Hello everyone,

Science Week at Goodna State School:

This week is National Science Week and the theme for 2016 is Drones, Droids & Robots!

It is no secret that Goodna State School is a school which caters for the 21st century learner with a cutting-edge approach to Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM). Highlights of our Science Week celebrations will be Coding, Engineering & Maker Space clubs courtesy of Mrs Page, Mr Yates and Mr Dempsey. There will also be displays of science experiments at lunchtimes and a drone demonstration after school on Thursday afternoon.

Special guest at Wednesday’s parade will be Professor Ian Godwin from the University of Queensland to present the ICAS UNSW Science awards.

Yours in quality STEM education,

Lee Gerchow
Principal

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

ICAS Writing Competition

Congratulations to the students who sat for the ICAS Writing Competition in June. Goodna State School had outstanding 2016 results in this international competition with one High Distinction, one Merit, seven Credits and eleven Participation rewards. Also congratulations to the class teachers and Miss Butler, our extension writing teacher.

The students were: Sage- High Distinction, Kayleigh Vaughn-Credit, Henry Williams- Credit Sophia Dela-Cruz - Credit, Francisco Ruiz - Credit, Senuri Ariyasinghe - Credit, Kressida Gee - Credit Maui Kailani - Credit, Lockyer Lologa – Merit, Thomas Williams - Participation, William Yuen - Participation, Lachlan Gunn - Participation, Tannah Butler - Participation, Anahera Te Kiri - Participation, Laura Vo - Participation, Tiffany Matthews - Participation, Julian McDonald - Participation, Elizabeth Langsiu - Participation, Samantha Balbarais - Participation and George Tambwe - Participation.
Central District Athletics Carnival

Forty-two athletes travelled out to Limestone Park last Monday and Tuesday to compete in the Central District Athletics Carnival. All athletes tried their hardest and were exceptionally well behaved over the two days. Twelve students qualified to represent the district at the upcoming Met West trials in September, with the school finishing third overall in the event. The following students will be competing at the Met West Trials:

Aidan Luong – 2nd in the 12 Years Boys 100m and 2nd in the High Jump
George Tambwe – 1st in the 12 Years Boys 800m
Alayna Poasa – 1st in the 12 Years Girls Shot Put
Montana Mook – 3rd in the 12 Years Girls High Jump
Neema Tekopi - 1st in the 11 Years Girls 100m
Moroka Lapana – 1st in the 11 Years Boys 100m
Cecellia Vailima – 3rd in the 11 Years Girls Shot Put
Cindy Conteh – 2nd in the 11 Years Girls 200m
Diglove Modri Avezo – 1st in the 11 Years Girls High Jump
Sala Naititi – 3rd in the 10 Years Boys High Jump
Rearn Maui – 3rd in the 10 Years Boys Long Jump
Hellena Palale - 3rd in the 10 Years Girls Discus

Upcoming sports events:

Prep ball games event: Tuesday September 13th, 8.30 to 10.30am at the Prep campus.
Yrs. 1 to 3 sports event; Friday September 16, 8.45 to 10.30am
Yrs. 4 to 6 sports event: Friday September 16, 11.10 to 1.10pm
The Yrs. 1 to 6 program will include ball games, a skipping rope jump-a-thon and a throwing event.

Missing school jumpers or hats?

We will be putting the lost property collection out on display in the Years 1 and 2 undercover area on Friday 19th August

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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Goodna State School
August 13 – 21, 2016

Choir Performance

The Goodna State School Choir was privileged and excited to be invited to be part of the “Starting School Adventure Day” in Ipswich on Saturday, 6th August. The choir performed beautifully, once again demonstrating the outstanding musical talent for which we are renowned, and the audience could barely contain its enthusiasm and appreciation. A huge thank you to the students, families and staff who volunteered their own time on a weekend to help to promote this fabulous choir and Goodna State School. Special thanks to Mrs Roche, Miss Dallow and Mrs Maybanks for coordinating and facilitating this event.

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 ask them to contact the office for an Enrolment Pack
Ph: (07) 3437 9333

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.
Everyday Language Tips: Questions and Answers

Asking your children questions at home can help their learning. You can also help your child to answer questions in a way that will help their learning.

How to help children answer questions

- Wait and give them time to think. It takes lots of time for some children to formulate their thoughts into words.
- Encourage longer answers by using some comments.  
  eg. “Tell me more,” “and then?”, “what happened next?”; “anything else?”
- Use relevant comments to encourage children to talk about their day.  
  eg. “How was your day? I saw lots of kids at school dressed up like pirates today.”
- If your child is struggling to answer, provide a choice.  
  eg. “What did you do in PE today?” … “Did you do basketball or baseball?”
- Expand their answers. Repeat the sentence back to them, and use some new words to make the sentence a little longer.  
  eg. “I like the red ones.” …. “Oh, you like the sparkly red shoes with bows.”
- Add some new information to what was said.  
  eg. “I played soccer at school today” …. “Did you know that the Soccer World Cup is being played in South Africa this year?”

If the child misses words or uses incorrect word order…  
Repeat their sentence back to them adding in missing words or correcting word order.

Tips

- Avoid asking a child to repeat a sentence after you. This may lead to an unhelpful pattern of the child relying on you to model every sentence before they answer.  
  Reward them! Praising with “Good talking!” or “Nice sentence!” gives amazing power to a reluctant speaker.

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

Gill Lovie & Heidi Yau  
Speech-Language Pathologists  
Goodna State School

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  
Cost: gold coin donation

School Photos

School Photo Days are 1st and 2nd of September.  
Pricing envelopes went home last week. If you require a sibling photo the envelopes are available at the office.