Hello everyone,

NAPLAN reports

Parents of Years 3 and Year 5 students will receive their child’s NAPLAN report this week from the national testing of literacy and numeracy that took place in term 2. The report will contain information as to how your child performed in the test relative to other children across the nation.

This year Goodna State School has repeated its success in writing with 39% of our children achieving in the upper-two bands in writing. Indeed many of our children have achieved upper-two bands on two or more domains.

I will share further information about our improvement as details become available.

Parents – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Each morning after the bell goes we still see up to thirty children arriving late for school. For some families this late arrival is every day. Children who are not at school are not learning.

Each day we hear the same excuses:

“1 slept in”

“It’s cold and raining”

“We stayed up late last night”

These are not acceptable reasons for being late to school!

Successful children are at school, on time, every day!

Yours in quality education,

Lee Gerchow

Principal

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**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

**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.

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**To provide information at your fingertips with upcoming events, photos, newsletters, community and general information visit:**

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GOODNA STATE SCHOOL FETE

Once again our school fete was a raving success. We would like to thank the following contributors:
Deputy Mayor Paul Tully for your on-going support and your generous donation.
RNA Brisbane Show Grounds, Lowes Menswear, Noodle & Rice - Goodna, Pelicans Seafood, Sizzler, Repco
Super Cheap, Aussie Auto, Australia Post - Goodna, Max's Barber Shop, Civic Video, Goodna Services Club,
Goodna Day & Night Chemist, Camp Australia - Goodna, Cineplex - Redbank Plaza.
A big thank you to all the staff and families for your kind donations and support.

To view these photos and more please visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/GoodnaStateSchool
Autonomous technologies in a human future

Principal Lee Gerchow and student, discuss the flight characteristics of the Phantom 4 Drone

25 years ago, the cult science fiction movie Terminator 2, featured an autonomous drone eerily similar to the school’s new DJI Phantom 4 Drone. Science fiction is now digital reality. Science coordinator Mr Salmon said the challenge for educators is to integrate the rapid advance of these new technologies into a human future. “Innovative applications of emerging technologies will define schools that lead in the digital revolution,” said Mr Salmon.

Calling Interested Parents & Carers:

If you like reading, can be here before 8am on a Monday morning and would be happy to read a story to some students in the library, we would like to hear from you !!!

Please see Jenny Rawle in the office and leave your details.
PE WITH MR DUNLOP

District Athletics Team
Good luck to all our athletes who are off to Ipswich next Monday and Tuesday for the annual Central Districts athletics carnival. Please note that the athletes attending both days must pay the $5 bus fee for each day.

Speech Pathology Week

Communication is a key to success at school and for Speech Pathology week (August 7-13, 2016) we are highlighting the importance of communication in creating futures for our children. If we think about the classroom it is a buzz of words, explanations, questions, reading and writing. The ability to use language for thinking and learning is important for school success and creating students futures.

Children learn to speak by talking with other people. The more children practice talking, the more they will learn. As parents you begin the teaching language from the very first day often with “mum mum mum” or “dad dad dad”. It is important to continue modelling and teaching language by talking with your child. Conversations are an easy way to boost your child’s language and learning. When you have a conversation with your child, you help them to learn new words and different ways of talking about their ideas and opinions. Conversations can take place anytime, anywhere: while playing together, sharing a book, watching TV together, in the park, at the shops or over dinner. Having conversations with your child will help their language grow in readiness for learning to read and write.

Making time for conversation gives your child more opportunities to learn about the world around them. When talking with your child make comments and ask questions about what they are interested in. Take the time to listen to what they say and respond to them and their ideas.

For further information on how to support your child’s communication please contact the school speech pathologists.

Goodna State School Playgroup

Information session – Monday 1st August, second break – Maker Space
Dance practice – Tuesday and Friday, second break - Library
Live performance – Science week Friday 19th August, Second break - TBA

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
Cost: gold coin donation