



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
Prep 2018 School Tours TONIGHT! 7pm-8.30pm						
8 th Grade 5/6 Graffiti Education Incursion	9 th NAPLAN	10 th NAPLAN	11 th NAPLAN Clubs - 4 Mother's Day Stall Mother's Day Raffle Drawn	12 th	13 th	14 th Mother's Day
15 th	16 th Pasta Workshop Preps - Grade 3	17 th	18 th Prep - 2 Sunbury Library visit	19 th National Walk To School Day Sunbury Cross Country	20 th	21 st
22 nd EDUCATION WEEK Open Morning Prep 2018 Tours 9am-11am	23 rd	24 th Prep - 2 Sunbury Library visit	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
29 th	30 th	31 st Prep - 2 Sunbury Library visit	1 st June	2 nd	3 rd	4 th

Ride2School Grants - Term One Winner!

We received news this week that we were successful with a grant application to Bicycle Network!

The grant will allow us to construct another bike & scooter rack for students near the Senior Building.

MR ROB MITCHELL'S VISIT:

This week the Federal Member of Parliament for McEwen (which includes Sunbury) Mr Rob Mitchell, visited the school and presented us with new Australian flags. Some of these will be displayed in the gym and be a visual aid for the students during Assembly when the National Anthem is sung.

Mr Mitchell has visited the school on numerous occasions and has accepted the invitation to be 'Principal for a Day' later in the year.

THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Mr Michael Fitzclarence**

Michael does a fantastic job organising the delivery of physical education across our school. He also does an amazing job ensuring our students have the opportunity to take part in Interschool sport competitions. Already this term, Michael has

organised the successful running of our school Cross Country and then yesterday he coordinated not only our school participation in the Sunbury schools athletics carnival, but the entire Athletics carnival itself! Both were fantastic events for our students.

These sporting activities are a wonderful way for our students to participate in sporting competitions and learn the value of teamwork, resilience and trying your best. They also provide students with the opportunity to not only represent our school, but also for those who do well, the opportunity to go and compete at higher levels of competition.

Organising these sporting activities is no easy feat. Thanks for all you do for our students, Michael! You're a star!!!

CARPARK - AGAIN:

It seems that every now and again, in school newsletters across Australia, parents are reminded that walking through staff carparks, especially with young children is a terrible accident waiting to happen.

Goonawarra is no different.

Cars come and go from the carpark at any time. There is no guarantee that there will be not be cars driven through the carpark at the commencement or end of the school day.

It may save you a few seconds, but why take the chance?

ALSO.....

The school carparks - the one at the front of the school and the other behind the Senior Building, are exclusively for the staff to use.

Parents driving through these carparks are a huge risk to student safety.

Please take these requests seriously.

Do not walk or drive through staff carparks.

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

An Information Session & School Tour will be conducted tonight at 7.00pm for any families with a Prep child for next year.

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:

Next week on 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.

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

FACEBOOK:

Currently the school Parents and Friends Group has a Face Book account on which they provide a very useful service of keeping the community up to date with upcoming events. I am sure that many people have found this of great value.

The fact that it is, at present, an 'open' page without an administrator has led to members of the community using it as a forum to raise school issues unrelated to the Parents and Friends. The members of the P & F have then been put in the situation of providing answers on behalf of the school.

To be clear, the P & F page is to post information only.

Members of the P & F and the school staff are working on an improved system which will best serve the needs of the school community.

AWARENESS OF ALL:

When we talk to students about being safe outside when walking or riding their bikes, we usually talk about 'Stranger Danger.' This is extremely important, so can all parents continue to do so. The sad reality is that the majority of cases where children are at risk, are caused by people that children know. Please consider this fact and be aware of where your children are at all times and they are in safe and trustworthy company.

DOGS IN YARD:

For the safety and concerns of all students, dogs are not permitted in the school grounds during school hours.

SAVE THE DATE:

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:

Flower making with Ms Kelly. In flower making, the students have learned different techniques to make a range of paper flowers.

Calm colouring with Miss Trevaskis. Students are showing their creative skills whilst colouring and listening to music.

Knitted crafts with Miss Lo Bosco. In knitted crafts, students are enjoying French knitting, which will decorate a frame for some amazing school art.

Cooking with Mrs Copley. Students from Grades Prep – 2 have been making delicious funny face and teacup biscuits. This week they will be making chocolate coconut balls.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Below are some reflections from our Junior School Council students who represented our school at the ANZAC Day march.

On the 25th of April, JSC marched in the ANZAC Day parade to remember the people who fought in the war. We marched together proudly. Some of the siblings came and marched too. After that, Mitchell and Olivia laid the wreath. It was a fun day.

- Matilda & Victoria

On the 25th of April, the JSC marched in the ANZAC Day parade. We met Miss Trevaskis at 10am out the front of the post office to march in the parade to remember all of the people who fought in the war. When we got to the memorial, we sang the National Anthem. We laid a wreath and stood there in silence then the parade was over. - Olivia

On the 25th of April, the JSC walked in the ANZAC Day march to remember all the people who fought for us in the war. It was an amazing day, even though it was freezing! We met Miss Trevaskis at the Sunbury Post Office. The service went for 1 hour. At the memorial, there were five soldiers and lots of wreaths. We had a great time. - Darcy

On the 25th of April, we marched in the ANZAC Day parade. It was fun and we did it to remember the ANZACs that fought in the war for us to be a free country. - Oliver & Cody

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

The next P & F activity is the Mother's Day Stall. This will be held next Thursday 11th May. There will be gifts available for all students to purchase ranging from \$1 to \$10.

Combined with the Mother's Day Stall, the P & F are conducting a raffle with a hamper to be won. Tickets are \$1 each. Please be sure to hand your tickets in. Additional tickets are available at the office.



Payments & Reminders:

Prep-2 & Grade 3: Italian Incursion: \$10.60 due by Wednesday 10th May

Prep-2: Sunbury Library visit: \$5.00 due by Thursday 18th May.

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

Our school is participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the catalogues will be sent home by the end of this week.

This is their largest catalogue to date, with over 415 new titles and products.

You can view the catalogue by simply opening the link below.

https://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/8314_rg_catalogue_term_2_2017_lower

www.redgumbookclub.com.au

The catalogue is now open and closes on **16th May**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing **2nd June**.

- Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal www.redgumbookclub.com.au
- Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and fax (02) 9997 5850 or email orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

The school can no longer accept cash payments for Redgum Book Club orders!

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 5 th May	Nicole Huybers, Tricia Smillie, Janine Fisher
Monday 8 th May	Nicole Huybers

Goonawarra Classifieds

Sunbury Library is hosting this event as part of a regular focus on children and families.

Tips on Talking with Toddlers- Learn some clever strategies about communicating with your child.

6.30 pm Sunbury Library

Thursday May 18th

This event is free and all parents are welcome.

Please book online at www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au or phone Sunbury library on 9356 6970.

MASSIVE GARAGE SALE!!Moving Interstate!!!

May 6th9am-3pm

48 Mitchells Lane, SUNBURY.

Lots of toys, homewares, furniture, prints, baby goods, framing equipment, salon equipment, etc.

NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE.

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO
ENTER THE DRAW FOR THE
MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE.**

Tickets to be in before 10am 11th May!





Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Goonawarra PS we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth which will commence on Thursday 1st June.

This program will be facilitated in small groups by Ben Smith, our school Chaplain, and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practice new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

Goonawarra PS is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

If you would like your child to participate in this program, please return the slip below to Ben Smith (Chaplain) **by next Wednesday 10th May**. (Please note: There are only limited spaces available for this program).

I would like my child, _____ (child's name) to participate in the Seasons for Growth grief and loss education program.

Signed _____ (Parent/Care giver)
