



# 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
<b>Casual Clothes Day Tomorrow for Grades 5 &amp; 6.</b> <b>Gold coin donation to support CareWorks in Sunbury.</b>					6 <sup>th</sup> Queen's 7 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Long Weekend	
8 <sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday Holiday	9 <sup>th</sup> June P & F Meeting 9am in staffroom.	10 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> June  P & F Ladies Movie Night in Sunbury! Aloha!	12 <sup>th</sup> June	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
15 <sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting at 6.30pm  Middle school Brainstorm Productions – The 'H'Team	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>  	18 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Photo Day	19 <sup>th</sup> Student Reports sent home.	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Parent & Teacher Discussions – students dismissed at 1.30pm.	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> 2016 Prep forms to be returned. End of Term – Students dismissed at 2.30pm.	<b>Holidays!</b> <b>The Great</b> <b>Gnome Hunt</b> <b>Begins!</b>	

### Notice and Payment Reminders

Middle school Brainstorm Productions

Upper school camp payments

### THANK YOU BUNNINGS!:

Many thanks to Bunnings for supplying plants, timber and three workers to re-establish a garden area near the senior toilets and where the old portable was once located. A group of Grade Six students and four parents also assisted with the task.

The school grounds are being developed a section at a time as ideas, resources and volunteers become available. I am

wondering if there is a small group of Prep parents who would like to develop the garden area outside Mrs Conn's and Mrs Carey's classrooms? Come and share your ideas with me or talk to Jane Alexander (our gardening expert parent).

### WINTER INTERSCHOOL LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Last Friday our Grade 5 / 6 students participated in winter sports against all the other primary schools in Sunbury. Schools played multiple games of Football, T-Ball, Soccer and Netball against each other.

### The results were –

Football –played in the Grand Final.

T-Ball – girls are through to the Grand Final.

Soccer – mixed team won most of their games and the all-boys team enjoyed the day.

Netball – mixed open won the Small Schools Division.

Thank you to Steve Latimer for umpiring the T-Ball games and Rhonda Wagner for organising jumpers for the football team.



### END OF FINANCIAL YEAR OPPORTUNITY!

Here is a great way to directly support Ben in his Chaplaincy role and the programs he is offering students at our school as well as creating a tax deductible opportunity for yourself before 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Simply follow the steps below -

To donate to chaplaincy specifically at our school go to <http://www.accessministries.org.au/chaplains/donate-to-chaplaincy>

Choose to give a one off or a monthly donation.

Put in your details.

In the Additional Information box specify the school name.

All donations are tax deductible.

100% of your donation will come directly to support our program.

**\*\*Please consider donating before the 30<sup>th</sup> June so that you will receive a tax deductible receipt for this financial year.**

### PARENT READING SESSION:

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Parent Reading Sessions last week. These sessions were organised and conducted by Karen Reilly and the Prep – Gr 2 Team. The feedback received indicated that the sessions were very informative and extremely helpful for parents.

### LIFE EDUCATION VAN:

*The Life Ed. Van was lots of fun because we met Harold. We learnt about cyber bullying and how to be cyber safe. Maddison. Vanessa from the Life Ed van said we should get stronger passwords and block people we don't know. Brianna. The Life Ed van was amazing, I am in grade 4 and I even had fun. Shiawany.*

Harold was very funny. We learnt about being safe on the internet by not giving other people our passwords. Kate. *The Life Ed van was very amusing. We learnt to delete or block messages and not to share personal information on line. Hannah* This week all the 5/6 grades visited the Life Education van. The purpose of the program is to educate students on life problems. The 5/6 program was called 'It's your call'. The program taught us about drugs and cyber bullying. Everyone had fun and learnt lots of useful information. Eloise & Madelene.

### ALOHA LADIES!

Next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June the Parents & Friends group has organised a special event at the Reading Cinema in Sunbury.

The night will commence at 8pm with supper, followed by the screening of the new movie ALOHA! The movie features Bradley Cooper, Rachel McAdams, Emma Stone & Bill Murray. Tickets are \$16 each which includes supper. See notice in Newsletter. Additional forms are available from the office.

Why not get a group of friends together and have a mid-week night out!

This is a **fundraiser** for the school and I am sure a **fun raiser** for those who attend!

**Check out the film trailer -**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3mf\\_ewjc7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3mf_ewjc7s) or just Google 'Aloha'.

### PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

Twice a year formal Parent & Teacher Discussions are conducted. The purpose of these meetings is for staff and parents to share information about students in relation to their academic, social and emotional development.

**The next meetings have been organised for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June between 2pm and 7.30pm.**

**All students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on this day.**

Parents can book in for a discussion at a time that suits through an online booking link.

The earlier bookings are made, the more chance there is of finding the best time for your family.

To book a discussion time go to -

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and put in the Event Code ZNRV5

### SIBLING ENROLMENT FORMS:

If you have a pre-schooler at home who will be commencing Preps next year, then please complete the Enrolment Forms which have been sent home or are available from the school website or the office. **We request that all forms be returned by the end of this Term (26<sup>th</sup> June).**

**EARLY STARTERS:**

It is becoming evident that there are students who are arriving at school at 8am. These students are spending their time wondering around the school grounds, unsupervised and by themselves.

This is an unsafe habit. Officially the grounds are not supervised by staff until 8.45am. Please do not put your child at risk. Anything could happen to your child and there would be no one to assist them.

Extend conduct a well-resourced Before School Care Program to assist parents who need to leave early for work. Once Government Rebates have been applied, the cost of the program is minimal. Contact Extend on 1300 366 437 or [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au) Please make the safety of your child your first priority.

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> GREAT GONNAWARRA GNOME HUNT! Yes, it is getting close!**

The number of stores and businesses in Sunbury who are participating in hosting a Gnome has risen to 25! Each location will be offering great bargains to Gnome Hunters!

There will be fantastic prizes to be won by those Hunters who collect the names of all the Gnomes and have their Passport stamped.

Passport order forms will be sent home next week.

**CAN YOU ASSIST US?**

- We require someone to put up new **NO SMOKING** signs on all gate entrances to the school. We have the signs and the wire. **We just need your help!**

**SCHOOL BANKING:**

This year's rewards are from Outer space and you only need 10 tokens to redeem a prize. The rewards are a Handball, ET DVD, visible pens and a cool Galactic rocket.

Who would like to win a trip to Disneyland?

If you haven't banked this year it's not too late. All you need is to bank 25 times at school and you will automatically be entered into the draw to win... The prize is for 2 adults and 2 children with \$2000 spending money.

**DON'T FORGET SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY.**

**CARPET STEAM CLEANING:**

In the Newsletter you will see the contact details for Rohan Keats. Rohan has commenced his own Jim's Carpet Cleaning company in Sunbury.

Rohan has offered to periodically clean the carpet at school. This week he cleaned the Prep - Gr 1 corridor carpet. You may wish to ask him for a quote if you need your carpets cleaned.

**ART ROOM:**

Thank you to Thomas N and his Nanna for donating an iron. I am still collecting old towels and wool please. Sonja.

- A load of crushed rock has been delivered to school to provide a path for parents and students entering the school grounds from the preschool carpark. One parent has offered to spread the rock but it would be great if others could assist. There are shovels and wheelbarrows available at school. Let us know if you can help.
- Assistance with the development of the garden beds outside Mrs Conn's and Mrs Carey's rooms.
- If you have any knowledge, expertise or contacts in regard to installing an in ground watering system on the oval, please contact the office, see Alan Fairweather or email [fairweather.alan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:fairweather.alan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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**Term Dates for 2015:**

**Term 2:** 13 April to 26 June

**Term 3:** 13 July to 18 September

**Term 4:** 5 October to 18 December

**Term Dates for 2016:**

**Term 1: Staff:** Wed 27 January

**Students:** Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> January to 24 March.

Easter is the first weekend of the Term holidays.

**CANTEEN PRE-PRINTED LUNCH ORDER BAGS -**

Bags bundles of 25 are available to purchase from the office for \$5.00. Please see the office staff if you are interested.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Nicole Huybers, Silvia Santa-Maria, Susan King
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Allison Crozier & Kylie Bell

## Extend OSHC at Goonawarra Primary School



HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPENING AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!  
Book by Friday 12 June to avoid a late fee.

Our holiday program bookings are open and there's a local one near you - all Extend's holiday programs are open to primary school aged boys and girls. And the great news is, if you're already enrolled with us for After School Care you won't need to enrol again to access our Holiday Programs.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and we can't wait for you to attend! To check out what's on and where your local program is, visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.

Just a friendly reminder to parents that if your child is booked into after school care and is not attending for any reason, please let us know by calling the service mobile 0430 353 458 and leave us a message. The service phone is checked before the commencement of the service and this avoids us calling you to confirm your child's whereabouts. The procedure for any children whose whereabouts is not accounted for by 4pm is to notify police of a missing person.

Last week's highlights were the berry muffins we cooked on Monday and the pine cone owls. The muffins turned out perfect and looked as good as they tasted. Both young and older children enjoyed making the owls and there was such a demand to make more owls this activity was run on Wednesday and Friday afternoons  
Have a lovely long weekend everyone!

Our Extend Superstar is:

Sarah-For teaching the younger children how to shoot basketball hoops. Well done  
Next week's activities...

Monday 8: Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9: Computer Lab and water colour effects

Wednesday 10 : Art: leaf drawings

Thursday 11: Dodge ball and winter craft

Friday 12 : Finish off Friday Sandpit toys

# Goonawarra Classifieds

## Sunbury Blue Light Disco

Our next disco is on Friday, 26th June 2015, 6-8pm at Sunbury Memorial Hall. Entry - \$5. The disco is for primary school age children. We'd love a room full of kids in their onesies / pjs for our Pyjama Rama Party theme!

The disco is run by police members and valued volunteers, all of whom hold current Working With Children cards. We are not for profit organisation with money raised going back into the next disco.

Please like our Facebook page - Sunbury Blue Light Disco - for all the latest news.

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Online selling course (eBay, gumtree, Facebook & etsy). BYO IPAD and/or laptop. Starts 15 July 1-3pm, \$80 for 4 weeks. Expressions of interest for new course in term 3 'Set up your shop' online. Local clubs or groups also welcome. Goonawarra Neighbourhood House, 8 Gullane Drive, Sunbury, 9740 6627. Childcare available. Learn during school hours.

# School Readiness

An informative evening for parents of preschoolers

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> 2015 @ 7PM

Sunbury Community Health Centre

Macedon St, Sunbury.



Sally Ward

Sally Ward is an early childhood consultant with Early Life Foundations, joining the team in 2014. She is a preschool teacher with extensive experience in the early childhood field over the past 35 years.

Sally's ability to listen, understand and provide practical advice to parents and colleagues has created strong relationships and positive feedback throughout her career. Her understanding of the pressures faced by families as they balance careers, child rearing and family life was strengthened during her time as the manager of her own operator retail business.

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GOONAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PARENTS AND FRIENDS  
*ALOHA!*

We are off to the movies for a Ladies night.

Come and join us for supper on the 11<sup>th</sup> June at Reading Cinemas and watch the new release movie 'ALOHA'

STARRING Bradley Cooper and Rachel McAdams.

Supper will be served from 8pm with the movie beginning at 8:45 pm.

So get your girlfriends together for a great night out.

Tickets \$16 each including supper.

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ALOHA Ladies Night:

NAME: .....

Child's name:.....Class:.....

No. of tickets:.....Total cost: \$.....

PLEASE R.S.V.P: 9<sup>TH</sup> June.