



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

Goodooga Central School will be returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable. School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like: regularly washing hands, avoiding sharing drinks or food, coughing or sneezing into your elbow or a tissue which should be discarded immediately. All students should be at school unless they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition or they are currently unwell.

Parents and carers are reminded that students should be dropped off and picked up at the front gate. School sites are open for staff and students only. If you do need to enter the school grounds, please make sure that you attend the front office only.

All excursions and inter-school sport are still cancelled. Unfortunately, the Indigenous Games for 2020 will be cancelled.

On the Wednesday 3rd June, students will be involved in our rewards day for all their efforts in working from home. The staff have been impressed with the amount of work that was completed by the majority of students. Also a big thank you to parents and carers for the continued effort that you have put into your child's education during this period.

Ms Curtis has informed me that due to medical reasons she will no longer be able to teach at the school. Ms Curtis has worked both in the primary and secondary classes and provided interesting and challenging lessons for her students, and always her students were a priority. Ms Curtis was also heavily involved with extracurricular activities in secondary, teaching the students sewing and art. Thank you Ms Curtis for all your efforts and we wish you all the best.

I would personally like to thank the staff and community members for the kind words and offers of support on the passing of my father. A further special mention to Mrs O'Connor and Miss Moss for all their efforts and leadership during my absence, a terrific job.

Over the last couple of weeks there have been some concerns from parents in relation to their children playing video games. Please find below a list of effects of excess gaming:

- Spending excessive time in bedroom and gaming through the night
- Too tired to go to school -- school work suffers.
- Withdrawing from outside activities like sport, bike riding, no mates dropping by anymore.
- More aggressive towards siblings, nasty mood swings with unusual aggression.
- Avoiding meal times and chores
- Becoming even harder to communicate with - conversations constantly involving gaming.

Some strategies to minimise gaming:

- No computer or device in bedroom without permission
- Be actively engaged in outside of bedroom/home activity that builds emotional and social competence at least twice a week -- preferably group activity
- Be playing some form of physical sport at least 3 times a week
- Complete normal chores around home
- Ensure school grades are maintained
- Be at family meal times and have an agreed bedtime
- Have a friend/mate visit regularly
- Be responsible for any excessive data expenses
- Not disable the parental controls that are in place

The school will be organising further information for parents and carers about this matter during the term.

Malcolm Banks
Principal



SCHOOL TERM
DATE 2020

TERM 2

Monday
27th Apr
- Friday
3rd July

TERM 3

Monday 20th July
- Friday 25th Sept

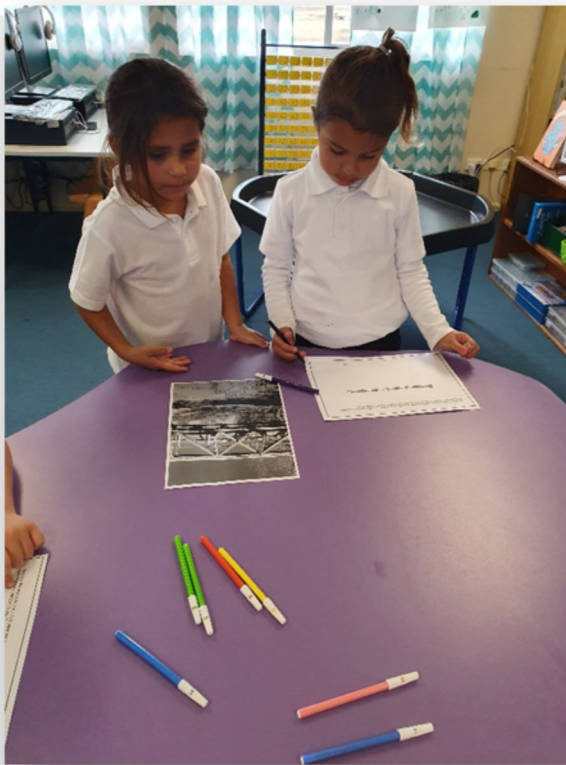
TERM 4

Monday 12th Oct
- Friday 16th Dec

K12 Classwork

This week in HSIE, K/1/2 were introduced to their new unit 'Our Place'. Students in K/1/2 will spend this term learning all about Goodooga. We started by thinking about what makes this place special. Students had to spend some time thinking about this and write it down on their mind map. Some responses included; family, the night sky, school and pets. After students had a chance to think all about what makes Goodooga special for them, we had Aunty Nic come and yarn about what its like growing up here and what makes it the same or different from other places. It was a great start to HSIE for term 2!

Primary News



Time to have fun
and learn!



3/4/5/6 Classwork

This week 3/4/5/6 began their new unit for HSIE. This term is all about the features of places. We began the term by thinking about our country, Australia. Students had a go at naming the states, locating Goodooga on the map and were introduced to the term 'natural features'. Students had to think of some natural features that we have here in Goodooga and then create a painting that displays these.



SECONDARY NEWS

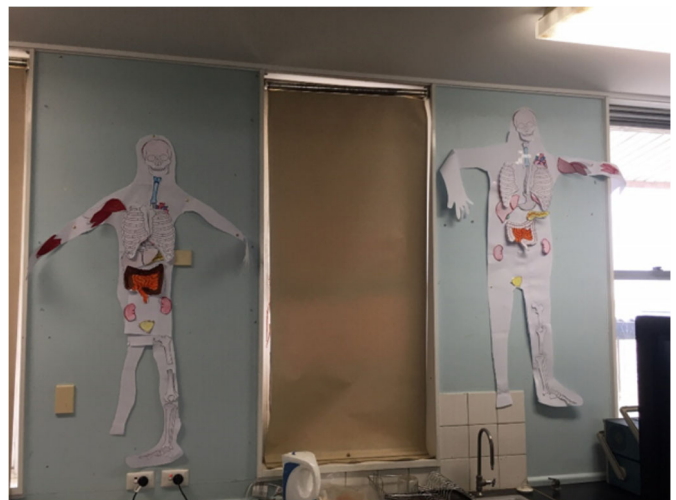
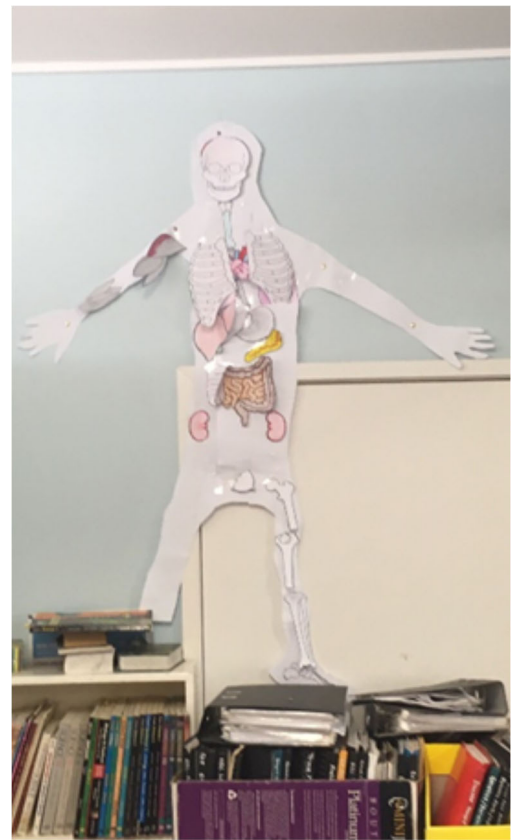
Secondary students have continued learning in all of their subjects this term through a combination of face to face and at home learning. I have been very impressed with all of the hard work and effort the majority of our students have put into completing their work. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting students to do this.

In English this term, Stage 4 and 5 are writing a weekly magazine. I was very pleased with the quality of our first edition, released last week. A copy of the magazine is available on the school website and Facebook page. Some highlights include Lincoln Wood's review of different noodle flavours, and Kallum Forrester's photographs of the river (included below)



Secondary News

Stage 4 have finished their posters for the human body. These posters have now been hung up all over the science rooms. Stage four started working on these posters at the end of term one. This project was paused for COVID-19 but once the class was back everyone could put together the posters.

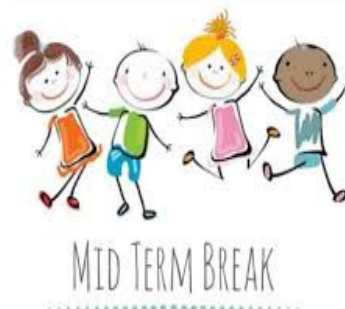


Mid Term Break

**Friday 29th May &
Monday 1st June 2020**

*Students & Staff
resumes back on*

Tuesday 2nd June 2020



*G.C.S would like to wish everyone a safe &
enjoyable Mid Term Break!!*

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.



Goodooga Health Service

**New Phone number
02 68 295 600**

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.



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.