



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
27 th Secondary School Meeting for Grade 5/6 students	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. Grandparents Morning P-2	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
20 th School Council AGM 6:30pm	21 st	22 nd	23 rd House Athletics	24 th	25 th	26 th

INTRODUCING MRS CARLA CROPLEY

I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of the students and families of Goonawarra Primary School for such a warm welcome. In the short time that I have been at GPS I have thoroughly enjoyed my new role and already have a very strong sense of just how fortunate I am to be part of such a wonderful community.

I have certainly appreciated so many people introducing themselves to me and have felt that warm community spirit that GPS is known for. I really look forward to gaining a greater understanding of the context of the school and building strong partnerships with the school community. The relationship between home and the school plays a very important part in a child's education. Through a close partnership with the GPS community, I am confident that we can achieve the best possible outcomes for our students. This year promises to be an exciting one for Goonawarra.



PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

Thank you to the 80% of parents who participated in the Parent & Teacher Discussions this week. The information passed between parents and teachers was hopefully of great value to all involved.

Staff are always available to talk with parents about any concerns or issues that may have arisen. Please check with the staff member first to find a mutually suitable time.

The next Parent and Teacher Discussions will be at the end of Term Two in the week after the mid-year student reports have been distributed.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS:

The school swimming sports held on Tuesday this week were very successful. The majority of the Grade 3 – 6 students participated in a whole array of events – some competitive and others just for fun.

Depending on the times recorded, many of our students will represent the school at the swimming carnival tonight involving all the primary schools in Sunbury and Diggers Rest. It will be held at the Sunbury Aquatic Centre between 4 – 7pm. We wish our representatives all the best for their events.

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.

There are currently 3 parent positions to be filled on School Council. They are for a period of two years.

Please consider if this is one way you could be involved in the life of the school.

Nominations close next Friday 3rd 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.

There is a small group of parents who are currently 'brain storming' ideas for a community event for the 30th Anniversary.

They are after input from as many people as possible. Email any ideas you have to the school on

goonawarra.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or better still meet with the group on Tuesday at 9:30am in the staff room.

If a *Celebration Fete* becomes a reality, do you have any contacts with carnival type rides, food vendors, community groups etc which may be useful to add to the day? Please contact the office with any information which may be useful.

GRADE 5/6 STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY:

In the pursuit of continuing to provide high quality teaching and learning experiences for our students, our 5/6 teachers and Mrs Cropley will be working collaboratively with both Primary and Secondary Schools teachers as part of a Professional Learning Community throughout 2017. The focus for this Professional Learning Community will be in the area of Mathematics. Staff across Sunbury schools will work collaboratively under the guidance of a highly regarded Numeracy consultant Kathy Palmer to build professional knowledge with the aim of improving students learning growth in the area of Mathematics across Sunbury schools. We are very much looking forward to continually building upon our knowledge and working alongside others to support our students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGIA!

Each year, Scholastic (a book distribution and publication company) select students to review their latest publications. The students write a summary of their opinions and these are published in the Scholastic magazine for everyone to read.

One of our Grade 4 students, Georgia has been selected to join the Scholastic Reading Review Crew for 2017. She will review about twelve books throughout the year.

One of our former students, Will has also been selected to be a reviewer.

When selecting students for this role, Scholastic look for students who –

- LOVE to read books
- Are positive role models for their peers and younger children
- Actively inspire a love of reading in others
- Create a buzz around books and reading when talking to others

Congratulations to Georgia and Will for being nominated and selected for this very interesting position.

STORY DOGS IS COMING TO GOONAWARRA!

Commencing on Friday 10th March Tim and Michelle will be joining Miss Trevaskis' Grade 2 class.

Selected students from the class will spend time reading to Tim (the dog).

Tim is part of the Story Dogs program which encourages students to develop their reading by spending time reading to a captive audience!

Tim, who is twelve years old, has been especially trained to sit and listen, although he may fall asleep at times!

Michelle, his owner will guide the reading where required.

The free program will continue for the whole 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 MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:

A consultancy company has now been selected and engaged to manage the work that will be undertaken within the Planned Maintenance Program.

This program involves spending a grant of \$328,000 to upgrade our building and facilities. Some of the projects identified for work include -

- Repairing the Library roof & ceiling
- Renovating the Student toilets
- Resurfacing the Senior basketball courts
- Constructing a covered way to senior building and portable building.
- Putting a sprinkler system in the school oval
- Renovating the Amphitheatre area
- Painting the external timber surfaces of the buildings
- Removing the contents of the old Boiler rooms
- Installing heating & cooling in Admin, staffroom & library area
- Replacing the phone & speaker systems.

SONS OF THE WEST:

The first night of this men's health and wellbeing program was a huge success last week with 33 men from the local community participating. Check out the website <https://sonsofthewest.org.au/> for more information.

The program can cater for 50 participants. Why not join in and benefit by gaining useful knowledge about your body as well as physical exercise - all in the one program!

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

Some early notice!

If you are aware of any families who may be looking for a school for their child next year, the following dates maybe helpful. Information Sessions & School Tours will be held on Tuesday 2nd May and Thursday 4th May. 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.

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. **TOMMORROW WILL BE THE LAST DAY uniforms 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)	16, 18
Polo Shirts - short sleeves	20, 22, 24
Polo Shirts - long sleeves	12, 16, 18, 22
Grey Shorts	4, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18,20
Hats	X Large
Jackets	18, 20, 22
Girls Shorts	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

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.



CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 24 th February	Nicole Huybers, Janine Fisher, Tricia Smillie
Monday 27 th February	Nicole Huybers, Erika Vonja

Goonawarra Classifieds

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