Goodooga Central School

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Newsletter

Thursday 30th May 2019

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a jam-packed Term 2 this year. We have had so many highlights throughout the Term already. I would like to thank our staff for the terrific job that they did in hosting the Barwon Cross Country at our school. We had lots of schools in attendance and the day ran like clockwork. I would like to congratulate Tyreese, Deontai and Zoey for placing in the top two in their races. These students will be off to compete in the Regional Cross Country on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. We wish them all well.

I would also like to thank Aunty Karen, Uncle Bob and Uncle Kevin for taking our students to their work placements out of our community. This is a huge commitment and they all treat our children with care and respect.

Thank you to Mark for bringing an ambulance to our community and speaking to our children about healthy lifestyles and heart health. The students all had a terrific experience and learned so much from the talk that Mark gave. He has promised to come back later in the year.

Our students completed their NAPLAN online testing this Term. The students worked well in this new format and we look forward to their results later in the year.

Relieving Principal Annie Downes Assistant Principal Hayley O'Connor Head Teacher Secondary Studies Malcolm Banks

SCHOOL TERM DATE 2019

#### <u>TERM 2</u> Tuesday 30th April - Friday 5th July

<u>TERM 3</u> Monday 22nd July -Friday 27th Sept

TERM 4 Monday 14th Oct -Wednesday 20th Dec

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Thank you to Mrs Gibbs, Tania and Uncle Kev for taking our students to Lake Keepit for the Language Nest. The students produced a beautiful song in language and by all accounts had a wonderful time.



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, three of our families and I travelled to Sydney for the Scholarship winners' awards night. I was so excited to see Kehanna, Kesha and Naioka receive their scholarships at the Sydney Town Hall. We were all so proud of our students and we all had a fantastic time in Sydney.



Congratulations!

Sorry Day and the start of Reconciliation Week was held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. We had visiting Principals in our school on that day, to join our Service. We then went into the bush to learn about bush craft and foods with our elders. We had a terrific day. Thank you to all who attended the day – you made it very special.

On Friday of next week, Connecting Communities Australia will be coming to our community. Thirty people will be coming to have a huge working bee in our school. If parents, carers and community members would like to support our school, you are welcome to come along (9am on the 8th, 9th and 10th of June). We will be painting, building our kids a bike track and putting shade over our community food garden beds. There will be a community lunch on the Sunday to thank all of the workers and to meet community. We are so grateful to all of these people for their work.

Anne Downes Principal

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# <u>K,1,2 NEWS</u>

This Term, K,1,2 have been working very hard in class. Our class have done some outstanding writing this Term. Our Kindies are already writing independent stories. We are all so proud of





## Science Excursion

Stage 2 and Stage 3 are learning this term about Bees in Science with Mrs O'Connor and went on an excursion to discover more about Bees.

On Tuesday, 14th May the class went out to 'Dunvegan' and identified the habitat and diet of a native stingless Bee.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 planted flowers, herbs and vegetables that the bees liked to feed upon. Then enjoyed watching and drawing the native bees in their hive.



Primary News

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### Ambulance Visit

Years 3,4,5 and 6 had a visit from the NSW ambulance service on Wednesday 15th May. The students learnt about how the heart supports all organs within the human body, which foods support the healthy development of the heart and how to look after your own heart and body.

Stage 2 and 3 asked and answered some questions and later were able to look through the ambulance.



## Primary News

## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

There was a lovely turn out for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Mother's Day afternoon tea on Friday, 10th May.

The students handmade a card and a gift for either their Mum, Nan or Aunty to show how much they appreciate everything they do for them.



## Secondary News

Term 2 has been extremely busy for all secondary students. Classes have been diligently completing assessment in all subjects with very pleasing results.

Stage 5 have commenced their work transition in Dubbo with students experiencing five different occupations in the five days.

Shakira and Kia are participating in their hair and beauty course at Dubbo TAFE and only have two terms to graduate.

Stage 5 boys have commenced their traineeship at the Ridge Auto Sparks within the coming weeks.

Kesha is in her final stages of her traineeship at the Commonwealth Bank and will have met all necessary requirements by the end of term 2. Kesha is also to be congratulated on her receiving a finalist award in the 2019 Western NSW trainee awards. This award will be announced in Orange on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

Stage 4 must be congratulated on their effects to complete all homework each week. This homework is being completed to a high standard. Stage 4 students have been acting mentors for a younger Year 6 students while they are experience secondary lessons for two hours each week.

I would personally like to extend my sincere thanks to all the teachers and tutors in secondary because without their extra time, commitment and dedication, our students would not be able to participate and have the opportunities available in secondary.

Malcolm Banks

#### Prac Teacher at Goodooga Central School



Hello I am Shaun Boughton from Western Sydney University. I am doing a History prac at Goodooga. Upon getting a professional prac at Goodooga Central School I was nervous about coming to a school so far from home where I know no one in the area. Though from my first day every one has made me feel welcome and part of the school from the staff to the students. I just want to say thank you for letting me be part of the amazing school culture and community.

### Stage 5 Boys

Tyron, Chris Daniel and Lincoln are fabricating a new sink stand for the school



workshop. This has involved Lincoln measuring the new sink, marking out and cutting materials. Tyron and Chris Daniel then laid out the steel box section, tacked it up and welded the leg and rail construction. The three boys then ground the frame up using an electric grinder. After a quick file for ergonomics, coat of primer and ocean blue top coat, the boys have completed their first independent project for the

school. Tremendous work chaps!

## Stage 4 Boys

Daminan has completed his shaped mirror project this week and he has done an



outstanding job. Daminan always completes first class work. People ask me how the mirrors or any of the projects we make don't get finished at the same time. This is because of a number of reasons, one the students are in small classes and I make projects that are above their age level, secondly, this is a very active school and sporting, cultural, T.A.F.E courses and academic excursions (not all class members go to these and so the remaining students get ahead). The last reason is whenever I personally took a project home, my father would always pick on the negatives and I make sure our projects pass my scrutiny so this does not happen to our students. Mr StClair

## Secondary Food Tech

This term we are going well with our cooking. We have made some easy to challenging recipes.

Both stage 4 and 5 have enjoyed the lessons and some were even going home to try out what they have learnt at school. Some of our recipes included hot cross buns, cup cakes for cross country, quiches, jam tarts, chocolate biscuits, melting moment biscuits and last week we made a delicious lemon meringe tart using fresh lemons from our garden. We are also looking at other lemon recipes whilst we have lemons on our garden. Congratulations to the students who always work very well in food technology.



## **Fantastic Masks**

Masks have been used throughout history in ceremonies and cultural events. In our stage 4 art class, we have been looking at mask making practices from around the world, with a focus on those of the Torres Strait region. The students challenge was to each make a mask that could be used in a traditional ceremony for our region. The mask must be based on our unique flora or fauna using some natural materials.

We had a lot of fun making casts of each other's faces out of plaster of paris. These moulds made up the base of the masks. From the base the students modified their masks to represent their chosen cultural element. The students have used clay, emu feathers, paint, sticks and leaves to construct masks for kangaroos, emus, willy wagtails and goannas to list but a few.





### **Sewing Lessons**

Tylera and Marion have been learning sewing skills with Mrs Curtis. They designed, sewed and decorated these bags using old jeans. Tylera made a denim handbag and Marion made a denim water bottle holder.

Well done girls!



School News

## Journey to Respect

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May, students from years 3-11 went to the weir to clean out the riverbed. Students collected rubbish into bags and moved wood into piles for burning. Everyone is excited to swim and enjoy the river when the water comes back. Thanks to Aunty Nic for organising and teaching



Term 2 Week 5

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COMING UP	<b>EVENTS 2019</b>	
Friday 31st May & Monday 3rd June	MID TERM BREAK-School resumes Tues 4th June	
Sunday 2nd - Friday 7th June	Stage 5 TAFE	
Friday 7th - Mon 10th June	Connecting Communities Visit	
Monday 10th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Friday 14th June	Cross Country	
Monday 17th — Wed 19th June	K/1/2 Dubbo Excursion	
Friday 21st June	NBSA Athletics	
Friday 5th July	END OF TERM 2	
Monday 22nd July	Staff Development Day	
Tuesday 23th July	Student Starts Term 3	
<u>Permission Notes</u> All students are responsible for returning permission notes/ monies by the due date, or they will not be attending any events.	MID TERM BREAK Friday 31st May & Monday 3rd June 2019 School Resumes Tuesday 4th June 2019 Have an safe and enjoyable Break !!	
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!!	grounds for any reason including	

### 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.





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.