Research has shown that reading to young children helps them learn to read. This includes children with a disability. Looking at picture books and talking about the pictures is an important part of the reading process. This helps children understand that the pictures are linked to the words and that the words have a message.

Local libraries have a fabulous range of picture books and older children also enjoy looking at the pictures and having a conversation with an adult about them. All of this helps build comprehension which is an essential component of the reading process.

Afternoons and evenings are busy times for families. Older children can sit with younger siblings. Some families use the respite carers to also spend time reading books.

Tracey Chappell
Principal
### Students of the Week

**Friday, 30th April**

**Junior Primary**
- **Being Responsible - Junior**
  - ‘For developing consistency during toileting.’

**Upper Primary**
- **Being Responsible - Zane**
  - ‘For learning all the school rules’

**Lower Secondary**
- **Being Responsible - Jack**
  - ‘Trying new activities and going down a very big slide 8 times’

**Senior Secondary**
- **Being Responsible - Enos**
  - ‘For being safe and responsible in the work place’

### Gotcha Winners

**Junior Primary**
- **GOTCHA - Harper**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Alex**

**Upper Primary**
- **GOTCHA - Rina**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Maddison**

**Lower Secondary**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Connor**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Trevor**

**Senior Secondary**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Keasha**

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**Friday, 9th May**

**Junior Primary**
- **Being Responsible - Adam**
  - ‘Trying hard to use good manners when asking for things’

**Upper Primary**
- **Being Responsible - Jamayne**
  - ‘Being the class leader and following safely around the school’

**Lower Secondary**
- **Being Responsible - Kyle**
  - ‘For doing his best and following the school rules’

**Senior Secondary**
- **Being Responsible - Harley.D.**
  - ‘For doing great work in computer recycling’

### Gotcha Winners

**Junior Primary**
- **GOTCHA - Oscar**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Harper**

**Upper Primary**
- **GOTCHA - Chad**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Noah**

**Lower Secondary**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Adrianna**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Corey**

**Senior Secondary**
- **Spot GOTCHA - Thomas**
The School Dental Service will not be attending Goodna Special School this year. We are however offering an alternative site for treatment at the dental facility located at **Goodna State School Dental Clinic, 1 Albert street, Goodna**. Intent to Attend forms have been issued for completion and return.

We welcome children who have received a child dental benefit schedule letter (CDBS).

Under CDBS each eligible child aged 2-17 years are able to access $1,000 of dental treatment over 2 years.

All dental treatment will be bulk billed for your convenience.

If eligible, please bring your medicare card and CDBS letter to the initial appointment.

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Hello!

I’m Lauren the new Youth Worker here at Goodna Special School. I am employed at the school on Wednesdays, and employed at Goodna Youth Services for the rest of the week.

I love all things colourful, travelling and cheese is my favourite food.

In my role as the Youth Worker at Goodna Special School, I aim to support the students by linking them into local community based activities that support the development of the student’s social, emotional and physical side. Some of the activities that I am currently running with Goodna Youth Services are youth groups in Goodna and Riverview, local skate and scooter competitions, camps and facilitation of group activities.

I will be working with a number of the students at the school and am already blown away by the positivity and friendliness by all here at Goodna Special School. I hope to be running some future groups on - the effects of alcohol and other drugs, positive body images and personal hygiene patterns.

I look forward to meeting some new faces and discussing any current youth issues that concern you.