Dear parents and caregivers,

Mr Gerchow returns to Goodna SS next term and I have been appointed as the founding Principal for the new school opening in Caboolture in 2017. I have been truly amazed by the professional staff at Goodna SS who deliver a high quality education every day to your children. It is a school that everyone should be very proud of! Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for your support, and I wish you well for the remaining semester of 2016.

**Report Cards**: At the end of this term, report cards will be provided for students. These provide an opportunity to report to parents on student achievement against the relevant standards for each key learning area. Reporting is part of communicating with parents and building the school-parent partnership to improve student learning. Reporting processes help parents to understand:

- the learning expectations for the student
- student achievement against expected standards
- how well the student is engaging with the expected learning
- how the student may be able to improve

**Tuckshop**: Over the holidays the tuckshop is being completely gutted and renovated. That is why the tuckshop has closed for the last two days of this term so it can be totally emptied of all stock and equipment to allow for the works. It should look fabulous and be a lot more efficient for our wonderful tuckshop team!

**Attendance Celebrations**: On Monday students who had achieved 98% attendance or better for the semester were invited to the hall for an afternoon celebration. Students who are achieving excellent school attendance will more easily achieve their maximum potential and attain their academic goals. They are also developing lifelong habits that will help them to be successful in the future. Well done and congratulations to all those students!

Robyn Conlin
Principal

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**SAVE TIME 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.

To provide information at your fingertips with upcoming events, photos, newsletters, community and general information. visit [www.facebook.com/GoodnaStateSchool](http://www.facebook.com/GoodnaStateSchool) and our website [www.goodnass.eq.edu.au](http://www.goodnass.eq.edu.au) or download the free [QSchools](http://www.goodnass.eq.edu.au) app available through the App Store on your smartphone.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Monday to Friday from 8am in the cooking room. Free for students of Goodna State School. Proudly sponsored by Goodna RSL Services Club

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**STOP VERY IMPORTANT!**

Commencing in Term 3 your newsletter will be going ELECTRONIC!
From the Deputy’s Desk

This fortnight’s Peace Code focus is: Be a peacemaker

Attendance – EVERY DAY COUNTS!  Remember, successful students are at school, on time, every day!

Congratulations to all of the students across the school who were rewarded on Monday afternoon with an attendance celebration in the hall. These students were invited to an attendance party for having an attendance percentage of over 98% for the entire semester, meaning that these students have only had a maximum of 2 days’ absence for the year. Congratulations and well done to all students who are trying to be at school, on time every day!

Interschool Sport Gala Days

Well done to all students who participated in the sports gala days this term. All of our teams came up against some very tough opposition and played their best. Congratulations to the following teams who either won or came second in their respective competition:

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I would also like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday. See you in Term 3!

Daniel Dempsey
Deputy Principal

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- via our website www.goodnass.eq.edu.au
- via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/GoodnaStateSchool
- via the QSchools app (see enclosed leaflet)
- via email (please register at the school office)

If the school can assist you with any of the above options, please contact us on 3437 9333 and we will be happy to help.

LANGUAGE TIPS

School holidays provide an opportunity for you to relax and spend time with your child talking, listening and reading. By providing a range of opportunities for practising speaking and listening you can help your child become a confident and successful speaker and listener.

Terrific Talking Times: Try these activities to encourage your child’s language development:

- Think about whose name is the longest? Mum’s, Dad’s, yours….
- Play Simon Says. Can you trick anyone?
- Cook biscuits together- talk about what you’ve made
- Be a weather forecaster. What is the weather like today?
- Look in a catalogue – find 10 things you could play with and 10 things you could wear
- Make an obstacle course in the back yard. Get Mum or Dad to tell you what to do
- Talk about a movie you have seen together

Remember: Model the skills you want your child to learn

- Take turns talking • Be a good listener • Look at your child when you are talking to them
- Say just the right amount not too much and not too little • Stay on topic with your child and keep the talk going!

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

Heidi Yau & Jenny Tang
Speech-Language Pathologists
Digital technologies aid wildlife monitoring

Deputy Principal Dan Dempsey, Groundsman Jim Dighton, and Year 6C student conduct site preparation for the monitoring of the school’s bat boxes using infrared cameras.

Mr Dempsey said digital technologies will define the future, and that the only realistic future is a sustainable one where resources are carefully managed.

“At a school level, it’s important that children see real life applications of technology. We have coding and engineering clubs, and ‘Maker Space’ is proving to be a big hit with the kids”, said Mr Dempsey.

“We also have extended wildlife monitoring projects at Purga Creek, and our unique koala offset project at Mutdapilly has exciting potential with a plan to use drones to better survey the site”, said Mr Dempsey.

Goodna State School is a leader in STEM education, and it has won awards for its innovation in curriculum design and delivery.

Over the past two weeks, students in Year 1 were given the opportunity to speak with firefighters from the Karana Downs station. They learnt about fire safety and how to make an emergency call. Students were shown the different parts of the fire truck and even got to spray water from the fire hose! All students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE
The Goodna Dental Clinic has temporarily closed.
With only so many oral health staff and new schools and growth in the area, Queensland Health need to utilise their existing oral health staff to keep their recalls of school children equitable across the 120 schools they service.
In the event that children/parents have enquiries regarding our service, or children are experiencing pain/toothache, please direct your enquiries to 1300 763 246.
In the event that students are experiencing pain, parents/guardians will be directed to the closest open public dental facility.