Hello everyone,

Book Week at Goodna State School

This week at Goodna we celebrate all things reading during Book Week!

At Goodna State School our number one priority is learning to read. On Wednesday we held our annual Book Week assembly in the hall, and children were invited to come dressed as their favourite storybook character. The teachers and other staff all joined in the fun, and there were/will be wonderful reading activities in the library and classrooms all this week.

School Photos this Thursday & Friday

Please ensure that children are all in correct school uniform for photos this week. This week is also a good time to consider getting haircuts (appropriate to our school dress code) in time for the pictures to be taken.

Yours in quality education,

Lee Gerchow
Principal

School Uniform Policy

All students are required to wear, and take pride in, the community-approved, correct school uniform. If the circumstances are such that a student cannot wear the uniform on a particular day, a note from parents/carers stating the reasons must be supplied.

If there is no note, the school will presume that the student is deliberately resisting the uniform policy without parental permission. In these circumstances and in some cases even though a note has been supplied, the school reserves the right to provide the student with a uniform for the day from the school emergency uniform pool.

Boys / Girls: gold, purple and black shirt, black shorts.
Hat: black school bucket hat NO HAT, NO PLAY.
Shoes: closed in shoes, no sandals or thongs.
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.
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For assistance please call in to the school office or contact the school on 3437 9333 for an over-the-phone tutorial.

Sports News

Regional Athletics

Good luck to our twelve athletes competing next week at the Met West Regionals.

Tuesday 6th September: 100m and 800m heats.

Wednesday 7th September: Discus, shot put, high jump, long jump and the 800m finals.

Thursday 8th September: 200m heats and finals.

Tabloid Sports Day

Friday 16th September

Years One – Three from 8:45am to 10:30am

Years Four – Six from 11:15am to 1:10pm

The students will rotate around three sports. They will compete in their sports house and in their year levels. This event will include the skip-a-thon.

Skip-a-thon

Just a reminder to get your sponsor forms in by Friday 9th September. There are some great prizes you can receive with your fundraiser money!

Woodcrest Gala Day

This event will take place on Friday 21st October for Years Five and Six. Trials are underway for girls and boys volleyball, AFL and basketball.
Everyday Language Tips: Reading—WHY YOU SHOULD!

This week is Children’s Book Week, when we are celebrating Australian children’s literature!

The importance of reading books to develop your child’s language – why should you read books with your child?

Research has shown that when parents read books with their children they are promoting the perfect situation for language learning. Here’s how:

**Books expose children to many new words.**

Books often include unfamiliar words that children don't hear in everyday conversation such as “damp”, “purchase”, “pleaded”. Books repeat the same words in a variety of sentences which helps children understand the words.

**Children learn when they are interested.**

Books prompt children’s interest through pictures and exciting colours. Many books offer interesting and imaginary topics which will encourage conversation between you and your child.

**Children learn best when adults respond to them.**

Reading books together is a calm, visual activity which helps the adult notice what the child is looking at and talking about and helps the child to focus. Reading provides an opportunity for parents to follow their child’s lead and respond to their interests.

**Words are learned when meanings are made clear.**

Books can help parents teach children what words mean because you can use the pictures to explain the meaning of words. The conversations that occur while reading offers opportunities for parents to explain what a new word means.

**Vocabulary and grammar are learned together.**

Grammar refers to the rules about the structure of language. Reading allows children to hear new words used in the grammatical sentences of the story. Vocabulary refers to the ‘mental dictionary’ children have in their brain. Reading allows children to expand their mental dictionary and learn new words.

Reading has many benefits even more so for children who struggle with language – so grab a book today and help prepare your child for language and reading success.

For further advice / ideas on how you can help your child’s language development please contact the school. For more information on this year’s Book Week celebrations, see [https://cbca.org.au/book-week-2016](https://cbca.org.au/book-week-2016).

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