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THIS WEEK AT GOODNA

Hello everyone,

NAIDOC Celebrations

This week Goodna State School is celebrating **NAIDOC**. A highlight of the week will be performances by **Dion Drummond**. Dion's Aboriginal name is "Moogera", meaning storm. He is of Torres Strait islander descent on his mother's side, and Aboriginal on his father's side. Dion was born in Mossman (Kuku-Yalangi Tribal area) 80km north of Cairns, Queensland. Dion is one of Australia's most experienced international Indigenous performers, covering both Mainland and Islander culture as a dancer, singer and storyteller.

Our celebrations will culminate in a NAIDOC assembly on Friday at 11.15am, with a shared lunch for invited guests afterwards at 12.15pm.

Our special guest for this assembly will be **Dr. Anita Heiss**. Anita is a member of the Wiradjuri nation of central New South Wales, and is one of Australia's most prolific and well-known authors of Indigenous literature for children and adults. She is author of the children's novel *Yirra and her deadly dog*, *Demon* amongst other works. Anita has worked with our children previously this year and inspired them to create stories and poetry that they will perform at our special assembly.

Every Day Counts!

Last week on assembly and in the newsletter I shared some concern about children missing school and being late for school without a valid reason. Unfortunately I have to report that this does not seem to be getting any better. Just today (Tuesday) we had more than 60 children absent from school without explanation. In addition, a **huge** number of children were lined up in the office waiting for late slips with excuses like 'we slept in.'

Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse, such as illness, for the student to be away. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results.

Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information:

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

Yours in quality education,

.Lee Gerchow

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Mon 18 to Thu 21 Jul	Ipswich & Rural Band Workshops
Mon 18 Jul	ICAS Maths Workshop
Thu 21 Jul	Indigenous Performance
Fri 22 Jul	NAIDOC Assembly
Mon 25 Jul	ICAS Maths Workshop
Wed 27 Jul	WALA-The Spirit of Ghana
Fri 29 Jul	School Fete
Mon 1 Aug	ICAS Maths Workshop
Fri 5 Aug	Forensic Science: A Case of Discovery
Mon 8 Aug	ICAS Maths Workshop
Mon 15 to Fri 19 Aug	National Science Week
Tue 16 Aug	ICAS International Mathematics
Mon 22 to Fri 27 Aug	Book Week
Wed 31 Aug	Cybersafety Sessions— Year 4-6
Thu 1 Sep	School Photos
Fri 2 Sep	School Photos
Mon 5 to Fri 9 Sep	Electricity Safety Week
Wed 7 Sep	Kambu Road Show
Thu 15 Sep	Hearing Screenings Prep
Fri 16 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
Tue 3 Oct	First day of Term 4

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

The current Peace Code focus is: Do the right thing!

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

Monitoring attendance and students arriving to school late will continue to be a major focus throughout Term 3. Please ensure that students are at school by 8:30am each day, as there have been large numbers of students requiring late slips. This disrupts the office staff and often means students are missing prime learning time and reading activities in the classroom.

Goodna State School Makerspace

The before school makerspace club starts back for Term 3 this week for those students involved. I look forward to working with these students again this term and introducing some exciting new resources!

Goodna State School's 'Pathways to Peace'

All classes have been reminded about behaviour expectations for this term and about following the Peace Code both in the classroom and playground. The *PEACE CODE* consists of seven messages which make up a language used across the school to help everyone stay safe and follow the school rules. The seven aspects of the Peace Code are:

- ***Care for myself and others***
- ***Do the right thing***
- ***Speak kindly***
- ***Find help***
- ***Turn things around***
- ***Be brave***
- ***Be a peacemaker***

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

Daniel Dempsey
Deputy Principal



The safety and wellbeing of students is the highest priority for the education department. As a result of a number of tragic incidents, most recently one in Logan involving the death of a student, there are a number of changes to child protection requirements.

All state schools will soon be required to notify parents the same day their child is away from school without an explanation. Goodna State School has decided to adopt this process immediately.

As of Monday 25th July, Goodna State School is implementing a daily SMS text message system to notify parents of student absence. A text message will be sent at approximately 10:00am each day to the primary caregiver of any student who is absent without explanation. If you do not wish to receive this notification, please notify the office in writing.

Additionally, rather than ringing the absence line in the morning, parents and carers will also have the option of texting student absence information to the following dedicated SMS number, used for receiving SMS text messages only: 0429 601 574.

We look forward to strengthening communication with families and ensuring the safety of students at our school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

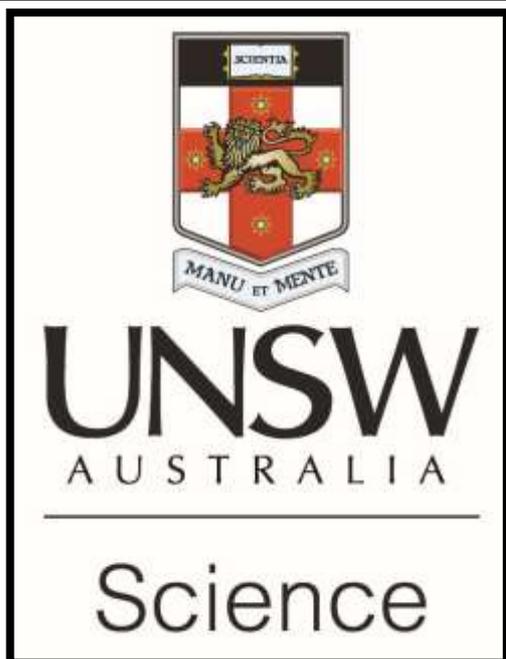
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**SAVE TIME
PAY ONLINE**

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 and our website www.goodnass.eq.edu.au or download the free [QSchools](#) app available through the App Store on your smartphone.



Triumph for Goodna State School's Science Program

The results for this year's ICAS International Science Competition are just in, and 2016 is our best year ever.

Our Awards Tally: 3 High Distinctions, 4 Distinctions, 10 Credits and 3 Merits.

Science coordinator Mr Salmon said the results prove our Goodna kids can match it with the best in the world.

All parents of children in state schools throughout Queensland are invited to participate in this year's School Opinion Surveys.

These surveys have been sent home, and will need to be completed **on-line**.

As a way of thanking you for your time, **we are offering the chance to win one of two \$100 Woolworths vouchers!!**

All you have to do to go into the draw, once you have completed the on-line survey, is return the slip at the bottom of the original note to the school office..

Good luck, everyone!

The Ozobot Classroom Experience.

Hundreds of schools across the world have adopted Ozobot into their curriculum. Students using Ozobot within these schools are learning sequential thinking, logical reasoning and coding concepts. These critical life skills enable children from all walks of life to succeed in the future digital age. The Ozobots are tiny robots that enhance the teaching of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) in our classrooms and lunch time clubs.



PE WITH MR DUNLOP

Results from Term 3's Annual Sports Day

Seniors: Overall winning house: Healy

Percentage trophy: Donald

Juniors: Winning house: Healy

Age Champions

9Yrs. Shelton Karpoleh, Honey Mulford and Harmony Apelu

10yrs. Joshua Snowden and Salamasina Naititi

11yrs. Byron Manson and Cindy Conteh

12yrs. Aidan Luong and Annet Binya

Please note : The district athletics squad training is on the oval every Tuesday and Thursday at from 7.30am to 8.20am. If athletes cannot attend please see Mr. Harker or Mr. Dunlop

Interschool sport

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no interschool sport this term. However, two gala days will be held at Woodcrest college in term four offering AFL football, Volleyball and Basketball.

Visit our facebook page to view photos from the day

www.facebook.com/GoodnaStateSchool

Celebrating NAIDOC at Prep

Some amazing artwork by our Preps.

Don't forget to visit our facebook page on Friday to see more photos of our NAIDOC celebrations from this week.



PE WITH MR DUNLOP

As a result of concern raised at our Community Forum which was held on the 27th April re the speed at which drivers travel along Stanley Street, Goodna State School received the following letter from Ipswich City Council. While the outcome was not what we had hoped for, it highlights the importance of Community Forums which bring attention to issues which are a concern to our community and can be addressed accordingly.

For reference
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Goodna State School
 (Attn: Ms Robyn Conlin)
 1 Albert Street
 GOODNA QLD 4300

19 July 2016

Dear Ms Conlin

Re: Stanley Street, Goodna – Speed Limit Review

I thank you for your request of 3 May 2016 for a review of the speed limit of Stanley Street, Goodna, due to concerns about the speed at which drivers travel along this road.

Council has conducted a review of the speed of this street based on existing traffic speeds, road function and road environment. In addition, advice was obtained from the Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding the classification of schools as split campus schools and current school crossing supervisor provisions.

Stanley Street is a local street that provides access to properties and localities within the immediate neighbourhood. A recent count of existing traffic speeds along this street found that fewer than 2% of drivers exceeded the posted speed limit of 50 km/h outside the school zone, with the mean average speed being 35.9 km/h.

In line with its function, standard of construction, and existing speeds, Stanley Street is deemed appropriate to have a 50 km/h speed limit outside the school zone. This is in compliance with the state government's standards that determine appropriate speed limits across Queensland. Consequently, Council does not propose to change the speed limit along this street at this time.

However, I can advise that Council intends to provide additional road safety measures on Stanley Street near Albert Street through the installation of kerb build-outs. These devices will both encourage motorists to drive in a more streamlined fashion closer to the centreline, and reduce the effective road distance that pedestrians have to cross. This work is expected to be conducted during this financial year.

It is recognised that, even with appropriate traffic management measures in place, some drivers may speed or drive in an unsafe manner. The most effective way to deter such drivers is through enforcement of the road rules by the police. Concerned members of the school and wider community may request enforcement of the road rules by calling Policelink on 131 444.

I trust that this advice answers your enquiry. If you have further queries regarding this issue, you may contact Council on (07) 3810 6666.

Yours faithfully

Michael Yau
 PRINCIPAL ENGINEER (CITY MAINTENANCE)



HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents to begin.

Camp Australia provides before and after school care for Goodna State School

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

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 on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks

Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au

EVERYDAY LANGUAGE TIPS:

Helping children who learn English as an additional language

Research shows that supporting the development of the home language will enhance the learning of English. When children are learning to talk and understand, parents and carers should talk to their child in the language in which they themselves feel most confident and comfortable. *It's important too for your child to have opportunities to use their first language at home, in their community and at school.*

Here are some more helpful hints for parents and carers of children learning English as an additional language:

- Don't be worried about mixing languages within a sentence, when you talk to your child.
- Speak in your chosen language/s to your child even if he or she responds in a different language. If your child responds, this shows that the message has been understood.
- It's OK for children to speak in their home language and mix languages in one sentence. This is a normal part of learning two languages
- Reading to your child in both languages is a great way to build vocabulary and early reading skills

Here is some interesting information for all those who work with children and young people learning English as an additional language:

- It can take around two years for a child to develop an additional language adequate for communication and social interaction. However, it can take longer (six years or more) to fully master the more formal 'academic' language needed for school learning.
- Children learning an additional language may go through a natural process referred to as a 'silent period' where they may say nothing for several months. This is a normal part of learning language.

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

Heidi Yau & Gill Lovie

Speech-Language Pathologists

Reference: Celebrate Good Times Ideas and activities to celebrate communication milestones - big and small. The Communication Trust