



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
5 th School Council 6.30pm JSC attending	6 th	7 th Prep I & D Sunbury Library visit	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 th	15 th Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	16 th	17 th	18 th
19 th	20 th Grade 6 Personal Presentation Evening	21 st	22 nd Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	23 rd Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership Back up Day	24 th	25 th
26 th	27 th START SMART Grades 1-6	28 th START SMART Grades 1-6 Parent/Teacher Discussion Dismiss 1.30pm	29 th START SMART Grades 1-6	30 th Gnome Hunt END OF TERM 2.30pm DISMISSAL		

PASTA DAY!

On Tuesday this week the Prep - Grade 3 students thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic Pasta making activity. Mrs Hornby, our Italian (LOTE) teacher arranged a visit to the school by the company called 'The Big Pocket.'

Following a very informative introduction, each participating student was provided with a ball of dough which they worked with until they eventually finished up with a container of pasta to take home.

I am sure many families enjoyed the tasty meal that night!

Bellissimo!!!



SUPER HEROS EVERYWHERE!

Last Friday was an out of school uniform day where many students dressed up as Super Heros. Funds raised from the day went to support The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal. The amount of \$370 was one of the largest we have raised to support charities. Many thanks to everyone! A great effort!



THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Liz Hornby

Liz does a superb job as our LOTE (Language Other Than English) teacher, teaching Italian to the Prep to Grade three students. In addition to this, she does a terrific job representing the staff at our school council meetings and also has the vital role of ensuring staff room supplies, like coffee and bikkies, don't run out!

As part of Liz's Italian language teaching, Liz organised an amazing incursion for the Prep to Grade three students on Tuesday. The students had a wonderful time making their own pasta and learning about Italian culture.

There are so many benefits of learning a second language, especially for children. A major benefit of learning a second language is that it improves brain function. This boosts the ability for children to make decisions, multi task and improve memory.

Learning a second language also improves skill in your first language as well! Aside from these important benefits, there is also the obvious advantage of being able to communicate with those from other countries.

As you can see, teaching a second language is really important. So thank you, Liz, you are doing a great job!

Sizzling Starts for writing by children in the Middle School.

"Come on! The rocket is leaving!" They were on their way to Mars when.....
(Damian S 3/4P)

'BANG' an explosion went across the south of Hollywood..... this could only be caused by a scientist. Everyone must be careful!
(Audrey M 3/4P)

10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,BLAST OFF!! Into space we go!
"Shshshshsh!!.....We're in space! I can't believe we're in space!" said Steve.
(Michael P 3/4S)

"Oh no! Look at the mess! What am I going to do? We have guests coming over! Come on, come on, we need to get this mess cleaned up NOW!"
(Jason L 3/4S)

Splash! Splash! The puppy was splashing around in the mud, having a lot of fun. Susan came out with a shock. "Sally!" Mud went flying up in the air.
(Victoria K, 3/4D)

KA BOOM! CRACKOOH! went the bottles as they tried to break down.
(Callum H 3/4D)

"You are now banished from Alien City!" shouted the councillor.
(Alexander R 3/4H)

BANG! CRASH! BOOM! I rushed behind the secret lab.....
(Elizabeth C 3/4H)

"Woohoo," shouted Max and his friend Jordy. "Let's go on the trampoline," they laughed. "AHHHHHOW!" screamed Max. Max had dislocated his thumb..... (Mitchell C 3/4B)

Wow! What a mess! "How can people come here?" yelled my best friend Natalie as we sat in the middle of the dirty carpet. The siren suddenly went and (Sharlett W 3/4B)

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY:

Yesterday two of our students, Rhyse and Kobe represented the Sunbury schools in the District Cross Country event at Bundoora Park. Rhyse and Kobe said that the course was very challenging, with lots of steep hills and puddles. Congratulations to both boys for their great efforts.

HELP!

We have recently received over 200 plants from the Hume City Council. They all need to be planted around the school grounds as soon as possible.

If you could assist with this task, please contact the office.

SCOTT MAKES IT HAPPEN!

Throughout this year Scott has been employed as our Grounds Manager. His presence around the school, in his fluo jacket, has made a huge difference. The state of the school grounds has greatly improved. So many visitors have commented on how great they look.

As well as mowing, blowing, trimming, cleaning, repairing and many other tasks, Scott also uses his skills inside the school to fix, repair, paint, install, remove, relocate etc etc. As well as all of the above, Scott maintains all our garden tools and other necessary resources.

Scott is proving to be a real asset to the school. His work is greatly improving the appearance of the school, which in turns lifts the feeling of pride and respect of all those in the school community.

Thank you Scott for your valuable contributions to our school.

If you see Scott around the school you may like to thank him yourself in person.

NEW GARDENS:

You may have noticed that the garden areas outside Rooms 5 – 8 are being cleaned out of most of their plants. These areas will be replanted with new plants to revitalise this part of the school.

PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

The next Parent & Teacher Discussions will be held on Wednesday 28th June.

On this day students will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

Discussions will be held between 2pm – 7.30pm.

Parents can book in a discussion time by logging on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

The login details are : The login code is : zkwvw (all lowercase)

So far discussions for 25 % of our students have been booked.

Please note that Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be held early next term using School Interviews Online. Details will be in the first Newsletter of Term 3.

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.

So far the following staff members have been recognised by parents -

**Miss Trevaskis Miss Coakley Miss Dwyer Mrs Milligan Mrs Fry
Mrs Conn Mrs Kelly Miss Casey Miss Lo Bosco Miss Ireland**

Payments & Reminders:

Grades 5-6: Camp Wilkin Payments: Final balance \$225.00 due by Friday 28th August.

Grade 6: Health & Human Relations: \$10.00 due by 8th June.

Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership: \$6.00 due by Monday 5th June

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

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 2 nd June	Nicole Huybers, Tricia Smillie, Janine Fisher
Monday 5 th June	Nicole Huybers,



NEW APP!

So far 180 parents have signed up to use the app!

Some android phones are having difficulty connecting to the app. This should be rectified by Monday.

The app has the potential to be used to inform families of special days at school, excursions, students returning from camps and a whole range of other reasons including evacuations and emergency situations.

The app, which is called 'updat-ed' is supported by 'sponsor-ed' which is the company who provide the infrastructure for our home page.

For maximum efficiency, our aim is to have every family registered on the app. Please see the attached flyer for instructions.

When you are entering your child/ren details please do not write their name – just put which year level they are in eg (You will need to add the name of your oldest school child on the next line).

Prep is 0 Grade One is 1 Grade Two is 2
 Grade Three is 3 Grade Four is 4 Grade Five is 5
 Grade Six is 6

If both parents want to receive messages, they will both need to register with their own mobile number.

Once you have registered, if you do not receive any notifications, please notify the office so that we can check we have your correct details.

There will be a 'prize' for the first class to have 100% of families signed up!

Use the app to inform the school of your child's absences!

Use the app to read the school Newsletter!

Goonawarra Classifieds




SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Free Speech Pathology Drop In Clinic
 -for children under school age

- Bring your child to the clinic to discuss questions or concerns about your child's communication
- For children aged birth to school entry
- No appointment required
- 20-30 minute timeslot will be allocated on arrival
- A Speech Pathologist will talk to you about ways to help your child's communication

When	Where	Time
Thursday 22 nd June	Sunbury Heights Community Hub	12:30-4:30
Thursday 19 th October	Sunbury Heights Community Hub	12:30-4:30

For more information please contact
 Sharon Ramunno on 9744-3377
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DAYTIME NETBALL






Fun & Social competition commences July 2017
 Crèche \$2.00 per child—enjoy a short social break from the kids.
 Court fees: \$50.00 per team
 Games: Wednesday Mornings at 10am & 11am
 Email: Sunbury.netball@gmail.com
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SunburyNetball/>
 Instagram: @sunbury.netball
<http://sunbury.vic.netball.com.au>