Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome

What a great start to 2016 at Goodna State School! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the school community, and especially to new families who have joined our school community. A special welcome to our Prep and Headstart students. We know that many lasting friendships and memories will be created at Goodna as our students partake of the many and varied curricula and extra-curricular opportunities that are provided. I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday with lots of enjoyable time spent with family and friends.

My name is Mrs Robyn Conlin and I will be Acting Principal at Goodna State School this term as Mr Gerchow works with the School Improvement Unit based in Central Office. I have been a Principal in small and large schools, in the city and country, and for the last couple of years was Principal of a bilingual school in Munich. I am very excited to join Goodna State School and have been very impressed with the warm welcome and the great staff at the school.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for preparing your children ready for the new school year. Most students were excited to start school again, and this was very obvious by their eagerness and great smiles. I hope this will be a habit they will try to continue to keep right throughout the year. We appreciate the effort and sacrifice that parents have made in getting students ready for school with stationery supplies and uniforms. Readiness for learning is a big part of our preparation for getting students ready for school.

2016 will be an exciting and busy year at Goodna State School with many interesting learning experiences and events planned for each term.

Yours in quality education,

Robyn Conlin
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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SAVE TIME PAY ONLINE

BPOINT is the preferred method of payment of Education Queensland.

The BPOINT payment method symbol will be displayed with a website link for you to visit and process your online payment.

Please see the school office for details.

2016 School Year

If your child/children will be returning to Goodna State School after Friday 8th February 2016 please inform the school office immediately to allow them to be included in our Day 8 numbers.

Students currently enrolled who live out of catchment and have not returned by MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2016 will be removed from our database and required to attend the school within their zone.

Do you need additional stationery, maybe some greeting cards, fancy reading some magazines or newspapers?

Visit your local Goodna News
Shop 19/2 Smiths Road
Goodna
for all your newsagency needs.
Phone 3288 2198
ONE PUNCH CAN KILL

At Goodna SS we all follow the Peace Code and there is an expectation that students adhere to the code. We believe all students have the right to feel safe at school.

This week we have discussed behaviour with all classes and clearly stated the expected behaviour of students at Goodna State School. Students were also informed that any student engaging in violent behaviour towards others and punching in the head will receive an immediate suspension.

According to our Responsible Behaviour Plan:

- Students who display highly unsafe or dangerous behaviour on one or more occasions may be suspended.
- Behaviour which is deemed to be violent, vicious, calculated, or unprovoked resulting in injury to or the potential to cause injury to another person may lead to suspension depending on the severity of the behaviour.
- Students who physically harass a staff member in the school setting will be suspended automatically for a minimum of 5 days.

Major problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- Step One: Removal to Peace Centre, time in office, alternative lunchtime activities, loss of privilege, restitution, loss of break times, warning regarding future consequence for repeated offence, referral to Student Support Team AND/OR
- Step Two: Parent contact, referral to Guidance Officer, referral to Student Support Team, suspension from school
- Step Three: Students who engage in very serious problem behaviours such as major violent physical assault, or the use or supply of weapons or drugs can expect to be recommended for exclusion from school following an immediate period of suspension.

The One Punch Can Kill campaign is aimed at preventing senseless violence among young people, and about stopping them from making split-second decisions that could ruin their lives or the lives of others. OPCK has been embraced by the people of Australia and is the catch cry used increasingly by media outlets, political parties and sporting ambassadors when referring to youth anti-violence campaigns.

Kambu School Health Check visits

Kambu Health is visiting Goodna State School on Wednesday, 24th February to give health checks to eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

To find out if your child is eligible and/or to book your child in call Ray Nagas on 0429 516 222 or the Goodna Clinic on 3436 9600
A better mouse trap?

Curriculum for the 21st Century will need to be driven intellectually and it will need to have site specific differentiation. And it will need to be original and creative. The Nooski Mouse Trap is a revolution in design and technology. A clear departure from trap designs of the past, it is the first trap not to have a spring mechanism.

Mr Salmon said that by observing the structure of devices like the Nooski trap, children begin to appreciate the significance of brilliant design.

“Curriculum needs to have links to the real world,” said Mr Salmon.

Prep J teacher, Claire Jolliffe, and her student, examine the design features of the Nooski Mouse Trap.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Due to a large unexpected volume of sales Lowes Menswear Redbank Plaza have unfortunately run out of size 4 to 10 school polo shirts.

We have been in contact with them and they have an urgent order underway to replenish their stocks.

THE GOODNA PEACE CODE - PATHWAYS TO PEACE
Each week our school will be focussing on one aspect of our Peace Code. We will discuss this on Parade and teachers will be teaching explicitly these ‘skills for success’ in the classroom.

In Week 2 & 3 our focus will be - ‘Doing the Right Thing’

BOOKPACKS
Booklists are available on school website www.goodnass.eq.edu.au

For an online order please visit the Olympia Office Products website at www oli omumaschoolsupplies.com.au or call in to our Bookshop located next to the Tuckshop from 8.00am to 8.30am on a Friday.

Pick up - Book packs can be collected from the Bookshop From Week 4 onwards delivery from Olympia will be on Fridays only.

GOODNA SS - PLAYGROUP
Operates from 8.30 – 10.30 Thursday mornings at our Prep campus 20 Stuart Street. Playgroup is open to parents of children aged 0 - 4 years including the wider community. We ask for a piece of fruit to share and a gold coin donation.

For more information contact Goodna State School or Fiona Blaney on 0415 726 649.
NEW TEACHING STAFF FOR 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a number of new staff to our school community:
Mr Dan Dempsey, Ms Sally Corduroy, Ms Lini Karuna, Mrs Rebecca Peacock, and Miss Cassandra Grant. I know that you will make them all feel very welcome here at Goodna State School.

COMMUNICATION

As the New Year begins can I reinforce to parents to please contact us if you have any concerns or issues. Students do not learn if they are unhappy or distressed. We can resolve nearly anything if we know about it!

It is appropriate for parents to firstly direct all questions/queries/concerns to their child’s class teacher. Keeping open lines of communication between the classroom and home is an absolute priority. Teachers will share the most appropriate way for this communication to happen through the parent information sessions. Our teachers are available by meeting, phone or email.

If you are wishing to meet with either the Principal or Deputy Principals, we will first be asking if you have spoken with the class teacher and then requesting that you make an appointment through the school office or by phoning 3437 9333. Our front office staff may enquire as to the nature of the call however we do ask that you keep this message brief. Unfortunately, our front office staff are extremely busy at those key times between 8:15-8.45am and 2:15-2.45pm and often when a parent does need to have a discussion, this is often not the most private area to do so.

We at all times respect your privacy. Updates are regularly placed in the newsletter and on the school website, for events and activities, however again if you are unsure of information relating to your child/ren’s class please see the class teacher - they are always welcoming and supportive in assisting where and when they can.

ROUTINES FOR THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents and care providers please be aware of the following routines for the 2016 school year:

Assembly - Every Wednesday for Prep and Headstart at the Prep Campus 20 Stuart Street and alternate Wednesdays for Junior and Upper School in the School Hall

School Newsletter - Fortnightly on a Thursday there will be a paper copy sent home with the youngest in the family. To receive the email link fortnightly please send a request to jlash1@eq.edu.au or alternatively our newsletter may be viewed on our website www.goodnass.eq.edu.au > Calendar and News > Newsletters.

School Banking - There is no school banking facility at Goodna State School

Tuckshop - Healthy Habits Cafe is open to students both lunch times from Monday to Friday 8am. We ask that lunch orders are in no later than 9.30am. Menus are available from the Tuckshop, a copy will soon be available on our website.

Swimming Lessons - have commenced this week - (Please refer to the note that went home with the timetable – parent helpers are required)

House Shirts - House shirts are worn on Interschool sports days. (Shirts for 2016 are in the process of being ordered; we will keep parents updated when they are available.)

Late Afternoon Pick-ups - Please ensure your child/children have a clear understanding of how they are getting home of an afternoon. Quite often in the past we have had students left behind and have been unable to contact parents because of incorrect phone numbers leading to stressful situations. If this is going to be a regular occurrence please enrol your child/children in our After School Care program.

Student Messages - It is not possible to guarantee the delivery of messages after 1pm, as quite often classes are not in their rooms in the afternoon and the school does not have the available staff to locate students.

ROAD / TRAFFIC SAFETY

School staff look forward to your support in ensuring that our students are safe when coming to and going home from school each day. Please note that there is no parking available on the school grounds.

Parking is available on Stanley Street on both sides of the street.

The supervised crossing in Stanley Street operates in the mornings from 8.00am and in the afternoons from 2.30pm – 3.00pm each day. Please remain behind the “magic toe lines” until the crossing supervisor blows the whistle 2 times. Parents, please assist us in keeping all students safe.
EVERY DAY COUNTS

In order for children to reach their full potential in education it is vital that they are on time for school every day and attend regularly.

At Goodna State School we promote the message that Every Day Counts – this has four key messages:

• All children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
• Schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
• Attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
• Children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they skip school

The first bell to report to class goes at 8.25 am and children should be at school in time for this bell so that they commence learning at 8.30 a.m. sharp.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, s/he is more likely to achieve high results in the future.

If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Tuesday February 9th

This year we have a small, but promising squad of swimmers to represent the school at the Districts. Good luck to these students.

Goodna SS Swimming Squad training

Due to popular demand, a swimming squad will be offered to Years 5 and 6 students, commencing next Wednesday February 10, until the end of term. For those enthusiastic swimmers, please consider joining this squad, and notices will be sent out this week.

LOADING ZONES—DROP OFF/PICK UP AREAS

The success of loading zones requires cooperation from all motorists using them to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area.

Please observe any time frames on the sign (see example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in to or out of the car within a two minute timeframe. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children or to pick up their children.

This area is designed to keep the vehicles moving. It is there for the convenience of ALL motorists.

Please do ☺

• Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times
• Pick-up or drop-off children via the car’s kerb doors
• Drive out safely
• Talk to your children about what time to be there and not to stray or wander away
• If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again

Do not ☹

• Get out of your vehicle
• Double park
• Stay more than 2 minutes
• Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone
• Use staff parking areas

Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility. If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your local Road Safety Office on 1300 360 135.
PARENTING IDEAS

Make this year your child’s best ever at school
By Michael Grose

A new school year means a fresh start for students. Regardless of your child’s performance last year, they start school with a clean slate. A break offers students the chance to begin new habits and adopt new behaviours.

Here are five ideas to help you make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child’s best year ever at school:

1. **Commit to your child going to school every day on time.** One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time. Kids spend more time asleep than at school, so we need to maximise every day to get full value.

2. **Help kids start each day well.** A good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast and some words of encouragement from you will help set a positive tone for a day of learning. This may mean that you adjust your morning routine so that kids have plenty of time get up, eat and get ready for the day.

3. **Establish work & study habits.** The most successful students are those that develop regular study habits that suit their lifestyle, their study style and their school’s expectations. Find out the work expectations from your child’s or young person’s school and help them establish a work routine that matches.

4. **Make sure your child gets enough sleep.** Many children and young people are sleep-deprived, which impacts on their wellbeing and their learning. A good night’s sleep consolidates learning, as well as assisting future learning. Children need between 10-12 hours of sleep each day, while teens need a minimum of nine hours. Help kids get sufficient sleep by having a regular bedtime and get-up time each day. Have a 45-minute wind-down time each night, and remove screens and mobile phones from bedrooms.

5. **Insist kids exercise.** The old saying about ‘a healthy body and a healthy mind’ is so true. Exercise releases the chemicals needed for learning and wellbeing. Yet kids today get less exercise than those of past generations, which is an impediment to learning and mental health. Health professionals recommend a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per day for kids of all ages. Encourage your child to play sport; promote free and active play and look for ways to make moving part of their daily lives.

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**BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK IN 2016!**

– is open to students Monday to Friday mornings from 8am in the Cooking Room.

All students are welcome!

Breakfast Club for our PREP Campus will commence in Term 2 2016

Times to be advised.

We are looking for parent volunteers see your child’s teacher if you are able to help out.

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**GOODNA STATE SCHOOL**

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

**Schedule**

**Week 2** Parent Information Session and Sign Up Lists

**Week 3** Try Out / Recruitment / Offers and Waiting lists dispersed

**Week 4** Program fees due Contracts and Loan agreements due Loan instruments to be handed out

Cost $50

Woodwind

Brass

Percussion