



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
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 OUT OF UNIFORM DAY	27 th	28 th
29 th	30 th	31 st Prep - 2 Sunbury Library visit	1 st June	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
5 th	6 th	7 th Prep - 2 Sunbury Library visit	8 th Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	9 th Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership - Boardman Stadium	10 th	11 th

Payments & Reminders:

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

NAPLAN:

The final NAPLAN assessment tasks were undertaken today. The students are to be commended on their approach to these set tasks.

The NAPLAN results will be distributed to parents in a few months' time when they are provided to the school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

The Mother's Day Stall was conducted today. All students were provided with an opportunity to purchase a gift for a special person in their life. A huge thank you to the team of parents (over ten) who helped with the stall today.

Two large Mother's Day Hampers were prizes in the raffle, which was drawn today.

The winners are -Sabrina H and Miss Coakley

THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to **MissTahlia Dwyer**

Tahlia does an amazing job as our Prep transition coordinator organising special events and providing an important conduit between the local kindergartens and our school. The first month of this term has been a very busy time for her as she planned and organised our four school Prep Information Sessions that took place last week for next year's prospective Preps and their parents.

The four Prep Information Sessions were very well attended and the families who came along went away knowing all about the fantastic primary school we have here at Goonawarra. At a time when families are embarking on the first steps of their child's education journey, these information sessions are really important for families as they go through the process of deciding which school is going to be the best fit for their child.

Organising these information sessions takes a great deal of time and effort and are significant in presenting our great school to families in the Sunbury community.

Well done Tahlia!

30th ANNIVERSARY MURAL!

As part of our 30th Anniversary celebrations, the first of several murals using mosaic tiles will be designed, created and made by the Grade Six students. It will feature 24 individual panels, which will form a large scene when secured to the wall. The mural will be positioned on the large brick wall at the front of the school.

Many thanks to Miss Lori Nichols, our Visual & Performing Arts teacher this year for her enthusiasm with this exciting project.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY:

Next Friday, 19th May, the school is participating in the National Walk To School Day. Everyone is encouraged where possible to walk, or ride their bike or scooter to school on this day.

If you live a distance away from the school and you normally come by car, you may like a new experience!

Two staff members will be at the Goonawarra Golf Club course carpark at 8.30am on Friday 19th May. At 8.40am, they will walk to school with any students who have been dropped off by their parents.

Please do not leave your child there if there is no staff member present.

Let's see how many students and parents we can have participating.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UPDATE:

As announced previously, the school has been granted \$328,000 to improve the buildings and grounds. We are working with a consultant who will project manage all the work.

There are many items on the wish list! A professional audit of the condition of the buildings and grounds was undertaken in 2012. The funding is based on the information in this report. Nothing new can be added to the scope of works until all the identified items mentioned in the report have been rectified.

The works that are currently being costed and then presented to the Education Department for approval include -

- Repairing water damage in the Library
- Repairing uneven concrete paths
- Replacing drainage pipes in amphitheatre area
- Installing a synthetic grass coverage over the amphitheatre area.
- Installing a synthetic grass surface with line markings over the Grade 5/6 basketball court
- Repairing and painting the external timber surfaces of the school
- Remove the 3 old heating burners, which will create 3 new large storage areas

The amount of items that can be addressed will depend on the costs. Changes may need to be made to fit inside the budget. The consultant is hoping to have all the works completed by the end of this year.

SCHOOL STRUCTURE: WHO DOES WHAT?

Within our current school structure there are staff members with specific roles. I thought I might outline some that may be useful for parents to know.

Mrs Carla Cropley - Assistant Principal

Curriculum development

Staff professional learning

Coaching and mentoring staff

Mrs Michele Pinti - Wellbeing Coordinator

Welfare -supporting students, parents & staff

Integration students and staff

Conducting programs for students with specific needs

Mr Ben Smith - School Chaplain

Welfare -supporting students, parents & staff

Conducting programs for students with specific needs

Curriculum Leaders - Mrs Fry, Mrs Sullivan, Miss Casey and Miss Ireland

Leading the development and delivery of curriculum within their area of the school.

Administration Leaders - Mrs Ryan, Miss Dunn, Miss LoBosco and Mrs Conn

Planning and organising activities and events for their area of the school.

The Office Staff - Janine and Sue

All administration, banking, enrolments, student absences, budgets, parent requests etc.

Each and every staff member across the school is involved in multiple facets of school life.

I am extremely proud of all staff members and their commitment and dedication to every element of the school.

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

The four Prep Information Sessions for next year were very well attended last week. Potentially our student numbers for next year look very strong.

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

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 3.30pm 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!

The next Out Of Uniform Day will be on Friday 26th May. The gold coin donations will support the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and has a theme of Super Heroes. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite Superhero.

CLUBS:

Classroom Karaoke with Mrs Cassinides: Students have been singing karaoke style songs of their choice and I have been proud of their confidence.

STEM with Mr Bronchinetti: Students are using different materials to creatively solve problems by trialling ideas and modifying designs.

Trivia with Miss Parmely: Students have been doing many different topics as they work in teams to race the clock.

Sport with Mr Hildebrand: In sport, the students are participating in different games such as touch rugby and basketball. They are enjoying the physical activity.

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

REDGUM BOOKCLUB:

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 12 th May	Nicole Huybers, Lisa Anderson, Sue Taylor
Monday 15 th May	Nicole Huybers, Erika Vonja

Red Shield Appeal 2017



Super Hero Day
26TH MAY 2017



Help support our Salvation Army community heroes!

**Dress up as your favourite super hero on 26th May 2017
and give a GOLD coin donation.**

**Together we can build houses, provide food, help find employment, support
community projects and much more!!!**

**For more information please contact your local Salvation Army – Red Shield coordinator
Laura – 9744 2095**