



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 |
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| 19 th | 20 th Grade 6 Personal Presentation Evening | 21 st | 22 nd Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion | 23 rd | 24 th | 25 th |
| 26 th Uniform Sale! \$5.00 each!! | 27 th START SMART Grades 1-6 Uniform Sale! | 28 th START SMART Grades 1-6 Parent/Teacher Discussion Dismiss 1.30pm Uniform Sale! | 29 th START SMART Grades 1-6 | 30 th Gnome Hunt END OF TERM 2.30pm DISMISSAL OUT OF UNIFORM DAY | 1 st July | 2 nd |
|  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Gnome Hunt Begins!  | | | | | | |
| July 17 th TERM 3 COMMENCES | 18 th | 19 th | 20 th | 21 st | 22 nd | 23 rd |
| 24 th | 25 th Life Education Van | 26 th Life Education Van | 27 th Life Education Van | 28 th | 29 th | 30 th |

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK:

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is a State wide annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance. Students from Grades 4 - 6 at our school will participate in the survey. This is the first time Grade 4 students have been included in the survey.

Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file. The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3. No student can be identified in the results reported to schools or in any other report of the data. The combined school data will be communicated to parents through the annual reporting process.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at school during this week and early next week. Mr Fairweather will be overseeing the survey process in all grades - the classroom teacher is removed for this short period of time.

Please speak to Mr Fairweather if you would like more information or visit the Department of Education and Training website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>.

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 : **ZKWVW**

So far discussions for 50% 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.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS - THE GNOMES ARE COMING!

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

The Gnome Passport order form was sent home this week. The order form is also available on our school homepage. The passports cost \$10 each. The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt in 25 local shops will be happening during the next school holidays. There are many prizes to be won by everyone who completes the passport by finding all the 25 gnomes!

Six other schools in Sunbury have joined us in the Gnome Hunt! The chase will certainly be on!

Get your order form in quickly!

Passports will be distributed in the last week of the Term.

THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to Michelle Cassell

Michelle is one of our amazing education support staff who provide help to students who may require extra assistance in the classroom. Michelle supports a number of our students (and their teachers) across our school. In addition to providing this highly valued role, Michelle is often taking photos at school events, maintains our school website and has recently been working behind the scenes to launch our new school App.

Our school website provides a window to the world, informing them of what is happening here at our great school. First impressions are important and often a website is the first place that people look when they want to check out our school. Now with our school App up and running, making communication with parents and families even easier, Michelle's superb work with our school communication modes is clearly on show.

Communicating with families about what is happening at our school, as well as with the wider community through our school website, is an essential part of our school life.

Thank you Michelle for all your hard work. You're a star!

PREP REPORT:

The Preps were very excited to go to the Sunbury Library. They played on the iPads, made paper helicopters, played Minecraft on the computers and built things with Lego! Here is what some of the children had to say:

"My favourite part was the bus ride." - Jake



"I liked watching the helicopter spin." - Lucy

"Playing on the iPads was so much fun!" - Alyssi

"I liked putting the tangrams together on the iPads." - Aiden

"I built a pirate ship with the Lego" - Xavier

"My favourite part was playing Minecraft on the computers." - Abbey



OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

There will be an opportunity for students to come to school out of uniform no Friday 30th June - the last day of Term 2.

Students may like to use this opportunity to dress up as one of the teachers! Who could it be?

Long hair, short hair, coloured hair, no hair, suit, shorts, colourful clothes, black clothes, beads, pants, dresses, hair up, hair down, glasses, jumpers, jackets, scarves etc etc etc.

A gold coin donation is requested for each child. All the donations will go to support the work of the Goonawarra Chaplaincy Program.

GRADE 5 / 6 PERSONAL PROJECT PRESENTATION EVENING:

TUESDAY 20TH JUNE

Grade 5/6 students are presenting their personal projects, which they have been working on the last few weeks. The Presentation evening will commence at 5pm and finish at 6pm. All families are welcome to attend.

MID YEAR STUDENT REPORTS:

Student mid year reports are currently being compiled. They will be distributed to parents on **Friday 23rd June**. Please make sure you have read them before coming to the Parent & Teacher Discussions in the following week.

UNIFORM SALE!

There will be a sale of the remaining school uniforms at the Office on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June from 9am. All items will be \$5. Limited sizes are still available.

Be early to get a bargain!

END OF TERM DISMISSAL:

Students will be dismissed from school at 2.30pm on Friday 30th June for the end of Term 2.

School will resume on Monday 17th July.

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

If you have a child who will be in Preps next year please complete the forms and return them to school by the end of this Term. Contact the office if you have any questions in regard to the enrolment process.

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.

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!

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

Payments & Reminders:

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

Whole School: Gnome Passport Card Order form: **\$10 per passport due by Wednesday 28th June**

| CANTEEN ROSTER | |
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| Friday 16 th June | Nicole Huybers, Rozeta Dhono & Peta Hoils |
| Monday 19 th June | Nicole Huybers |





NEW APP!

Some android phones are having difficulty connecting to the app.

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!

The screenshot shows the registration form for the Updat-ed app. The form includes the following fields and labels:

- Select School..**: A dropdown menu with a checkmark icon. Label: **Select GOONAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL**
- Mickey**: A text input field with a clear (X) icon. Label: **Parent First Name**
- Mouse**: A text input field with a clear (X) icon. Label: **Parent Last Name**
- 041234567**: A text input field with a clear (X) icon. Label: **Mobile Number**
- mickeymouse@edumail.vic.gov.au**: A text input field with a clear (X) icon. Label: **Email address**
- 0 3 5**: A text input field with a clear (X) icon. Label: **Current grades of ALL your children. 0 (Prep) 1 (One) etc**
- Joey Mouse**: A text input field with a clear (X) icon. Label: **Oldest Child's Name**

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: **Clear** (with a refresh icon) and **Submit** (with a checkmark icon).



Goonawarra Classifieds



Is your child eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme?

Book now for the school holidays Ph. 97405044

Or book online at www.smileinstyle.com.au

The Federal Government is offering \$1000 of free dental treatment over a 2 year period to eligible children aged 2-17 (cosmetic & orthodontic dentistry not included). If your family receives the Family Tax Benefit Part A, your child may be eligible.

The Smile In Style Dental Practice is located at 9 Dornoch Drive Sunbury. We have a team of highly experienced dentists and support staff that are happy to care for your children in a friendly and supportive environment. We also bulk bill for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme, so there are no out of pocket expenses.

For more information <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule>



Sunbury Downs College Taking enrolments for 2018



- Best VCE results
- Students are known and cared for as individuals
- A safe and secure environment
- High levels of respect
- Accelerated Curriculum & Enrichment (ACE) program
- Firm and fair discipline
- A comprehensive extra curricular program including performance and sport
- Student scholarships, leadership and recognition opportunities



College Tours

Book a tour by appointment with our Principal, Maria Oddo.

- Meet our teachers and students
- Learn about our excellent approach to teaching & learning
- Explore our outstanding facilities
- See classes in action
- Experience our college culture

For more information telephone the Principal's PA on 9744 0500

A co-educational school based on traditional values, passionate teaching with innovative ideas for stimulating learning.

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Mitchells Lane SUNBURY**

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