



Newsletter

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Primary



Tylera Cochrane

Week 3

Secondary



Kenneth Skuthorpe

Week 3

★ **TOP JOB** ★



WELL DONE

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK

SCHOOL TERM

DATE 2015

TERM 1

**Monday 2nd
February -**

**Thursday 2nd
April 2015.**

G.C.S
WOULD LIKE
TO
WELCOME
EVERYONE
BACK FOR
THE NEW
SCHOOL
YEAR!!

Yaama,

Welcome back for another year at Goodooga Central. It has been amazing to see how ready our students are to get on with learning and it is a credit to all the staff for being prepared to start the year at such a high pace.

It is wonderful to be here in Goodooga and I must thank all the staff, students, parents and community for making me feel very welcome. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Melinda Gibbs who has taken many hours out of her time to help me settle in.

New Staff

I would like to welcome two new teaching staff members this year. Mrs Shandel Curtis is teaching the Year 5/6 class and Miss Caroline Inglis will be teaching a great range of subjects in the High School. They have both impressed everyone with their obvious dedication and talent and will be very valuable staff members over the year.

Community Consultation

During the past two weeks I have particularly enjoyed the beginnings of our community consultation process. I have learnt a great deal from our initial parent meeting and the recent AECG meeting. I explained at both these meetings the necessity for parent and community collaboration particularly in relation to developing our New School Plan and in our review of the Discipline and Welfare Policy. I look forward to working with the parents and community to achieve great results for our kids. If at any time you wish to make an appointment to see me, please don't hesitate to ring the school.

On Friday at 11:00 AM we will be holding a community meet and greet BBQ. It would be great to see everyone there.

Assembly

Starting this week, there will be regular, whole school, weekly assemblies in the hall this year. These assemblies are vital for recognising positive student behaviour and achievement. They will begin at approximately 2:10 PM every Thursday. I would love to see many parents there.

PBL Expectations

At Goodooga Central School we are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. This means we have high expectations of our students, teach students how to behave appropriately, reward positive behaviour and consistently enforce our school goals. Our school goals are:

I take care of myself

I look after others

We learn together

Please discuss these goals regularly with your children at home.

I am very confident that we can have an amazing year and achieve wonderful outcomes for our students.

Sincerely,

Nathan Forbes
Principal

K -1 News

Kindergarten and Year One students have been busy learning and having fun right from the first day of school from the classroom through to the outdoor activities.

This term in Visual Arts the students will develop their observational skills and create self portraits by drawing and using computer software programs. Kindergarten and Year One students will be establishing classroom rules and responsibilities in HSIE and explore the school and understand who helps them at school.

In Science the students have a class pet called "Daisy" which they have the opportunity to help to look after. They will be learning about what animals and people need to stay alive and how they use their senses.



Secondary News

Welcome to the 2015 academic year. I trust that everyone had an excellent break and is now ready to undertake the demands and challenges of high school. The year has started well with the secondary students very settled and eager to commence work. I would like to introduce our new member of staff in high school, Miss Caroline Inglis. We would like to wish her all the best whilst at Goodooga Central School.

Staffing For 2015

Mr Malcolm Banks - Stage 4+5 - PDHPE, Stage 6 - Aboriginal Studies, Stage 6- Prelim PDHPE.

Mr Sam Crook - Stage 4- English, Stage 5 - English, HSIE, Stage 6 - English, Sport, Lifestyle, Recreation.

Mr Gary Hughes- Stage 4- Maths, Food /Tech, Aboriginal Culture, Stage 5 -Maths, Food/Tech Aboriginal Culture, Stage 6—Prelim Maths, Prelim Aboriginal Studies.

Miss Caroline Inglis - Stage 4 - Science, Art, HSIE, Stage 5 - Science Art, Stage 6 - Visual Design.

Karen Lane—Stage 4-Tutor

Bob Hooper— Stage 5 - Tutor

Some exciting new programs our students will be undertaking this year, peer support + mentoring program, PBL mentoring, life skills intervention activities. Already our students have been participating in these programs and all have been working extremely well. Students have been asked to focus this term on two key points,

- 1, Enthusiasm
- 2, I can't do this, YET but with practice will improve.

“Small steps can dramatically enhance a students learning, when we do this we will be making a positive difference.”

Malcolm Banks

Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ **Monday 16th February - Friday 20th March-HSC Mid Course Exams**
- ♦ **Monday 23rd -Friday 27th March-HSC Work Placement**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



Name: Nathan Forbes
Where do you come from: Newcastle
First impression of Goodooga: Quiet, Peaceful - Love it!
Favourite Music: Anything, at the moment I'm listening to Vance Joy.
Favourite Food: Pizza
What class do you teach: Principal

Name: Caroline Inglis
Where do you come from: Bundarra
First impression of Goodooga: Friendly people, Dry Land & Kangaroo's
Favourite Music: Ballads - They tell Stories
Favourite Food: Chocolate or Ice-cream
What class do you teach: Secondary Visual Arts, Science & HSIE



Name: Shandel Curtis
Where do you come from: Pottsville Beach
First impression of Goodooga: Remote, Clean, Friendly
Favourite Music: Modern - 80's, 90's & Current
Favourite Food: Fruit
What class do you teach: 5/6

AECG Meet & Greet Community Sausage Sizzle

When: Friday 13th February 2015
Where: Lunch Area (near pool)
Time: 11am



Please come along and meet our new staff and have a yarn.

MID TERM BREAK

***Friday 27th
February - Monday
2nd March 2015***

***School Resumes Tuesday
3rd March 2015***

AECG Meeting Dates

- * Tuesday 17th March
- * Tuesday 28th April
- * Tuesday 9th June
- * Tuesday 21st July
- * Tuesday 1st Sept
- * Tuesday 13th Oct
- * Tuesday 25th Nov

Starting time is at **11am** for all dates.

DOCTORS!!

Coming to Goodooga Health Service:

Wednesday 25th February -
Chronic Diseases Dr Kath Keenan

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th February - **Dr Kath Keenan**

Friday 27th February -
Podiatrist

Tuesday 24th February -
Optometrist

Wednesday 11th March -
Dentist

Please see Health Service for Appointments!!

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.

COMING EVENTS 2015

Friday 27th Feb-Monday 2nd March	MID TERM BREAK
Monday 16th - Friday 20th March	HSC Mid Course Exams
Tuesday 17th March	Winter Zone Trials
Monday 23rd -Friday 27th March	HSC Work Placement
Wednesday 25th March	Regional Trials
Thursday 26th March	School Cross Country
Thursday 2nd April	Whole School Assembly - All Welcome!!
Friday 3rd March	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 20th April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 21st April	Students Return for Term 2

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.



2015 Staff Gathering for Northern Schools

Over fifty teaching staff from Boggabilla, Goodooga, Collarenebri and Mungindi Central Schools met together on Saturday 7 February in Moree, for professional learning and sharing with other colleagues. There was a chance for some socialising at dinner on Friday night where teachers from all schools strengthened their professional relationships.

Mr Mike Tom (Leader, Rural and Distance Education, Bathurst) was the guest speaker at Friday night's social dinner and during the first session of Saturday's school development day. He gave a very interesting presentation on "Rurality" defining it and acknowledging that rural and remote teachers are innovative, determined, and using technology to ameliorate the distance between schools. He also explained how our 4 schools were in a privileged position with seniors having an Access program to help ensure the students have a chance to complete their schooling to the HSC level, and stay within their communities.

Mr Eddie Pitt, one of our special guests, was an inspirational speaker during his Welcome to Country. Everyone was very interested in the recollections he shared of his own school years and how much has changed over the last 50 years.

The staff then collaborated within their Primary and Secondary cohorts to engage with planned agendas. Mrs Nicole Humphries and Mrs Patti Sharwood worked with and lead the Infants and Primary teachers through sessions on literacy and numeracy, enhancing their knowledge to help them continue providing best practise early years' education for K-6 students.

Secondary teachers assisted in presenting sessions to their colleagues about elements of organisational and core business practise for the Northern Border Senior Access Program (NBSA). After lunch teachers networked in subject teams and planned for the beginning of the school year.

We wish to thank the presenters, special guests and staff for making our gathering such a success. Thanks also go to the Albert Motel for accommodating everyone for the night, along with the Moree Services Club who hosted and catered for our event with absolute professionalism and care.



Mr Mike Tom
Leader, Rural & Distance Education



Mr Eddie Pitt
Welcome to Country on Saturday morning