



# 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>National Day Against Bullying and Violence - TOMORROW</b>					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 Boardman Stadium	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 Easter Raffle Drawn <b>END OF TERM</b> <b>2:30PM DISMISSAL</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>						
17 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER MONDAY	18 <sup>th</sup> <b>TERM 2</b> <b>COMMENCES</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> P-2 Toy Incursion	21 <sup>st</sup> P-2 Toy Incursion	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
24 <sup>th</sup> Sunbury Schools Combined Curriculum Day <b>PUPIL FREE</b> <b>DAY</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> <b>ANZAC DAY</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> School Photos	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>

### GRANDPARENTS DAY - WHAT A SUCCESS!

Over recent weeks the students in Prep - Grade 2 wrote letters to various family members (Grandparents, Great Grandparents, aunts, uncles and special friends) inviting them to a special Grandparents Day which was held on Tuesday this week. There were visitors from far and wide - even from interstate!

Following an Assembly, the special visitors spent time in classrooms sharing some of their experiences from earlier in their lives.



There were over 300 special visitors on the day.

It was a great day of excitement and learning - for everyone!

Thank you to the staff involved for organising this wonderful celebration of the generations.

### **NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE:**

Our school is taking part in the 2017 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence tomorrow. Your child will come home with a wrist band with a message against bullying on it. They will also participate in an activity at school related to bullying.

### **HOUSE ATHLETICS:**

Next Thursday 23rd March our students will be participating in House Athletics at Boardman Stadium. Events will be commencing between 9:30am and 10am. Students will have an opportunity to compete in all athletics sports on the day.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The next meeting of the School Council is the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

All members of the school community are welcome, and encouraged to attend this meeting at which reports for 2016 will be tabled.

### **PARENTING - WHAT A TASK!**

Following on from meeting many grandparents at the Grandparents Day on Tuesday as well as listening to a speaker yesterday on the impact fathers / male role models have on a child's life, I did some research and found information about parenting you may want to discuss with others.

The research I looked at identified three different categories of parenting styles. These were described as -

- **authoritarian** (a parents-know-best approach that expects obedience all the time from children);
- **permissive** (provides few behavioural guidelines because parents don't want to upset their children); and
- **authoritative** (blends a caring tone with structure and consistent limit-setting).

How do you decide which one of the above parent categories you are / will be to your children?

#### **The research suggests that -**

- Some people study up on parenting before they have children and decide what approach they will take.
- Some work against what their own parents did.
- Some people act out exactly what they saw their own parents doing.

Do both parents need to be in the same category or can a child cope with two different approaches?

Do parents need to exhibit the same category to all children in the family? If parents differ, do children feel the difference?

You may want to do your own research on this topic or have discussions with those close to you. There are many books written on this subject as well as an array of parenting courses available.

#### **Is there a right answer?**

What will be the best approach that will equip your child to successfully handle the challenges, the successes, the joys, the disappointments, the frustrations and the rewards that life will deliver in the future?

#### **Enjoy the discussions!**

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

A 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete is being planned for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. It will be a twilight event commencing at 4pm and going through to around 8.30pm. There will be rides, food, drink, activities and entertainment for all! Put the date in the diary now!

### **PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:**

Information Sessions & School Tours will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May for any families with a Prep child for next year. 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.

### **GRANT APPLICATION WRITING:**

There are occasional opportunities when schools are notified of grants that are available. Various organisations such as Hume Council, Western Water, Landcare, Commonwealth Bank, State Government, Federal Government and the Education Department (DET) are just some of the bodies that offer funds for specific projects. Some of these are for grounds and building development, some for curriculum resources while others are to support the learning of students.

Some require minimal applications while others are more extensive.

The school has been successful with many grant applications over the years.

I am interested to know if there are members of our school community who have experience with writing grant applications and would be willing to assist the school in this way. Contact the office if this is an area in which you could help.

#### **Payments & Reminders:**

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

Grades 3-6 House Athletics Sports: \$7.00 - due by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Prep - 2 Toy Incursion: \$11.00 - due by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

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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)

#### 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.



#### CAR PARK:

For the safety and well-being of your children we stress that:

- The car park is **NOT** to be used by parents who are dropping children off at school.
- The car park is **NOT** to be used by parents who are collecting children.
- Children and parents are **NOT** to walk through the car park at any time.

Please assist us in ensuring that your children remain safe by following these simple requests.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Nicole Huybers, Jaime Grant, Jo Smith
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna

## Sunbury Chaplaincy

Sunbury ACCESS ministries Chaplaincy & Wellbeing Support Group

Supporting Chaplains in Sunbury Schools

### Annual Dinner

An opportunity to meet and chat with our Chaplains

#### Join us for dinner . . .

at 7pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Goonawarra Golf Club Restaurant (2 Francis Boulevard)

#### . . . and share in

⇒ a delicious 2 course meal (drinks at bar prices)

⇒ a reflection on 2016 and our aims for 2017

#### Meet our Chaplains

Robert Nansen	Sunbury College
Lynn Armstrong	Sunbury Downs College
Ben Smith	Goonawarra Primary School
Michael Wanyama	Sunbury Heights Primary School

**Suggested donation \$30**  
Pensioners \$25 Students \$20  
(Donations over \$2 are tax deductible)

Bookings are essential by 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Contact Helen on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507