



# Goonawarra Primary School Newsletter

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

At Goonawarra we all aim to be -

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### 'Creating, Nurturing & Expanding Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.'

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
13 <sup>th</sup> Grades P-2 Teddy Bears Picnic	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Prep 2018 Classroom Session 9.15am-10.45am	16 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5-6 Dancesport	17 <sup>th</sup> GOON-A-WARRIOR 	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
20 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3-4 MILO T20 Blast School Cup	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 5-6 Dancesport	24 <sup>th</sup> Whole school Concert 6pm-8pm OUT OF UNIFORM DAY	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
27 <sup>th</sup> School Council 6.30pm	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5-6 Dancesport	1 <sup>st</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> 2018 Prep Parents Information Night 7pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Show Off Production	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5-6 End of year celebration at Sunbury Aquatic Centre	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Dancesport	8 <sup>th</sup> CURRICULUM DAY PUPIL FREE DAY	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Orientation/ Transition Day	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Stall Grade 6 Dancesport	15 <sup>th</sup> P-2 Fairy Tale Rotation	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3-4 Maddingley Park end of year excursion	20 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Graduation	21 <sup>st</sup> Grades P-2 Christmas Concert	22 <sup>nd</sup> LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 1.30pm	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>

#### Payments & Reminders:

Goon-a-warrior Sausage Sizzle: Money & order due by Monday 13th Nov.

Goon-a-warrior sponsor forms - please continue to collect sponsors.

Preps & Grade 5-6: Prep Buddy Celebration: \$4.00 due by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

#### OBSERVATIONS;

On a regular basis throughout the year, I have the opportunity to conduct tours of the school with families who are looking for an educational setting for their child or children. They may be from overseas, interstate, another suburb, across Sunbury or from Goonawarra or Rolling Meadows. They may have just bought or rented a home in this area or they may be finding a school for their child or children before they decide where to live.

Many recent enrolments have come from local families who, for various reasons, sent their child to another school in Sunbury but are now convinced that the local school offers all they are looking for.

There are many common observations by parents in the tours that I conduct.

As I greet parents near the office, they usually comment on the neat and attractive grounds around the school and how well they are maintained. They observe the school values painted on the walls outside the library entrance and are impressed with how they are used in our Start Up Program as well as on a daily when issues arise.

As we walk into the gym and Art Room to observe sessions, they are impressed with the activities being provided for all students as well as the range of skills that are being extended.

We continue on to visit most classrooms (depending on the age of their child). They are usually overwhelmed by what they observe. They comment on the attractiveness of the rooms, the engagement of the students with their learning, the positive parent involvement (especially in the lower grades) and the high level of connection the staff have with the students. In many classes it is difficult to find the teacher because they are sitting on the floor with a group of students around them!

Most classes operate on a 'whole, part, whole' model. This is where a class is together for an introduction, then divide into small groups for more focus work and then come back together for a summary and to share what they have been learning.

When visiting classes during the 'part' section of the session, it always amazes those on the tour, how focused the students are and how well they can work independently.

The library is always well received as a well-resourced and highly stimulating area of the school.

When the tour reaches the BER building which is the base for six classrooms and 140 students, families usually comment on how quiet and organised it is. They can 'feel' the learning happening. It is a very positive environment indeed.

Of all the families who have a tour of the school, approximately 95% enrol their child or children.

I have great pride and confidence in this school and I love showing new families (or anyone else) around. I can be so positive about the school because of the highly dedicated and professional staff we have, the strong local community who support the school in so many ways and the motivated students who demonstrate their passion for learning each day.

**Thank you Goonawarra – it's a great place to be!**

#### **GOON A WARRIOR:**

The famous Goon A Warrior physical challenge event will be held next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. The event incorporates many activities of climbing, crawling, running, jumping etc. It is a great fun activity! There are many new challenges this year!

**All parents are welcome to come along and cheer on their Goon A Warrior Heroes!**

Preps will be involved between 9.30am – 10am.

Grades 1 & 2 between 10.15am – 10.45am

Grades 3 & 4 between 11.30am – 12.15pm.

Grades 5 & 6 between 12.30pm – 1.15pm.



The event is also one of the major fundraiser events of the Parents & Friends. If you are able to assist from 8.30am on the morning for setting up please notify the office.

Students are encouraged to get sponsorship from family and friends for each lap of the circuit that they complete. **Our target is \$25.00 per student which will raise \$10,000.**

Funds raised will be used to purchase and install new aluminium bench seats around the school play grounds as well as some additional synthetic grass areas around the sides of the gym.

Funds raised at the previous Goon A Warrior have assisted with the development of the school vegetable garden.

The Goon A Warrior sponsorship forms were sent home recently. They are also available at the office and on the school website.

#### **ASSEMBLIES:**

Our whole school Assemblies have now been moved to Friday afternoons at 3pm in the gym for a trial period. All families are most welcome to attend. Some students will be dismissed from the gym after the Assembly while others will return to their classroom to collect their bags etc.

#### **REQUEST FORM:**

Each year at this time, parents are invited to share with the staff information and their thoughts on the preferred placement of their child for next year. The forms are available at the office and on the school website.

**If you intend to use the form, please read all the information on it and return it to school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please note that many things are taken into account when classes are being constructed for the following year. The information you provide is one of these considerations. Submitting a form does not guarantee your suggestions will be implemented.

### WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT:

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November our Whole School Outdoor Concert will be held. This will be our third concert. The other two have proven to be highly successful.

This year the theme is based on songs from the last 30 years, in keeping with the school's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

All grades will perform a No. 1 Hit Song from the last 30 years.

It promises to be a fantastic event.

It will be held on the Prep - Gr 2 synthetic grass area. Bring your picnic rug and enjoy the atmosphere!

It is a free event, which will commence at 6pm and should be finished by 8pm.

We are endeavouring to have food and drink stalls available.

There will be a raffle on the night with some great prizes to be won! Tickets to sell will be sent home next week.

**Mark the date in your diary!**



### PUPIL FREE DAY:

The final Pupil Free Day for the year will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. No students are required at school on this day.

The staff will be engaged with various professional development activities.

### A NEW PAVED PATH TO MEMORY LANE!

To celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school and to create memories for years to come, a new paved pathway will be constructed.

Families and individuals have the opportunity to purchase a brick paver with their name etched into it. The pavers will be laid on both sides of the main gate entrance at the front of the school (between the large rocks).

Each year, for years to come, families will have an opportunity to purchase pavers and add to the path.

The form to order the pavers was attached to last week's Newsletter. It is also available at the office and on the school website.

Families leaving the school (last child in Grade 6), new families beginning, families or staff who attended the school in the past, will all have the opportunity to purchase a paver. A family could purchase one 'family' paver (Smith Family) or you could purchase one for each child (Bill Smith, Mary Smith, Harry Smith).

The first order of pavers will be made at the start of next year and they will be laid in February.

Each year in the future, two orders will be placed - one mid-year and the other at the end of the year.

The initial batch of pavers will cost \$25.00 each.

See the paver sheet for all the details.

### THE WORKS CONTINUES!

- The new synthetic grass surface covering 400 sq metres was installed at the back of the library where the amphitheatre was.
- The base for the resurfacing of the Grade 5/6 basketball court with synthetic grass and appropriate line marking has been laid. The grass surface is being laid today. It will include lines for basketball, netball, cricket, four square and softball.
- Other works that are being undertaken include the replacement of rotting timber on the exterior of the school buildings, painting sections of the exterior timber, the grinding of concrete paths to eliminate trip hazards, installation of a new heating unit for the administration and library section of the school plus (hopefully) new carpet in the library.

We look forward to the results of all these improvements which are due to be completed by late February next year, if not sooner.

### START SMART PROGRAM:

Students in grades 1-6 have part taken in the Start Smart program at some stage this year. Last week the 3/4 students were introduced to Coach Cash: their personal money trainer.

They completed a range of activities that involved making savvy spending decisions. Students gained the skills and knowledge they need to develop money saving habits and to spend smarter.

Here's what some students had to say:

**On Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November grade 3/4B had an incursion called Start Smart. Teresa taught us how money transfers from the shops to the bank. - Jake H 3/4B**

We learnt that it is better to use key cards than credit cards. Key cards are the smarter choice because you are using your own money, because with a credit card you are using the banks money. - Reisha G 3/4B

**Coach Cash (also known as Teresa) helped us learn how to be smart savers. - Summer H 3/4D**

To be smart with money you should 'Spend some on you and save some too!' Hamish H 3/4D

**The activities were really fun. I learnt when you get something for 'free' with a purchase that it isn't always for free. You should shop around for the same item to get the best price. - Paige B 3/4 P**

It got my brain filling with cash. Coach Cash taught us to 'Spend some on you and save some too!' - Cruz T 3/4P

**I now know that you should purchase items that you need and for the right reasons not just because they have a pretty picture on them. - Alex R 3/4H**

I enjoyed working in the groups and making up a name for our group. We need to take care with advertising and not be tricked into buying something for the wrong reasons. - Quinn W 3/4H

**In Start Smart we learnt that we should save more money than what we spend. I liked going into groups to decide which shop we should spend our money on. - Lilly B 3/4S**

My favourite part of Start Smart was working in our groups because we had to decide which shop would be best to spend our money on and why. - Blair M 3/4S

#### NEW PORTABLE CLASSROOMS:

The new double classroom portable building will be handed over to the school for use tomorrow. These rooms will be used for classes next year.

#### THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Mrs Jess Fry**

Jess Fry is one of our super grade six teachers who guides, encourages and cares for our senior students and prepares them for their next stage of learning at secondary school.

In addition to this, Jess does a terrific job representing the staff at our school council meetings, which she has done for the past two years.

Recently, Jess has organised an amazing dance instructor (who happens to be her sister) to prepare our grade five and six students in the lead up to our school graduation evening. During term four, the senior students undertake dancing lessons in order to have our grade six students brimming with confidence and with a full repertoire of funky dance moves to show off on graduation night.

Although some students may seem hesitant to begin with, the fun and laughs the students experience, along with the dance skills and confidence they gain through the lessons, makes it well worth it.

Thanks Jess for organising such a great dance program for our senior students and for all you do at our school. You're the best!

#### GO FOR IT KALEA!

One of our Grade 2 students, Kalea is going to compete in the **Pink & Fun Run Triathlon!**

She has set herself two goals.

- One is to finish the event!
- The other is to raise at least \$500 in fundraising for the National Breast Cancer Foundation!

If you would like to support Kalea in her wonderful endeavours, please logon to [www.everydayhero.com](http://www.everydayhero.com) and in the search box type 'Kalea.'

Look for the Kalea with the tag - 'kalea gives it her best tri.'

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Kalea has so far raised \$245 towards her goal of raising \$500 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

## Due to the **Goon A Warrior** event on the **17<sup>th</sup> November** the **canteen will not be open for counter sales or lunch orders.**

#### CAN YOU ASSIST THE LIBRARY?

The library currently needs volunteers to assist with the annual stocktake of all of its resources. This involves scanning books on the shelves and shelf reading. If you are able to help, please contact Sue at the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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#### *Term Dates for 2017*

**Term 4:** 9<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> December

#### *Term Dates 2018*

**Term 1:** Grades 1-6 commence on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Preps commence on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

**Term 2:** 16<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 16<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Term 4:** 8<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> December

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Nicole Huybers, Rozeta Dhono & Lisa Anderson
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Nicole Huybes
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Nicole Huybers, Nicole Brown & Melissa Bah

# Goonawarra Classifieds

A two day school holiday program for kids aged 9-17: January 20 & 21

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### SUNBURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST JUNIOR COACHES FOR 2018

At Sunbury United FC we are a family oriented, community based club with a passion for football and a commitment to player development at an individual and team level in a safe and positive environment.

We're seeking expressions of interest for junior coaching roles for the 2018 season.

For 2018 we will be providing an FFV-led *Skill Training Certificate* course for all of our junior coaches which will be the minimum requirement in order to undertake one of the coaching roles at SUFC.

To apply, or request a role description, all prospective junior coaches are asked to contact us at: [sufcjuniorregistrar@outlook.com.au](mailto:sufcjuniorregistrar@outlook.com.au)

Applications close on Monday 4 December.



Mr Fitz is looking to transform from the left photo to the right. Going grey, balding and becoming a Billionaire are inevitable for him, all he needs is the Mo.



If you want to donate, head to [Movemeber.com](http://Movemeber.com), search for 'Michael Fitzclarence' and donate any amount. It's for a great cause so any amount is