read your baby's favourite book over and over again.
- don't worry if your baby loses interest after a few minutes, this will change as they get older.

Photo albums, mail, magazines  
can be fun for baby too – look  
and talk about the pictures.



Being Dad, Being Proud

## Making music

6-12 months

Music helps your baby's brain grow and develop.  
Some ideas to share music fun with your baby:

- listen to all sorts of different music – try didge, pop, country and classical. Remember loud music can frighten babies and can damage their hearing.
- sing a favourite song – your baby loves the sound of your voice – even without music.
- make your own shakers by filling plastic containers that have lids with stones or rice (screw and tape the lids back on). Older babies love banging on saucepans with wooden spoons.
- learn some simple action songs to sing with baby. You can do finger actions to *One two three four five*.
- sing-a-longs can be a fun family activity, especially if someone plays guitar!

### One two three four five

One two three four five,  
Once I caught a fish alive.  
Six seven eight nine ten,  
Then I let him go again.  
Why did you let him go?  
Because he bit my finger so.  
Which finger did he bite?  
This little finger on my right.



# Family Fair Day

We are holding a Family Fair Day 28th May 2010 from 11am at the school oval. We need lots of help to make it really big and lots of fun.

## How can you help?

- Donate PRIZES!
- Donate trash and treasure items to the school leading up to the event.
- Volunteer to be on a stall or activity.
- Do you have a stall you want to hold? Call and arrange, they will cost \$10.00.
- Buskers are needed, you can keep your profits or donate them.
- Pass this information on to anyone who might like to help!!!!

**Let's make it a great event together!**

**For more information, make a donation or to book a stall, please call Lorina at the school on 68296257.**

### 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 Tuesday to include in Thursday edition.

# Hats & Shoes

Please send your children to school wearing closed in shoes and hats,

**No Hat No Play** - Students without hats must stay on the veranda, young skin needs protection.

**No shoes No way** - Children must wear closed in shoes, children not wearing proper shoes (thongs) will be taken home to change, or must have a medical certificate.

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Encourage your child/children to walk safely to school on Friday 7th May 2010.

You can do this by:

- Look to the left and right
- Hold hands
- Walk on right hand side of the road



## Tips for Parents

**Learning to love reading tip:** Read aloud to your child everyday. Set aside a special time e.g. bedtime. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.



**Learning to love numbers tip:** When shopping, ask your child to help you work out how many more items are needed e.g. "I have six apples here, how many more should I get to make 10?"

## Outback Rugby league Challenge

Last Thursday 29th April, 8 boys from 3/4 and 5/6 went to Bourke to play football. They won pool C by beating Cobar, Brewarrina and Bourke and then moved onto the finals. The boys played there way in to the grand final against Dubbo South and won the competition 6 tries to 2 tries. Congratulations boys and well played.

This is something to be very proud of  
Congratulations



## The Fair - Second Hand Stall



This is a good opportunity to spring clean your home and send any items, particularly clothes, that you don't wear anymore and you think someone else may be able to wear, or household items that you no longer use. It will raise money for the school.



Please bring any items to the school. If you are not sure just contact the school to discuss.

## ALL INVITED

GOODOOGA CHURCH  
(Opposite the post office)

**Minister:** Mike Keith

**When:** Sunday 9th May 2010

**Time:** 3pm

**Enquiries:** 6829 0597



## Goodooga Health Council Meeting

**When:** Wednesday 12th May 2010

**Where:** Goodooga Health Service

**Time:** 10:30am



All welcome!

*Come along and have your say!*

## VERY IMPORTANT

All Visitors, Parents & Care givers you need to sign in at the Front office before attending class rooms or any building in the school. This is for your own safety, your child's safety and it is also Department of Education and Training policy.

*Thank you!!*

## Preschool Committee AGM Notice!

**When:** Wednesday 12th May **Time:** 12:30pm

All welcome to attend. Come and support a vital part of our Early Childhood Community!

## Baby Book for Goodooga!

**Families NSW has approached Goodooga to make a baby book with our beautiful Birrali in it!**

**Photo shoots will be held with Sorry Day celebrations on Wednesday 26th May (all day) and Thursday 27th May (morning)**

**Be a  
STAR!**

While the kids play a professional photographer will be taking the snaps and those included in the book will get a large canvas with the picture on it to take home!!!!

We need everyone; Mums, Dads, Uncles, Aunts, Nans, Pops and cousins to make a huge effort and bring the kids (between ages of 0-5 years) along for the day and a half of fun.

Here is an example of the cover from another community.



## Monday 3rd

Tuesday 4th	Play Group 10-12 @ school
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Wednesday 5th	AECG/ Parents Meeting @ the school @ 3pm
	Goodooga Community Working Party @ Old Bowling Club @ 5pm
	Health Service Diabetes Educator

Thursday 6th

Friday 7th	Play Group 10-12 @ school Walk safety to school Day
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## Monday 10th

Tuesday 11th	Play Group 10-12 @ school
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Wednesday 12th	Goodooga Health Council Meeting 10:30am at Health Service. All welcome!
	Preschool Committee AGM Meeting 12:30pm

Thursday 13th

Friday 14th	Play Group 10-12 @ school
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