



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
National Walk To School Day - TOMORROW Sunbury Cross Country - TOMORROW					20 th	21 st
22 nd EDUCATION WEEK Open Morning Prep 2018 Tours 9am-11am	23 rd	24 th Prep - 2 Sunbury Library visit Grades 2CA & 2T	25 th	26 th OUT OF UNIFORM DAY	27 th	28 th
29 th	30 th Pasta Workshop Preps - Grade 3	31 st Prep - 2 Sunbury Library visit Grades Prep C & 2CO	1 st June	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
5 th School Council 6pm	6 th	7 th Prep - 2 Sunbury Library visit Grades Prep I & D	8 th Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	9 th Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership - Boardman Stadium	10 th	11 th
12 th QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	13 th	14 ^h	15 th Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	16 th	17 th	18 th

Payments & Reminders:

Prep-2: Sunbury Library visit: \$5.00 due TOMORROW!

WALK AND RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY:

Tomorrow all students, where possible, are encouraged to walk to school or ride a bike or scooter as part of the National Walk to School Day.

Miss Trevaskis and Mr Fairweather will be at the Goonawarra Golf Course carpark at 8.30am. At 8.40am they will walk to school with any students who would like to join them.

Do not leave any students at the Golf Course Carpark if the staff are not there.

Let's see how many students can participate in this physical activity!

Education Week:

This year's Education Week will be celebrated from 21st to 27th May with the theme of *Healthy Mind, Healthy Body*. Students will be participating in many activities outside their regular program that support this year's theme including:



- **Open Morning on Monday 22nd May from 9:00am -11am** (all families are welcome). After the completion of Assembly, students will be participating in a range of multiage activities for the day such as: movement games, making stress balls, mindfulness.
- **Wednesday 24th Healthy Breakfast snack 8:30am-** students are welcome to come to the Gym for a light healthy breakfast snack (fruit and toast)
- Also on Wednesday we will participate in the National Simultaneous Reading Storytime- **'The Cow tripped Over the Moon.'**
- Throughout the week students will join in regular classroom fitness activities such as: outside games, yoga, dance.

Grade 5 STEM

Grade five STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) classes provide hands on learning opportunities for the students to develop their knowledge and skills in these areas. This week we focussed on light reflection, absorption and refraction. These sessions promote the student's critical thinking and problem solving skills.



This week in STEM we were finding out about white light and how it is made up of all the other colours. White light has all the colours in the spectrum and black light is the absence of colour. We made spinners with primary and secondary colours and as they were spinning they looked like rainbows, then they turned white. This happened because the colours blended together and the paper appeared to be white. Our eyes cannot keep up with the separate colours so we can only see a combination of all the colours... white.

In STEM we made some awesome spinners that if you spin purple, blue, orange, green, yellow and red together really fast you make a white swirl. It took a while to get the hang of spinning it. It was a lot of fun and it had a cool reaction. (Melissa & Cara 5K)

In STEM, we learnt about white light. It is made up from the colours of the rainbow. If you have a red apple, it absorbs all the colours of the rainbow except red. I liked making the rainbow wheel after we learned about white light. (Monique C 5R)

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING:

On Monday 22nd May, following our Education Week Assembly at 9.00am School Tours will be conducted for prospective school parents from 9.45am onwards.

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.

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.

SCHOOL STRUCTURE: WHO DOES WHAT?

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

Mr Michael Fitzclarence is responsible for Physical Education throughout the school. This includes taking lessons and planning all interschool sport events. Mr Fitz also shares a Grade Six class with Mrs Amy Hughes. He teaches in the classroom each Friday. Mr Fitz has just received a grant to replace all the PMP equipment (gross motor coordination) in the school.

Miss Lori Nichols is currently replacing Sonya in the Art Room for 2017. She is responsible for the Visual and Performing Arts program across the school. Miss Lori also leads the school choir. The 30th Anniversary mural is being created in the Art Room by the Grade Six students under the direction of Miss Lori.

Mrs Liz Hornby is responsible for instructing all students from Preps to Grade 3 in the Italian language (our LOTE program). There is a summary of the program in today's Newsletter. The current major focus is the Pasta Making Day on Tuesday 30th May.

Mrs Pirjo Hargrave assists students with their reading and comprehension skills through our Rainbow Reading program. She also teaches several classes throughout the week.

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

Based on information from current students who mentioned they had a brother or sister commencing school next year, enrolment forms were sent home this week.

If the information is correct, could the completed forms be returned before the end of this Term.

Contact the office if you have any questions in regard to the enrolment process.

If our information is incorrect and you do not have a child starting Preps next year, could you also notify the office.

If you know of families who are interested in the school, at any grade level, please encourage them to phone the school on 9744 7137 to arrange an individual tour.

A DAY MADE BETTER!

If you appreciate the commitment and dedication of a member of our staff, you may care to take a few minutes and express your thoughts on the following link -

<http://www adaymadebetter.com.au>

I know the relevant staff member would greatly appreciate your feedback.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS - THE GNOMES ARE COMING!

The excitement is building - the Gnomes are on their way - will you be able to find them!

In the next few weeks the Gnome Passports will be available to purchase for \$10 each. The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt in 25 local shops will be happening during the next school holidays.

30TH ANNIVERSARY TWILIGHT FAIR:

As part of our 30th Anniversary celebrations, a Twilight Fair has been organised for Friday 20th October. It will commence at 3.30pm and go through to around 8.30pm. There will be rides, food, drink, activities and entertainment for all! Put the date in the diary now!

LUNCH TIME CLUBS:

Day	Grade	Location	Time
Monday	Grade 2	The Hub	2pm
Tuesday	All grades	Library	2pm
Wednesday	Preps	The Hub	1.30pm
Thursday	Grades 3/4	Gym	1.30pm
Friday	Grades 5/6 All Grades	Gym Library	1.30pm 2pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ITALIAN (LOTE) THIS MONTH:

The month of May includes our Pasta Making incursion re scheduled for 30th May.

Preps - Cultural: food preparation. Language: colours, numbers, likes and dislikes and simple conversation

Grade 1 - Cultural: food preparation. Language: colour of hair and eyes, names of parts of body, numbers to 15 ... including spelling, conversation

Grade 2 - Cultural: food preparation, Trevi Fountain, Language: colour of hair and eyes, names of parts of body, numbers to 20 ... including spelling and completing addition problems

Grade 3 - Cultural: food preparation, Trevi Fountain. Language: days of the week, members of the family, classroom directions, conversation

SUNBURY LIBRARY VISITS:

Over the next few weeks all Grades Prep - Gr 2 will visit the Sunbury Library. The library staff have arranged rotating STEM activities for the students such as Lego, Minecraft and iPad activities.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE.

Goonawarra Primary School participates in The Premiers' Reading Challenge each year. This program encourages children to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. It is a great way to get young people talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can. If you have any questions about the Challenge please see Alison in the library.

The Challenge is now open and will run until Friday 8 September 2017

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

ITALIAN:

Please note that the Pasta Making incursion has been rescheduled for Tuesday 30th May.

The Italian focus for the month of May -

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LIBRARY:

Can you assist the library with book covering?

Please contact Sue at the office, if you are able to help! Thank you.

A REMINDER:

All students who received a Collins Book Voucher (value \$5.00) last year, please be advised that these vouchers will expire at the end of May 2017..

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 19 th May	Nicole Huybers, Rozetta Dhono, Karen Biffin
Monday 22 nd May	Nicole Huybers,

Goonawarra Classifieds



CAN YOU PLEASE ASSIST

The Pernaperna Women’s Group Is an Aboriginal Women’s Group that welcomes all women, bringing them together in friendship, sharing and learning from each other in the true spirit of Reconciliation, through social connection and engaging in projects for the benefit of the Sunbury and wider community. We URGENTLY need assistance with gathering, sorting, drilling, threading, dipping and varnishing small gumnuts for a project we are involved in. These gumnuts are then crocheted together so anyone who could assist with crocheting would also be greatly appreciated.

Any help, no matter how small, will assist us in our dream and goal for a Sunbury Women’s Shed. New members warmly welcomed.

Contact Joan 9744 3357