



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
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
13 th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY!	14 th Easter Raffle Tickets go home.	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th

Payments & Reminders:

Grades 3-4 Kids Tennis Foundation: \$2.50: Due TOMORROW.

WHAT DOES SCHOOL MEAN TO YOU?

All parents send their children to school to learn. Everyone has memories from when they were at school - some good memories and others best forgotten.

Some parents would have excelled at school, while others may have found it a difficult path.

For some it would have been all about friendships, others sport and games while for others, books may have been the first choice.

What was your school experience like? Maybe you could share your memories with your children.

Our students, your children, are currently developing their own school memories.

At Goonawarra we want a child's education to be a whole family shared experience.

Many families with multiply children will have a ten year plus association with the school. That's a lot of memories!

We would greatly value your involvement within your child's time at school. You could be part of their school memories!

We offer many opportunities for parents to share in their child's experiences as well as help to shape the direction of the school.

Some of the ways parents can be involved in the life of the school include -

- Assist with a whole range of activities within the classroom. (staff will advise parents of the ways in which they can help)
- Help with preparing and selling lunches at the canteen on a roster.

- Assist with shelving and sorting books in the library.
- Help maintain the gardens around the school – planting, weeding, trimming etc. (any time you are available)
- Join the Parents & Friends Group to assist with running events for students (for multiple activities or just one)
- Nominate to become a School Council member. This is a real opportunity to guide the direction of the school – policies, budgets, developments, school directions, educational input plus many other areas of school life.

These are just a few of the ways in which you can play a part in shaping the memories of your children. Please carefully consider how you can be involved.

There is something for everyone!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:

At the beginning of each year there is a need for new members on School Council.

Positions last for two years, with half the Council due to retire each year.

Nomination forms are now available from the office and on the school website.

The School Council consists of 6 parents, 3 staff members, a community member and the Principal.

Please consider being nominated for School Council. There are vacancies to be filled.

ALL NOMINATION FORMS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE FRIDAY 3rd MARCH.

The AGM of the School Council will be held on Monday 20th March.

30TH ANNIVERSARY:

2017 marks the 30th Anniversary of the school. Throughout this year there will be various classroom, whole school and community activities and events in recognition of this significant time. Watch out for notices later in the year.

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.

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! STARTS TONIGHT!

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

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**

So far discussion times have been arranged for over 70% of students.

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.

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 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

GOONAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL – SPECIALIST FOCUS		
YEAR LEVEL	WEEK BEGINNING – 13/2/2017	WEEK BEGINNING – 20/2/2017
PHYSICAL EDUCATION		
PREP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following rules and procedures Fundamental Motor Skill development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual games Fundamental Motor Skill development
GRADE 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual games Fundamental Motor Skill development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation games Fundamental Motor Skill development
GRADE 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics practice – 100m & High Jump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics practice – 200m & High Jump
GRADE 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics practice – 100m & High Jump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics practice – 200m & High Jump

ART		
PREP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experimenting with drawing tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to primary colours
GRADE 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary and secondary colours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour mixing using water colours/paint
GRADE 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark making using oil pastels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil Pastels flower art
GRADE 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark making using oil pastels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil Pastels flower art

ITALIAN		
PREP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buongiorno. Classroom instructions – in piedi e seduti. Leaning Tower of Pisa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Arrivederci, and colours rosso, verde e bianco
GRADE 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come ti chiamo? What are you called? Mi chiamo Classroom instructions – in piedi, seduti, battete le mani. Leaning Tower of Pisa – location on map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come stai? How are you? Various responses. Written form of numbers 1-10.
GRADE 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come stai? How are you? Classroom instructions – in piedi, seduti, battete le mani, fate un cerchio. Leaning Tower of Pisa and Colosseum – location on map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing and ordering numbers 1-10 in Italian. Quanti anni hai? Translated as <i>How many years do you have?</i> Or <i>How old are you?</i>
GRADE 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaning Tower of Pisa and Colosseum – location on map Conversation and classroom instructions – in piedi, seduti, battete le mani, fate un cerchio. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing and ordering numbers 1-10 in Italian. Continuing general conversation, extending the range of responses.

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR:

PSW supplies of our school uniform have now been restocked. All items should now be available for purchase.

However there are still uniform items of various sizes available from the school. During next week these items will be on sale at a reduced cost. This is a great opportunity to get a bargain from the remaining uniform items at school.

See the list below for the items available.

ITEM	SIZES AVAILABLE
Summer Dresses (Old dress pattern)	4, 14, 16, 18
Polo Shirts – short sleeves	20, 22, 24
Polo Shirts – long sleeves	12, 16, 18, 22
Grey Shorts	4, 8, 10, 14, 16,
Hats	X Large
Jackets	16, 18, 20, 22
Girls Shirts	4, 6, 8, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24
Blue Skivvies	12, 14
Track Pants	14,16, 20
Windcheaters	12, 14, 16, 18, 20

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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

If any families would like to purchase a Reader Cover, we have a selected amount available to purchase from the school office for \$6.00 each. School bags are also available for \$35.00

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.



CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 17 th February	Nicole Huybers, Nicole Brown, Alison Rae
Monday 20 th February	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna

Camp Australia- Goonawarra 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.
 Tuesday ASC : Library from 4:15pm to 6pm
 Friday BSC: Library

Goonawarra Classifieds

Twilight Movie
On the Green
Saturday 18 Feb

FREE

Starts at 8.30pm

Food vans, craft market, kids activities available from 4pm
 Locally produced short films from 8.15pm
 BYO Bean Bags, chairs

This is an Alcohol and Smoke Free Event

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SUNBURY WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

SUNBURY DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP

DATES: Monday: 30 Jan, 13 Feb, 27 Feb, 27 March, 10 April
 Tuesday: 14 March (make-up for the public holiday)

TIME: 7-8.30 pm

WHERE: Suite 5, cohealth 33 Macedon St, Sunbury

No booking necessary
For more information: cohealth office 9971 6200

What is a support group about?

A **support group** is a group of people who meet regularly to discuss their experiences and strategies for coping in a safe and confidential environment.

Research shows that hearing from and sharing with others with similar experiences can be very helpful. Support groups can:

- * show you that you are not alone
- * help develop new skills in relating to others
- * permit you to 'open up' and discuss your situation and feelings
- * strengthen motivation to stick with a treatment plan.

This group will be guided by a facilitator, who will assist in discussion and provide insight and understanding about issues raised.

This **IS** a place for community discussion, support and sharing of ideas.
 This **IS NOT** a place for therapy or crisis intervention.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

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

