



# 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
<b>OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW!</b>						
6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Western Water Incursion Preps 9.15am-12.15am	8 <sup>th</sup> Western Water Incursion Grade 1 11.30am-3.15pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Essendon Football Club Players visit	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
13 <sup>th</sup> <b>LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY!</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Easter Raffle Tickets go home. Grandparents Morning P-2	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
20 <sup>th</sup> School Council AGM 6:30pm	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> House Athletics	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
27 <sup>th</sup> Sunbury Secondary College visit (Incursion)	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Hat Parade Prep - 2 <b>END OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### Payments & Reminders:

Grade 5/6 Camp Wilkin Deposit: \$50.00 - due by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Scholastic Book Club orders/payment: - due by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

#### OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

On Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> March) we will have the first Out Of Uniform Day for the year. We usually have Out Of Uniform Day on the last Friday of the month but because February was such a busy month we decided to postpone the day for a week. For a gold coin donation the students can wear casual clothes instead of their uniform. The money raised each month will be forwarded to a charity, which has usually been chosen because of the support they give children and families. The charity we will be supporting this month is State School's Relief. This organisation supplies school uniforms for students whose family needs assistance to provide uniforms for them. The March Out Of Uniform Day will be held on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, which is the last day of term. Money raised will be sent to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

#### FAREWELL MRS ROMER

Following a long and extensive teaching career, Mrs Kerrie Romer has commenced enjoying some long service leave before she retires at the end of this Term.



Mrs Romer has spent the last 27 years of her teaching career at Goonawarra PS. The majority of her teaching has been with students in the lower classes.

100's of students have had the opportunity to be nurtured and guided through all aspects of the curriculum by Mrs Romer. Mrs Romer's caring nature and professional manner has been of encouragement and support to so many students in her care. From the start of this year Mrs Romer has been assisting Miss Thomas in her Grade One class. This has been a tremendous help while Miss Thomas has been recovering from surgery.

Mrs Romer will return to school before she officially retires to say farewell to the many students and their families with whom she has been involved.

The whole school community thanks Mrs Romer for her dedication and commitment to the school over a long period of time and we wish her all the best for the future.

#### **SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS:**

Congratulations to all those students who represented our school at the District Swimming Sports last week. All students need to be commended for their great efforts. There were many students who were successful in their events.

The competing schools are divided in to two divisions – Big Schools (over 400 students) and Small Schools (under 400 students). Goonawarra came third in the Small Schools division.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW:**

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.

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 tomorrow - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 4pm.**

**If there are more nominations than positions available, an election will be required. If this is necessary all families will be notified next week and voting slips will be sent home.**

#### **SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS EVERYWHERE!**

The school has entered into an exciting partnership with the ACU (Australian Catholic University) to assess the needs of selected Grade one and two students and to provide free therapy to improve their speech.

A senior ACU lecturer will guide six student Speech Pathologists in testing children's speech and identifying areas for improvement. The second half of the program will be about providing teaching sessions for these children.

The program will operate at school for the majority of this year. We trust it will be of immense help to the children involved.

The school staff, based on their knowledge and experience of our students, have nominated a group of participants. Parental permission forms have already been sent home. The ACU has control over how many students are able to access this program.

#### **30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

2017 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:goonawarra.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or better still meet with the group next Tuesday at 9am 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.

#### **WESTERN WATER VISIT:**

Next Tuesday and Wednesday a representative from Western Water will spend time with the Preps and Grade One students talking to them about water conservation and the importance of not wasting water.

#### **THE BOMBERS ARE BACK IN TOWN!**

Next Thursday members of the Essendon Football Club will visit to talk to the students. This is always a highlight for everyone.

#### **SONS OF THE WEST:**

The men's health and wellbeing program, called Sons of the West has so far been a huge success with a large group of men from the local community participating. Check out the website <https://sonsofthewest.org.au/> for more information.

There are a few places left. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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. These uniforms will be packed up from display near the office on Monday afternoon. 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	16, 18, 22
Grey Shorts	4, 8, 16, 18, 20
Hats	X Large
Jackets	18, 20, 22
Girls Shorts	4, 6, 16, 18, 20, 24
Blue Skivvies	12, 14
Track Pants	14, 16, 20
Windcheaters	14, 16, 18, 20

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Principal

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**Term Dates for 2017**

**Term 1:** 30<sup>th</sup> Jan (teachers start) 31<sup>st</sup> Jan (students start) to 31 March

**Term 2:** 18<sup>th</sup> April (Tuesday) to 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 17<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**Term 4:** 9<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au)

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB:**

Goonawarra Primary School participates in the SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB. Each term Book Club brochures are sent home, giving parents the opportunity to purchase books, computer software and other items, often at well below retail costs. The school is awarded bonus points for purchases made and these points are used to buy extra resources for the school. Each child would have received the first Book Club brochure by the end of this week. Orders can be done directly through Scholastic by visiting [www.scholastic.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.au/LOOP) or alternatively please complete the form on the back, ensuring that your child's name and grade is included and return with payment to the school office by **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. Cheques can be made payable to Scholastic Australia. If you have any questions please contact Sue Lavars.

**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.

**ART ROOM:**

As a part of the Arts program in second term, the Art room needs donations of new stockings that are no longer needed. If you are able to donate they would be very much appreciated.

**Students wishing to bring Pokémon cards to school, please note that the school will not be responsible for any cards that are lost or damaged!**

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Nicole Huybers, Jaimie Grant, Jo Smith
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Nicole Huybers, Kara Cottle

# Goonawarra Classifieds

STORY TIME MYTHS & LEGENDS  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am-11.30pm  
34 AITKINS STREET  
GISBORNE  
PH: 5428 4802



Books can take us anywhere.

**LIT FEST**  
March 18, 2017

Where: **Dromkeen Homestead**  
1012 Gisborne-Kilmore Road  
Riddells Creek, Vic. 3431

When: **Saturday March 18th 2017**

Dromkeen is hosting this exciting event for families, teachers and children's book enthusiasts. Meet some of Australia's most talented authors, illustrators, storytellers, guest speakers and cartoonists including:

- Claire Saxby
- Mark Wilson
- Gabrielle Wang
- Mark McBride
- Bret Cardwell
- Glenda Millard
- Mark McBride
- Sue Flockhart

Enjoy a fabulous day of talks, discussions and readings from children's authors and illustrators; hands on workshops; viewing of original illustrations; author/illustrator book signing and sales, and a range of fantastic book related activities in Dromkeen's beautiful gardens.

Go to <http://www.dromkeen.com.au/litfest/>  
For more information and tickets

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Join in the fun of Auskick in 2017  
Suitable for Boys & Girls aged 5-12  
Registrations Now open at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)  
Saturday 9-10.30am from 22nd April 2017- Oval 2 at the Rec Reserve Diggers Rest  
Contact: Toni Thompson - [diggersrestauskick@outlook.com](mailto:diggersrestauskick@outlook.com)

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