I have been asked to take on the Acting Principal role at Goodwood State School until the end of 2016. I have spent the last few years at Branyan Road State School teaching upper primary classes and before that I spent several years teaching in Bamaga in Far North Queensland. I am an avid sporting enthusiast who enjoys cycling and fishing when I get the opportunity.

My priority whilst I am at Goodwood is to support students and staff in their learning and to be an active member of the school community. Whilst Term 4 is always busy, I am keen to ensure that we do not lose focus in the classroom and as a staff we continue to ensure students are engaged in their learning and ready to transition into their next year levels.

We have a number of activities planned including swimming, Year 6 transition to high school, concert/awards night on top of our important classroom demands.

I was pleased to meet many of our parents at last week’s P and C meeting. It is very clear to me that parents are keen to offer support to the school anyway they can. I have an open door policy and welcome the opportunity to discuss any issue or concerns you may have regarding your child’s progress.

Regards,

Tony Franklin.
Weekly Awards

Congratulations to Braydan, Kaleena, Sierra, Breanna, Shannon, Ruby, James, Chelsea and Dakota. Each student was awarded to acknowledge the talents and attributes they have displayed and truly deserve their award. Well done to all and Congratulations!!

Congratulations Matthew and Lily who were selected to participate in the ICAS (International Competition and Assessment for School) English competition and Summer who participated in the ICAS writing. It is a great achievement to be selected and to participate. Well done on your achievements.

Congratulations to Joey our most recent Times Tables Master. To be a Times Table Master you need to recite each set of tables in under 20 seconds with 100% accuracy and complete all sets of tables.

Well Done! 😊
What's Happening in our Classrooms

On Friday the P/1 class were concentrating hard on producing sentences with sizzling starts.

We've had a busy, fun week in the 2/3 classroom. We have continued our study of poetry, discussing rhythm, rhyme and alliteration. Our students are having a go at writing their own poetry and it appears we have some budding Banjo Patersons amongst us. In maths we have rounded off to the nearest 10 and worked with subtraction and measurement. Friday afternoon finished on a fun and messy note with some finger painting for art.
The Year 4/5/6 have been engaging in a variety of STEM (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) challenges. We have previously built cars - testing different materials and understanding the forces behind how they work. On Friday we used lollies and toothpicks to design build and appraise sculptures - the best part was taste testing the lollies!

**Change of Dates for Swimming**

Please note that there has been a change of dates for our swimming program since the last newsletter. We will now be commencing swimming on Tuesday 22nd November and culminating with our swimming carnival on Tuesday 6th December. We hope that these changes will prevent our students being quite so tired at the school concert. Further details including costs and permission notes will be sent home shortly.

Thank you to the P&C for donating $800 towards the cost of swimming. This subsidy helps enormously in making our swimming program more affordable for everyone.

**P&C Messages**

Icy blocks will be on sale on Fridays, starting this week. We will be selling the fruit juice variety at $1 each. Please support this and help us raise funds for the Yr 6 Graduation.

Special Food Day is on Wednesday 16th November. Please return forms and money by Friday 11th. Please let Jo know if you are able to volunteer your assistance on the day, we are very short of helpers at the moment.

We are also hoping to have an end of year disco. Students have been asking us if they can have one. We really need more helpers to make this viable. If you are able to help please speak to Jo Shorter ASAP so we can make this happen.

We currently have a vacant position on the executive committee. If you would be able to support your school P&C by filling the position of secretary please make contact with Jo Shorter. If you would like more information on what the role entails please speak with Lara Hawker who will happily show you what would be required.

**Save the dates:**
School Banking - EVERY Wednesday
P&C Meeting - 3pm 22nd November 2016 in the Library
Bingo at the Woodgate Club - 1st Friday of EVERY Month.
Christmas Stall – Items will be on sale before and after school in the second last week of term..