



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
28 th					29 th	30 th
OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM - TOMORROW! HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY - TOMORROW 2.30PM						
1 st May School Council 6.30pm	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
22 nd EDUCATION WEEK Open Morning Prep 2018 Tours 9am-11am	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th

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OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

We will be having the April Out Of Uniform Day **tomorrow (Friday 28th April)**. This month we are supporting the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. This foundation does a lot of work in the community assisting children and families in traumatic situations. They also work with schools and have developed the Better Buddies Framework which our Grade 6 and Prep buddies use. They support schools to become eSmart, which means schools have developed policies and programs to teach students how to be safe on line. (We are eSmart qualified.)

The Alannah and Madeline use purple to represent their Foundation so it would be great to see our students wearing something purple on Friday, even if it is just a headband. Of course, you can still wear casual clothes, which are not purple. Please bring a gold coin donation to support the Alannah and Madeline Foundation

ANZAC DAY IN SUNBURY:

Many thanks to the many students, their families and staff who represented our school at the Sunbury RSL ANZAC Day march and ceremony this week.
I trust the day was very meaningful for all within our community.



THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Miss Kellie Trevaskis!**

Kellie does a brilliant job of being our Junior School Council Coordinator, as well as organising our Story Dogs program for the grade two students.

For Anzac Day, Kellie coordinated all of our Junior School Council students to take part in the Anzac Day march and service in Sunbury. This was a fantastic way for the students to represent our school and engage with the wider Sunbury community, as well as continue to learn the importance of what Anzac Day represents for our country.

Thanks Kellie for all you do and for the opportunities that you provide our students, it does not go unnoticed!

Ben Smith
Chaplain

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

Information Sessions & School Tours will be conducted next week 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.

NAPLAN:

On the 9th, 10th and 11th May students in Grade 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The assessment tasks cover the curriculum areas of –

- Language Conventions
- Writing
- Numeracy
- Reading

Students will receive a summary of their results plus a comparison with all the other students across Australia in the same year level. Information sheets were sent home with Grade 3 and 5 students yesterday.

Some students will find the assessment tasks easy, some will understand the problems but will make minor mistakes, some are capable of completing the work but will have difficulty interpreting the questions and some will struggle with reading the instructions or understanding the processes involved. Some students will take it all in a day's work, while others get very anxious and nervous.

The staff have been preparing students for these assessment tasks while undertaking the daily learning experiences.

NAPLAN is just one of the many assessment tools used in schools to monitor the academic progress of students.

As mentioned in the information sent home yesterday, if any parents would like to discuss NAPLAN or their child's involvement in it, please contact me.

PUPIL FREE DAY FEEDBACK:

On Monday this week, all staff participated in professional development programs with all the other primary staff across the schools in Sunbury. External presenters facilitated the programs.

The areas explored were Positive Education, Numeracy, Literacy and Social Skill Development.

The day was extremely beneficial for all. Many ideas and strategies will be shared and trialled as our staff present to their colleagues in the future.

STORY TIME AT PRESCHOOL!

Today Mrs Cropley (Assistant Principal) and Miss Tahlia Dwyer (Prep Teacher and Transition Coordinator) visited Sunningdale Preschool and read stories to one of the groups. There was a lot of excitement!

This is the beginning of our 2018 Prep Transition Program, which will continue throughout the year.

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:

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

The next meeting of School Council is Monday 1st May (next week).

All School Council meetings are open to interested members of our school community.

The meeting will commence at 6.30pm in the staff room.

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING:

On Monday 22nd May, we will celebrate Education Week with a special Assembly at 9.00am and an open morning at which all parents and friends are warmly welcome to visit the school and spend time in classrooms and specialist programs throughout the morning.

Tours will also be conducted for prospective school parents from 9.30am onwards.

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!

CLUBS:

AUSLAN with Miss Lori: Students have been signing the alphabet and this week they will be learning how to use sign language for numbers.

Party Games with Mrs Conn: The students have been playing a variety of party games such as Pin the tail on the pig, musical chairs and the chocolate game.

Drawing with Mrs Sullivan: Some of the students are enjoying Adam Wallace cartooning, some follow drawing instruction cards and others are enjoying creative free drawing.

Photography with Miss Casey: Students learn different skills each week such as fill in the frame and rule of thirds. They get to explore the school grounds and get creative with their photography.

Ball games with Miss Thomas: We are playing kick ball rounds this week. All students love running around playing team sports using balls.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
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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

Payments & Reminders:

Grades 3-6 Interschool Athletic Sports: \$7.00 due TOMORROW

Scholastic Book Club: Due by Thursday 4th May.

Preps - Grades 1-3 Italian Incursion: \$10.60: Due by Wednesday 10th May

Student Book Packs/Essential Items.

Overdue Payments are due NOW. Please make payments at the office as soon as possible.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 28 th April	Nicole Huybers, Kylie Bell, Regina Reid
Monday 1 st May	Nicole Huybers



