



Goonawarra Primary School Newsletter

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

At Goonawarra we all aim to be -

Generous

Responsible

Enthusiastic

Ambitious

Trustworthy

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

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
				3 rd Preps 9.15am-1.15pm Start Up Program	4 th	5 th
6 th Celebration for Start Up Program Parents Welcome	7 th	8 th No Preps	9 th House Swimming Sports at Sunbury Aquatic Centre	10 th	11 th	12 th
13 th	14 th	15 th No Preps	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
20 th	21 st Parent & Teacher Discussions Dismissal 1:30pm	22 nd No Preps	23 rd Inter School Swimming Sports	24 th	25 th	26 th
27 th	28 th	1 st March	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th

Payments & Reminders:

Grades 3-6 House Swimming Sports: \$7.00 due by Monday 6th Feb.

Grades 3-4 Kids Tennis Foundation: \$2.50 due by Friday 17th Feb.

WELCOME TO 2017!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a great holiday period and that the year ahead will be full of great experiences.

A special welcome to the sixty new Preps and the eleven other new students across the rest of the school.

For all our students we trust, through the rich learning environment provided, that you will be encouraged to increase your knowledge and understanding across all areas of the curriculum.

Along with the formal areas of study we will also guide students to be resilient, supportive, tolerant and accepting in all situations as well as embracing all elements of our school core values as we all endeavour to be Generous, Responsible, Enthusiastic, Ambitious and Trustworthy (GREAT).

With the continual growth of the school, new teachers have been employed to add to our professional staff.



Mrs Carla Cropley has been selected to be our new Assistant Principal.

Mr Ewen Hildebrand is teaching a Grade 3 / 4 class.

Miss Amber Parmley is teaching a Grade 3 / 4 class.

Miss Lori Nichols is teaching Visual & Performing Arts (Sonja is on leave for 2017).

We warmly welcome these new staff members and trust that professional skills, personality and life experiences will add to all that Goonawarra is endeavouring to achieve.

We have also employed **Scott Farr** as our Grounds Manager. Scott's presence over the holiday break has really made an impact on the look of the school grounds.

For your information -

- There are 384 students in the school (Feb 2016 – 361, Feb 2015 - 320).
- There are 18 classes – average number of students per class is 21.3.
- Students per grade level –
- **Preps** – 60 **Grade 1** – 58 **Grade 2** – 62 **Grade 3** – 43
- **Grade 4** – 63 **Grade 5** – 51 **Grade 6** – 47
- There are 178 Boys and 206 Girls.
- Mrs Michele Pinti is now our full time Well Being Coordinator. She is available to students, parents and staff throughout the week. Contact the office to arrange an appointment.



Carla Cropley



Ewen Hildebrand



Amber Parmley



Lori Nichols

CONGRATULATIONS!

During the holidays Mrs Carey gave birth to her first child, Nate. Both Dani and Nate are going very well.



Also I have met four other new babies from school families this week! Congratulations to everyone! What a busy holiday time!

POSITIVE START UP PROGRAM:

Throughout this week all students have been participating in our yearly Positive Start Program. The program focusses on embedding the core values of the school into the understanding of the students, so that whether in the classroom, in the school yard, at home, on the sporting field – in general – in life, students embrace these values and implement them in all their interactions with others and in all they do.

Next Monday, 6th February, following Assembly at 9am, all students will participate in a Celebration Day aimed at recognising the many practical ways in which the positive values can be used.

All parents and friends are warmly welcome to attend the Assembly (9am), watch the students participate in the activities (9.45am – 10.30am) and then join all your children and their friends in a morning tea (10.30am – 11am) on the synthetic grass. (BYO morning tea).

At 11am all students will return to their allocated area of the school ground for Recess. Following Recess at 11.30am, normal classes will be resumed.

Please endeavour to make yourself available for this fun morning of activities.

BOOK PACKS:

92% of all students have now purchased the 2017 Book Packs. These packs contain all the correctly sized items that your child will need throughout the year. A portion of the Subject Contribution amount also covers Mathletics, Art & Phys Ed supplies, class take home readers and library books, other classroom supplies, photocopying, Chaplaincy etc.

It is very encouraging that such a high percentage of students have all they require at the commencement of the year.

I encourage all families that are yet to purchase the Book Packs to please do so as soon as possible. Payment by instalments of the \$155.00 can be arranged through the office.

If you have decided to purchase your own supplies then please check with the classroom teacher to make sure that what you purchase is correct for your child's needs. A contribution of \$100 to cover all the other components of the Subject Contribution is still required for each child.

PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

Early in Term One each year, parents are provided with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and share information with them. The staff greatly value the chance to meet family members as discussions can provide valuable information about your child which is not evident in a written report.

The day selected for the Discussions is 21st February 2017.

On this day students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Discussions will commence at 2pm and conclude at 7pm.

The log on details for the School Interviews site will be published next week.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Password: pm2d8

INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT SESSIONS FOR PREPS:

At the beginning of each year all Prep students spend a one on one session with their teacher. During this time numeracy and literacy skills are tested. This information assists the teacher in gaining greater understanding of your child's needs and areas to be developed.

The times available for these sessions will be on –

Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd February

Please use the following site to book a session for your child at a time which suits.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Password: dq2yj

SONS OF THE WEST COMES TO GOONAWARRA!

Sons of the West is an extremely successful free men's health program run through the charity arm of the Western Bulldogs. It runs in many areas in Victoria's west <http://sonsofthewest.org.au/>

You can view their documentary here: <http://www.westernbulldogs.com.au/video/2016-11-30/man-to-man-sons-of-the-west-documentary-trailer>

Goonawarra PS has offered to host the Sons of the West Program in 2017!

It will be a great opportunity to engage the dads at school!

The Pre-season component of the program will run from 16th February 2017 for 10 weeks (April 2017) from 7 pm – 8.30 pm (45 mins talk, 45 mins exercise) x 1 night a week

See flyer for more information.

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

SCHOOL BANKING:

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Goonawarra Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

- Online
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
- In branch
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is TUESDAY.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 3 rd February	Nicole Huybers
Monday 6 th February	Nicole Huybers

Goonawarra Classifieds

Feeling Motivated?

East Sunbury Sporting Group is looking for senior players (over 15 years) to join 5 teams in 2017.

Please contact: Pauline Trice 0423 263 013

**A FREE 10 week
exercise program.
Not fit?
No problem.**



PRESEASON

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Sunbury

Every Thursday night from 16 February to 20 April, 7pm–8:30pm
Goonawarra Primary School, 3–6 Gullane Drive, Sunbury 3429

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