



Goonawarra Primary School Newsletter

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Goonawarra is G.R.E.A.T!

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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
27 th Sunbury Secondary College visit (Incursion)	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st Easter Hat Parade Prep - 2 Easter Raffle Drawn END OF TERM 2:30PM DISMISSAL	1 st April	2 nd
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
17 th April EASTER MONDAY	18 th TERM 2 COMMENCES	19 th	20 th P-2 Toy Incursion	21 st P-2 Toy Incursion	22 nd	23 rd
24 th Sunbury Schools Combined Curriculum Day PUPIL FREE DAY	25 th ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	26 th	27 th School Photos	28 th	29 th	30 th
1 st May School Council 6pm	2 nd Prep 2018 School Tours 9.30am-11am 7pm-8.30pm	3 rd Sunbury Schools Athletics Boardman Stadium	4 th Prep 2018 School Tours 9.30am-11am 7pm-8.30pm	5 th Sunbury Schools Athletics Backup Day	6 th	7 th

Payments & Reminders:

Hot Cross Bun Orders: Last day for orders: TOMORROW.

Grade 5/6 Camp Wilkin Deposit: \$50.00 - due by Thursday 30th March.

Prep - 2 Toy Incursion: \$11.00 - due by Friday 31st March.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Following the AGM of the School Council this week it is my pleasure to inform you of the various office bearers for this year.

President: Mr Shawn Hindmarsh

Vice President: Mrs Sharyn Snook

Treasurer: Mrs Melanie Pisani

Secretary: Mrs Peta Hoiles

The other members of the School Council are -

Mrs Lucy Loko, Mrs Kate Gleeson, Mrs Hannah Liddle, Mrs Jo Smith, Mrs Liz Hornby, Mrs Carla Cropley, Mrs Jess Fry and myself.

School Council operates on a subcommittee system. The subcommittees are -

Finance

Building & Grounds

Canteen

Curriculum

Out of School Care

Uniform

The School Council is the governing body of the school. It operates to serve the needs of our school community.

If there are any issues you would like raised at School Council or you would like clarified, please talk to one of the members listed above.

It is great to have such a supportive group of parents and staff who are so interested in advancing the school and providing the best learning environment for all students.

The next meeting of School Council will be on Monday 1st May.

SOME FACTS & FIGURES FROM THE AGM:

ABSENCES –

The common reasons for non-attendance of students at school include illness and extended family holidays.

Student absence is a lead indicator for achievement and engagement outcomes. There is a strong correlation between student attendance and learning outcomes. Small amounts of absences are associated with substantial falls in NAPLAN test scores.

The data reflects that the absences of our students from Prep – Grade 6 for 2016 is well above other schools with similar characteristics. 27% of our students had more than 20 days absent. The number for similar schools was 21%. The same trend has been the same since 2012.

The average number of days absent per student for 2016 at Goonawarra was 15. The State average was 12.

WHAT DO PARENTS THINK?

Parent Satisfaction Summary

Average level of parent satisfaction with the school, as derived from the annual *Parent Opinion* survey.

The 2016 data from the survey indicates that 89% of parents were satisfied with the school overall.

WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK?

a) Students Attitudes to School - Connectedness to School

Measures the Connectedness to School factor derived from the *Attitudes to School* survey completed annually by Victorian government school students in Years 5 to 12.

b) Students Attitudes to School - Student Perceptions of Safety

Measures the Student Perceptions of Safety factor derived from the *Attitudes to School* survey.

In both of the above categories the school data indicates that our results are higher (more positive) than the median of all Victorian primary schools. 72% of our students felt connected to the school.

WHAT DO STAFF THINK?

School Staff Survey

Measures the percent endorsement by staff on School Climate derived from the annual *School Staff Survey*.

The 2016 data from the survey indicates that 86% of staff were positive about the school climate.

SUMMARY:

From the documents tabled at the AGM it is evident that the school is constantly improving and is building on the strong foundation established over recent years. This is a real credit to all members of the school community.

As the future unfolds, the staff, as a whole are purposefully reviewing all aspects of school life in order to present an attractive and well-resourced environment which has high academic standards, positive core values that are evident at all levels, students that are focussed and connected to their learning, a strong and vibrant connectedness with the community and an appreciation of parental involvement.

I am positive that the whole school community will continue to be very supportive and encouraging as the future unfolds.

PLANNING WEEK:

The last week of each Term is usually a Planning Week. During this week each area of the school is provided with an opportunity to meet as a team for a day to plan the curriculum and activities for the Term ahead. Next week is Planning Week. During next week students will have one day when they will have all their specialist subjects on the one day.

The timetable for Planning Day is –

Monday –Grades 1/2: Tuesday –Preps: Wednesday – Grades 3/4: Thursday –Grades 5/6

HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS:

Today Grade 3 – 6 students took part in our House Athletics Carnival. There was great enthusiasm and encouragement as students participated in a whole range of sports.

The students who recorded results at a qualifying level will represent the school at the Sunbury Schools Athletic Carnival on **Wednesday 3rd May.**

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS:

Next Friday is the end of Term One. The morning will begin with the Preps – Grade 2 enjoying an Easter Hat Parade in the gym commencing just after 9am. All parents and friends are warmly welcomed to attend. At the Parade the Parents & Friends Easter Raffle prizes will be drawn.

All students will be dismissed from school at 2.30pm.

WHAT DOES OUR CHAPLAIN HAVE TO SAY? YOU COULD FIND OUT NEXT WEEK!

Currently there are four Chaplains in schools in Sunbury. They are supported by the Sunbury Chaplaincy Committee. The committee and their supporters have a keen interest in the vital work Chaplains undertake with students. Donations to this committee are provided to our school to help us retain Ben, our Chaplain.

Next Wednesday night at the Goonawarra Golf Club, the Sunbury Chaplaincy Committee is hosting a dinner at which the four Chaplains will be attended. Each Chaplain will report on the type of work they undertake. It promises to be a very informative night.

There is still room for more people to attend this function.

Please see the flyer in this Newsletter and contact the organiser on the notice or the school office if you would like to attend.

SAVE THE DATE:

A 30th Anniversary Fete is being planned for Friday 20th October. It will be a twilight event commencing at 4pm and going through to around 8.30pm. There will be rides, food, drink, activities and entertainment for all! Put the date in the diary now!

SLAP CHEEK AT SCHOOL:

SLAPPED CHEEK DISEASE (ERYTHEMA INFECTIOSUM): We have been notified that "Slapped Cheek" disease has been detected in Grade 6. **Human parvovirus infection occurs worldwide and is a common childhood disease. Outbreaks occur in winter and spring. Human parvovirus B19 infection causes a mild illness, with little or no fever but a striking redness of the cheeks (hence "slapped cheek"). This is followed one to four days later by a lacy pink rash on the trunk and limbs that fades but may recur over several weeks on exposure to heat. The illness may also cause headaches, itch and upper respiratory tract symptoms. In adults, the rash is often a typical or absent pain, inflammation and swelling of joints may occur and, rarely, persists for months.** Hands should be washed and disposable tissues should be used at all times and any such tissues should be disposed of carefully. Please note that school exclusion is not required.

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

Information Sessions & School Tours will be held on Tuesday 2nd May and Thursday 4th May for any families with a Prep child for next year. There will be two sessions on each day – 9.30am to 11am and 7pm to 8.30pm.

Individual tours can be arranged through the office at any stage. Phone 9744 7137 to find a suitable time.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK:

PREP C	Ella	For being a beautiful student who is always polite and helpful.
PREP D	Trey	For always using his manners and working hard.
PREP I	Carter	For being a polite and hardworking student.
1I	Jamie	For working well and listening carefully.
1MC	Bailey	For excellent sharing of ideas in class discussions.
1T	Gurleen	For her fantastic handwriting.
2CA	Austin	For working really hard in class.
2CO	Oakley	For trying hard in class and showing our GREAT school values.
2T	Darcy	For working really hard in class.
3/4B	Madix	For his enthusiastic work in class.
3/4D	Carla	For her enthusiasm and effort in all areas of learning.
3/4H	Tapu	For great work and identifying symmetry.
3/4P	Mana	For sharing her learning with her peers and being a helpful class member.
3/4S	Izzabella	For enthusiastic effort in writing.
5K	Lachlan	For his wonderful story writing.
5R	Matthew	For great work in STEM.
6F	Emma	For being an extremely helpful class member and for always trying her best.
6HF	Hannah	A conscientious and hardworking student.
ART	Lorenzo	For focusing and finishing his work.
LOTE	Amelia	For being attentive in class and remembering how to say my name in Italian.
P.E	Daniella 5R	For having a good go at hurdles and for never giving up.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
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Term Dates for 2017

Term 1: 30th Jan (teachers start) 31st Jan (students start) to 31 March

Term 2: 18th April (Tuesday) to 30th June

Term 3: 17th July to 22nd September

Term 4: 9th October to 22nd December

Please keep up with school events by reading the newsletter each week. It is also available in colour each Thursday afternoon on the school website at www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au

EASTER RAFFLE:

Each year the Parents & Friends organise an Easter Raffle. Families are encouraged to send an Easter Egg, a rabbit or a basket to the office as a donation. These Easter items are made up in to hampers of various sizes. Raffle tickets are then sold throughout our community. The winning tickets for the Easter Egg hampers (of which there could be ten or more) will be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade at school on the last day of this Term. Winners who are not present will be contacted by phone. Please put a phone number on your ticket. The funds from every ticket that is purchased will help the P & F with their fundraising efforts for our students.



CAR PARK:

For the safety and well-being of your children we stress that:

- The car park is **NOT** to be used by parents who are dropping children off at school.
- The car park is **NOT** to be used by parents who are collecting children.
- Children and parents are **NOT** to walk through the car park at any time.

Please assist us in ensuring that your children remain safe by following these simple requests.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 24 th March	Nicole Huybers, Janine Fisher, Tricia Smillie
Monday 27 th March	Nicole Huybers, Vanessa Radclyffe
Friday 31 st March	HOT CROSS BUN MORNING TEA CANTEEN CLOSED - END OF TERM

Goonawarra Classifieds

Sunbury Chaplaincy
Sunbury ACCESS ministries Chaplaincy & Wellbeing Support Group
Supporting Chaplains in Sunbury Schools

Annual Dinner
An opportunity to meet and chat with our Chaplains

Join us for dinner . . .
at 7pm
Wednesday 29th March 2017
Goonawarra Golf Club Restaurant (2 Francis Boulevard)

. . . and share in

- ⇒ a delicious 2 course meal (drinks at bar prices)
- ⇒ a reflection on 2016 and our aims for 2017

Meet our Chaplains

Robert Nansen	Sunbury College
Lynn Armstrong	Sunbury Downs College
Ben Smith	Goonawarra Primary School
Michael Wanyama	Sunbury Heights Primary School

Suggested donation \$30
Pensioners \$25 - Students \$20
(Donations over \$2 are tax deductible)

Bookings are essential by 24th March
Contact Helen on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507

MAD Gallery Exhibition
"Inspired by Life"

Paintings by
Debra Vivarini-Lorenzi

24th March to 20th April 2017

Opening Saturday 25th March 3 to 5pm;



Easter School
Holiday Activities

Thursday April 6th & Thursday April 13th

10:30-11:30am

Story Time for the little ones

1hr Story time with the fairy, Games, face painting,
 fairy treats & wishes in
 The Magic Forest & Secret Garden

1-4pm

3hr Creative Art/Craft Workshop

For school aged children

Creative Art & Craft, stories, games & afternoon
 tea in The Magic Forest & Secret Garden

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