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THIS WEEK AT GOODNA

Dear parents & caregivers.

Classes are settled and engaged in learning heading for end-of-year assessments and the reporting period.

The school has invested approximately \$30 000 in the Fountas and Pinnell Levelled Literacy Intervention system which will be implemented in the new year to complement the work of the flying squad and the support teachers in improving reading. It is also intended that this program will provide extension for students identified as having high ability in reading.

Our Pacifica Group and choir will be performing at the Jacaranda Festival next Friday 28th October

In 2016 Goodna State School has offered a considerable number of additional extra-curricular activities to families at little or no cost. These include:

Science

- Starlab Cosmodome
- Dr Ryo Fujinuma, soil scientist UQ
- Forensic Science – A Case of Discovery
- Forestry Excursion (Forestry Qld)
- Extensive funding for specialist Science lessons
- Science Club
- Recycling Program – Year 2s

Culture

- Cultural Liaison Officer full-time – Michelle Maybanks
- NAIDOC Celebrations with special guest Dr Anita Heiss
- Connect to Culture program
- Deadly Days throughout the school
- Under 8s Day
- Early Years Roadshow
- Pacifica Day
- Dion Drummond – Indigenous Performer
- WALA – the Spirit of Ghana

Other

- Age Appropriate Pedagogies
- Mobile Farm
- 'My Friends and I' – Prep performances
- ICAS competition fees – Science, Maths, Writing
- Choir shirts (\$780)
- Year 6 Graduation
- Bus to White Water World
- P and C end-of-year break-up day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Fri 21 Oct	Woodcrest College Sports Festival
Fri 28 Oct	World Teachers Day
Fri 28 Oct Evening	Jacaranda Festival
Wed 2 Nov	SHOWCASE AWARDS
Weds 30 Nov	CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2017

If you have a child or know of a child born between 1 July 2011— 30 June 2012 please contact the office for an Enrolment Pack
 Ph: (07) 3437 9333

I would like to acknowledge the generosity of staff in volunteering their time to attend numerous out-of-hours school functions.

- ANZAC march and commemoration
- Discos
- Fete
- Jacaranda Festival School Choirs competition
- Showcase Awards Evening
- Carols by Candlelight
- Graduation
- Choir performances on weekends

Yours in Education,
Lee Gerchow (Principal)

From the Deputy Principal

Attendance- EVERY DAY COUNTS! *Successful* students are at school, on time, *every* day!

A reminder to all students and families that regular and consistent attendance at school is critical for a student's learning and this continues to be a major focus at Goodna State School. This term, all classes are monitoring attendance daily and are calculating the total number of absences in each class. We are also continuing with the following initiatives:

- Attendance raffle tickets – EVERY MONDAY: All students who are in class at 8:30am on MONDAYS will receive a raffle ticket and go into a draw for free tuckshop vouchers!
- End of term attendance party: Students throughout the school with the best attendance will be invited to participate in an end of term party to celebrate and reward their excellent efforts.
- Class / Year level attendance award: The classes and year level with the best attendance throughout the term will receive attendance awards and prizes, presented at assemblies.

High Expectations!

Goodna State School continues to set high expectations for students both in the classroom and the playground. We expect students to be safe, respectful and responsible and take pride in themselves and the school by:

- Keeping the school clean of rubbish and litter
- Wearing the correct school uniform and remembering 'no hat, no play'
- Following the school's 'Pathways to Peace' and all other classroom rules/expectations

This fortnight's Peace Code focus is: Turn things around!

Year 5 'Young Entrepreneurs' Workshop

As a continuing part of the 'Entrepreneurs for Tomorrow' school grant received earlier this year, last Monday 10th October, all of the Year 5 students participated in our school's first 'Young Entrepreneurs' workshop. Entrepreneurship is the process of starting a business or other organisation where the entrepreneur develops a business model using a concept or idea and then produces a product or provides a service. Our workshop was the initial stage of teaching the Year 5 students how to come up with an idea and set up a simple business. A big thank-you and congratulations to all staff and students for an extremely interactive and successful day. Students will continue to plan and pitch their idea to teachers throughout the term.



Stay tuned for some more information regarding a 'Market Day' later in the term where students will aim to sell a product that they have worked on. We also hope to expand this program for more students throughout 2017.

Feel free to contact me if you would like any further information.

Daniel Dempsey
Deputy Principal



Science and Digital Technologies

The Preppies are using Ozobots to investigate movement in their Term 4 Science Unit, *On the Move!*

Ozobot robots are a semiautonomous technology that can use colour algorithms to displace themselves across a surface. By following colour codes, they can turn, zig-zag, speed up, slow down or stop.

“An algorithm is simply a process or set of strict rules to be followed. In the case of Ozobot robots, they follow a set of colour rules”, said Mr Salmon.

Mr Salmon said the school is moving to integrate digital technologies across the key learning areas (KLAs).

Charlotte Maeli–Siaosi from Prep J, learns the rudiments of computer coding using Ozobots during Thursday’s science class.

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Before school we are open from 6.30am until 8.30am. During this time we provide breakfast consisting of milo, toast, cereal, spaghetti and baked beans toasties. This is all inclusive of our before school care fee. Preppies and Year 1 students are escorted to school by our staff daily. After school we are open from 2.00pm until 6.00pm. We pick up the Preppies and Year 1 students from their classrooms and escort them to the hall each day. Older children meet in the hall foyer daily. After school we provide afternoon tea consisting of fresh fruit, cheese, crackers, pancakes, jelly, custard, sandwiches, corn chips & salsa and other yummy treats - again this is all inclusive. We also offer a range of physical activities, art activities, cooking, games and lots of fun.

We have vacancies available for both before and after school care. Prep drop offs and pickups are available.

If you have any inquiries regarding OSHC we can be contacted on 0434 422 456 or drop in and see us of a morning between the hours of 6.30am and 8.25am, or of an afternoon between 2.30pm and 6.00pm.

Regards,
 Cathy, Donna, Robyn and Karen.

SAVE TIME AND PAY ONLINE

BPOINT is the preferred method of payment of Education Queensland.
For assistance please call in to the school office or contact the school on 3437 9333 for an over-the-phone tutorial.



Goodna State School Playgroup

Goodna State School Playgroup offers a fun, safe and stimulating environment for children, families and communities through quality play-based experiences.

Join Amy every Thursday from 8.30am to 10.30am

Where: Goodna State School Prep 20
 Stuart Street Goodna

EVERYDAY LANGUAGE TIPS – WAIT TIME

Studies of interactions between adults and children have shown that adults tend to give lots of directions and ask many questions. Often adults will wait less than a second for a child to respond to a question. Furthermore, after a child stops speaking teachers and parents often respond with another question in less than one second.

Studies have shown that increasing the wait time to 2-3 seconds or more makes a significant difference to the response a child gives in the following ways-

Children:

- give longer responses
- make more inferences and logical guesses about things
- ask more questions themselves to find out information
- compete less with other children for the adults attention and start to listen to each other's responses

So... if you want to improve the quality of your conversations with children, ensure that ideas are exchanged and nurture new ideas...wait just a bit longer!

For further advice / ideas on how you can help with your child's language development please contact the school.

Heidi Yau & Gill Lovie

Speech-Language Pathologists

There are still students being left at school until well after 2.30pm.

Parents and Caregivers are reminded that the school day finishes at 2.30pm.

Students need to be collected promptly by this time, as there is no adult supervision and staff quite often have personal commitments they need to attend to.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday from 8am in the cooking room. Free for students of Goodna State School.

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