



# 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
26 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Sale! \$5.00 each!!	27 <sup>th</sup> START SMART Grades 1-6 Uniform Sale!	28 <sup>th</sup> START SMART Grades 1-6 Parent/Teacher Discussion Dismiss 1.30pm Uniform Sale!	29 <sup>th</sup> START SMART Grades 1-6	30 <sup>th</sup> <b>END OF TERM</b> <b>2.30pm</b> <b>DISMISSAL</b> CANTEEN CLOSED OUT OF UNIFORM DAY	1 <sup>st</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup>



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Gnome Hunt Begins!



July 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>TERM 3</b> <b>COMMENCES</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
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31 <sup>st</sup> Life Education Van School Council 6.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> August Life Education Van	2 <sup>nd</sup> Life Education Van	3 <sup>rd</sup> Life Education Van	4 <sup>th</sup> Prep Activity Night	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>

### PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

Can all families who have a child commencing school next year, please return enrolment forms before the end of next week.

#### UNIFORM SALE!

There will be a sale of the remaining school uniforms at the Office this Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 9am. All items will be \$5.

Please refer to back of this newsletter for the uniform items and sizes that are available.  
Be early to get a bargain!

## GRADE 5 / 6 PERSONAL PROJECT PRESENTATION EVENING:



On Tuesday night this week several hundred people attended the special evening put on by the students from Grades 5/6. Projects were displayed and students were available to answer questions in relation to their specific topic. Some of the projects included places from around the world, food, animals, famous people, scientific experiments, memorable moments in history, the evolution of games and so on. The level of research and learning involved was a credit to all students.



Many thanks to the staff for making the viewing of the projects to the parents possible.

## THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Mr Gerald Bronchinetti**

Mr B is one of our fantastic Grade 3/4 class teachers who provide opportunities every day for our middle year students to learn and grow on a daily basis.

In addition to being a classroom teacher, Mr B also manages our ICT (Information and Communication Technology) resources at school, ensuring important equipment, such as laptops and interactive whiteboards are working and available to enhance the learning experience of our students.

Tomorrow, a mid-year report for each child at our school will be distributed to parents. (That's 397 reports!). These reports provide parents with a clear and concise snapshot of their child's progress and achievement in relation to their learning.

However, for the finished product to end up in your hands, an enormous amount of work has gone on behind the scenes. A great deal of that work is provided by Mr B! This includes managing the timeline for the reporting process as well as looking after the formatting and printing of all the reports right across the school.

Thank you Mr B for the monumental effort you provide to ensure parents are well informed of their child's progress at school. Your endeavours for our school, especially at this time of year, certainly don't go unnoticed!

## MID YEAR STUDENT REPORTS:

Student midyear reports will be distributed to parents tomorrow. Please make sure you have read them before coming to the Parent & Teacher Discussions next week.

The format of this year's report has been modified to fit in with the new Victorian Curriculum. Please read the cover sheet enclosed with the reports for a full explanation.

One noticeable change is that there is no indication of where a student was up to 12 months ago. This is due to the change in content of the curriculum. Next year this information will be available.

Another interesting change is that, in previous reports a student working 12 months or more ahead would have received an 'A.' Under the new curriculum, to receive an 'A' a student needs to be working at least 18 months ahead.

## PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

**The next Parent & Teacher Discussions will be held next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)**

**The login details are : zkwvw**

**So far discussions for 60% 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.*

## TERM 2 with Grade 1/2

This term has been exciting for the Grade 1/2s with their integrated topic, Toys and Movement. Through this topic, the students learnt about a variety of forces such as push, pull and gravity. To support student learning of these forces, the Grade Two students were a part of an intense Paper Plane Competition. The students used their creative, imaginative and scientific thinking to design and create a plane that could fly the furthest with Caleb White from 2CO finishing as the winner.

- "There was lots of kids with nice designs of paper planes" - Austin (2CA)
- "The first round was really close!" - Orlando (2T)
- "People made really cool paper planes and they had a really good try" - Lucas (2T)
- "We gave our paper planes a name and we labelled the different parts of the picture" - Matilda (2CA)
- "The plane race was really fun!" - Alma (2T)
- "It was a really close game and everyone tried their hardest" - Tyler (2CA)

### A NEW LOOK!

If you have walked past the Prep and Grade 1 rooms in the last few days, you will have noticed that many bushes and a tree have been removed.



This work is part of a major improvement plan in this area. During the school holidays the larger areas will have synthetic grass installed on them and the smaller areas will be replanted. Soon the timber work will be painted. These new areas will provide students with more open space to play. In time new aluminium seats will be installed under the windows of the classrooms.

Ongoing improvements around the school, both inside and out, provide safer and more attractive facilities for all of the community to enjoy, which in turn develops a real sense of pride in the school.

### AND ON THE OTHER SIDE:

Outside classrooms 5-8 (Grades 2 & 3 / 4) you may have also noticed that these garden beds have been cleared of the old woody plants and replaced with new attractive ones. Mulch has also been put in these gardens. They look very attractive and this work (undertaken by Scott our Grounds Manager) has made another huge improvement to the look of our school grounds.



### 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 last 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 - at the latest by next Thursday!

Passports will be distributed next week.

### OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

There will be an opportunity for students to come to school out of uniform on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 towards supporting the work of Chaplains in Schools in Sunbury.

### END OF TERM DISMISSAL:

Students will be dismissed from school at 2.30pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June for the end of Term 2. School will resume on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**Alan Fairweather**

**Principal**

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### Term Dates for 2017

**Term 2:** 18<sup>th</sup> April (Tuesday) to 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 17<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**Term 4:** 9<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au)**

### Payments & Reminders:

Grades 5-6: Camp Wilkin Payments: Final balance \$225.00 due by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

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

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nicole Huybers, Taryn Maiolo
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Nicole Huybers, Vanessa Radclyffe
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED - END OF TERM!</b>



**NEW COMMUNICATION APP!**

**Notice to android phone users!**

**There is a continued issue regarding androids not receiving alerts. Hopefully this will be resolved by the end of this week.**

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 with the following fields and labels:

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

Buttons: Clear, Submit



# 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](http://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>



## Keyboard lessons On School Campus!



### Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

P: 1300 362 824 E: [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

# **SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE**

**\$5.00 per item**

**Summer Dresses**

**Sizes- 16-18**

**Boys Shorts**

**Sizes- 4,8,14,16,18,20**

**Girls Shorts**

**Sizes- 4,6,8,16,18,20,22,24**

**Jackets**

**Sizes- 18, 20, 22**

**Windcheaters**

**Sizes- 14,16,18,20**

**Track Pants**

**Sizes- 14.16.20**

**Polo Shirts**

**Short Sleeve**

**Sizes- 20, 22, 24**

**Polo Shirts**

**Long Sleeve**

**Sizes- 16,18,22,24**

**Skivvies**

**Sizes- 12, 14**