



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
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
MONDAY 24TH APRIL - CURRICULUM DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY!					22 nd	23 rd
P-2 Toy Incursion TOMORROW HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY TOMORROW						
24 th Sunbury Schools Combined Curriculum Day PUPIL FREE DAY	25 th ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	26 th	27 th School Photos Clubs - 2	28 th	29 th	30 th
1 st May School Council 6pm	2 nd Prep 2018 School Tours 9.30am-11am 7pm-8.30pm	3 rd Sunbury Schools Athletics Boardman Stadium	4 th Prep 2018 School Tours 9.30am-11am 7pm-8.30pm Clubs - 3	5 th Sunbury Schools Athletics Backup Day	6 th	7 th
8 th Grade 5/6 Graffiti Education Incursion	9 th NAPLAN	10 th NAPLAN	11 th NAPLAN Clubs - 4 Mother's Day Stall 11:30am-1:30pm	12 th	13 th	14 th
15 th	16 th Preps - Grade 3 Pasta Workshop	17 th	18 th	19 th Sunbury Cross Country	20 th	21 st

Payments & Reminders:

School photos: Thursday 27th April

Grades 3-6 Interschool Athletic Sports: \$7.00 due by Friday 28th April.

Scholastic Book Club: Due by Thursday 4th May.

Welcome to all members of our school community as we commence Term Two.

I trust that everyone enjoyed the school holiday and Easter period.

As can be seen in the calendar, there are many events and activities planned for the eleven weeks of this Term.

One of the first events is the Pupil Free Day next Monday. (ANZAC Day is on Tuesday).

On Monday, all staff (teachers, integration aides and office staff) from Goonawarra PS, Sunbury PS, Sunbury Heights PS, Sunbury West PS, Killara PS, Kismet Park PS and Diggers Rest PS along with selected staff from Sunbury College and Sunbury Downs Secondary College will be participating in a collection of professional development activities.

There is strong collegiality between all the schools in Sunbury and Diggers Rest. All the Principals and Assistant Principals meet on a monthly basis and many ideas are shared between the group.

The focus is always on improving the learning opportunities and outcomes for all students within the Sunbury area. The combined Curriculum Day is a sign of this unity amongst the local schools.

On this day staff will attend one of three sessions.

POSITIVE EDUCATION:

A review of Positive Psychology and Resilience. Positive Education will focus primarily on Character Strengths, emotional control and the addition of resilience - how to embed it operationally to advance student and staff wellbeing and advance engagement.

NUMERACY PROGRAM:

This will focus on building resilience and persistence in students in relation to Numeracy activities.

Ways of teaching and helping students understand place value, collaborative problem solving and fractions will be explored.

LITERACY:

This session will develop thoughts and strategies on -

- Building students reading stamina and engagement - independent reading
- Planning for quality texts -a planning model for reading and writing

The Integration Staff will be involved in exploring current theories about social skill development in children as well as discussing the building blocks of social development and the role of the speech pathologist and occupational therapist in helping to establish social skills groups

If you get the chance, please take the time to talk to a staff member about their experiences on this day.

ANZAC DAY IN SUNBURY:

Next Tuesday 25th April, the Sunbury RSL will be holding their ANZAC Day services at 6 am (Dawn Service) and 10 am (March and Ceremony) at the memorial Hall in Sunbury.

At the 10.45am service following the 10am march, several students will represent our school and lay a wreath.

All families in our community are encouraged to attend an ANZAC Day service.

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

Information Sessions & School Tours will be conducted on Tuesday 2nd May and Thursday 4th 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. **Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested.**

Individual tours can be arranged through the office at any stage. Phone 9744 7137 to find a suitable time.

CLUBS:

The very popular whole school CLUBS program commenced today! There are a range of multi-aged activities available for students from those with a sport/fitness focus, to craft, science, technology, cooking, board games, photography, karaoke and AUSLAN, etc.

The programs runs for four weeks this Term and another four weeks later in the year.

Students will do a different CLUB next time.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

The next P & F activity is the Mother's Day Stall. This will be held on Thursday 11th May. There will be gifts available for all students to purchase.

Combined with the Mother's Day Stall, the P & F will be conducting a raffle with great prizes suitable for mums.

The raffle tickets will be sent home very soon. If you have any donations which could be added to the raffle prize, please notify the office.

SAVE THE DATE:

A 30th Anniversary Fete is being planned for Friday 20th 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!

SPEECH THERAPY:

During first and second term, there are seven speech therapy students from the Australian Catholic University and their supervisor doing speech assessments at school for students in prep, grade 1 and grade 2. The students will return in the second half of the year to do therapy with those students who have shown they need it.

This is a good opportunity for students to have an assessment free and without a waiting period. If you would like your child to be part of this program, please see Michele Pinti to sign a permission form or collect a form from the office. There are limited places so if you are interested please collect the form as soon as possible. The students are here on Thursdays.

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Term Dates for 2017

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

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 21 st April	Nicole Huybers, Nicole Brown
Monday 24 th April	CANTEEN CLOSED - PUPIL FREE DAY



PLASTIC bags are a nuisance

They're noisy, flimsy and they're often no good after one use - not to mention the countless animal lives put at risk when they're discarded into nature.

Boomerang Bags, a group determined to stamp out the reliance on plastic bags across Australia and the world, has begun in **Sunbury!**

A group of local volunteer sewers has been working hard in recent months to secure a stockpile of reusable fabric bags - all hand made. The idea is that you can take one of these bags at one of the selected stores in Sunbury, do your shopping then bring it back OR just keep using it in other shops.

BUT Before we can do that... We Need Your Help!

We're looking for **donations** of any type of **fabric** (doonas and sheets are great!) and **thread** (any colour will do!) AND **if you can sew** we need more sewers. **If you can't sew**, we need more **cutters and production line volunteers** to get the bags ready for the sewers! You can drop off at our production bees, call an organiser for pick up or at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House.

Our '**Sewing and Production Bees**' are on the **first Saturday of each month** at the **Sunbury Neighbourhood House**, 531 Elizabeth Dve from **9am - midday** (or until we're pooped!)

For more details about Boomerang Bags and how they're baggin' up the world

www.boomerangbags.org

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