



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
13 th Parents & Friends Meeting 9.30am School Council 6.30pm	14 th	15 th No Preps	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
20 th	21 st House Swimming Sports at Sunbury Aquatic Centre 9.15am-1.00pm Parent & Teacher Discussions Dismissal 1:30pm	22 nd No Preps	23 rd Inter School Swimming Sports 4pm Start	24 th	25 th	26 th
27 th	28 th	1 st March	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
6 th	7 th Western Water Incursion Preps 9.15am-12.15am	8 th Western Water Incursion Grade 1 11.30am-3.15pm	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th

Payments & Reminders:

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

A GREAT BEGINNING!

Thank you to everyone for making the start of the new school year so successful!

The students have all been very involved with their work in their new classrooms.

The staff have been planning and developing the curriculum and organising resources for the Term. They have also set up their classrooms and established routines and procedures for the smooth operation of their class.

The parents have been very supportive across all areas of the school. Many parents are keen to assist within the classrooms.

This process will be established soon.

The Integration and Office staff have been extremely busy with all the beginning of year procedures and administration that is required.

The 72 new students to the school have made friendships and are settling into the daily routine and practices of Goonawarra.

POSITIVE START UP PROGRAM:

Throughout the first week of school all students participated in our yearly Positive Start Up 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.

On Monday the whole school participated in a celebration of the program.

The activities were curtailed by the inclement weather, but the staff organised alternate fun events. Many parents attended this special morning which culminated with the students sharing morning tea with their visitors.

BOOK PACKS:

All families yet to purchase the Book Packs for students are encouraged to 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 have purchased 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.

Please use the following site to book a session for your child.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Password: pm2d8

All students who have individual Student Support Group meetings please do not book online.

Student Support Group meetings will be held in the next few weeks.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS:

The swimming sports planned for today have been postponed due to the heat. They will now be on Tuesday 21st February.

This will be a morning session with the Parent / Teacher Discussions occurring in the afternoon.

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 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

HUME COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT:

Last night we received a \$1,000 grant from Hume City Council. The grant will assist in developing a Special Needs Exploratory Environment – planting and cultivating plants and vegetables – especially with our students who receive special integration funding. The Council provided around 150 Community Awards to various organisations – There were five schools who received Awards.

NEW CLASSROOM FURNITURE:

All classrooms have now been provided with new student tables and chairs. The furniture is height appropriate for all classes. Excess furniture is available to any parents for free. The remaining tables and chairs will be sent to a remote school in Papua New Guinea.

Funding for the new furniture has come from school funds.

PLANNED MAINTAINANCE PROGRAM:

The school has received \$328,000 of funding to upgrade our building and facilities. An audit of the school was conducted several years ago by the Department of Education consultants. Some of the projects identified for work include –

- **Library roof & ceiling**
- **Student toilets**
- **Senior basketball courts**
- **Covered way to Senior building and portable building.**
- **Oval**
- **Amphitheatre**
- **External painting of buildings**
- **Old Boiler rooms**
- **Heating & cooling in Admin, staffroom & library area**
- **Phone & speaker systems improved.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for the school to really have a facelift and to improve the function and operation of our school. We are hoping that all the work will be completed throughout this year.

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

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 called. 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.



BOOKCLUB:

Our school is participating in Redgum Book Club this term. The catalogues will be sent home this week.

To view the current catalogue, please open the link [Redgum Book Club Term 1 2017](#) You will find many more great titles on their website that you can order this term, with books starting from \$2.00.

The catalogue is now open and closes on **27th February**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing **13th March**. Every book order will earn resources and books for our school.

How to place an order:

Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at www.redgumbookclub.com.au

Email your order with your credit card details to: orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and fax (02) 9997 5850

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au or alternatively Sue Lavars at the school office.

Thank you

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CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 10 th February	Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid & Jo Smith
Monday 13 th February	Nicole Huybers, Emma Newton

Camp Australia- Goonawarra OSHC

Welcome to a new year at OSHC!

We would like to extend a warm welcome all our new students and families; we hope you have fun at OSHC.

In order to protect your children from the sun we request that all children have a sun safe hat (these include school hats, bucket hats and legionnaires hats) when they attend after school care.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



Goonawarra Classifieds

Tennis Coaching at Goonawarra Primary School

My name is Matthew Todd (Tennis Australia Advanced Coach). I am once again very excited to be offering group lessons for students from Grades 3-6 wanting to work on their tennis skills at Goonawarra Primary School.

Term 1 tennis lessons will be commencing on Friday 10th February. The lessons will be held before school from 8:10am - 8:55am in the school gym. Fees will be \$130 per term (8 lessons). For further details you can collect a tennis form from the school office and phone Matthew Todd on 0414 628 633 to book your place.

GOONAWARRA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



GIRLS CIRCLE PROGRAM

An eight week structured support group for girls from the age of 9 to 15 years looking at self esteem, body image, impact of social media and bullying. A professional youth worker facilitates the group and aims to increase positive connections, personal and collective strengths and competence in girls and young teenagers.

The group incorporates activities such as arts & crafts, special guest speakers & more!

COMMENCING 13th February 2017

8 Gullane Drive

Sunbury

MONDAY'S 4.00PM to 5.30pm

Contact 9740 6627 for more information & enrolments

Fundraising Movie Night Saturday 25th February 6:30 pm (time to be confirmed) Readings Cinema

Hidden Figures

The incredible untold story of Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson - brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.

This an event organized to raise funds for The Fred Hollows Foundation. We are a team of four Sunbury mums who have pledged to complete a 30km Coastrek on the Mornington Peninsula on the 26th of May.

Tickets (\$15 cash only) available from HomeGrown O'Shanassy St or from team members

Leah Webster or Petra Chambers.

This movie looks amazing! PG rating so would be appropriate for older kids/teens. We would love to have you join us on the night, and help us achieve our fundraising goals.

Kind regards,

Leah, Petra, Kate and Marlo.

