



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
30 th					1 st July	2 nd
<p>TOMMORROW</p> <p>2018 Prep Enrolment Forms due back!</p> <p>END OF TERM 2.30pm DISMISSAL</p> <p>CANTEEN CLOSED</p> <p>OUT OF UNIFORM DAY</p> <p><i>Tomorrow morning is the last chance to buy a Gnome Passport (\$10) and school uniforms (\$5).</i></p> <p><u>Strictly cash sales ONLY!</u></p>						
<p>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</p> <p>Gnome Hunt Begins!</p>						
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
31 st Life Education Van School Council 6.30pm	1 st August Life Education Van	2 nd Life Education Van	3 rd Life Education Van	4 th Prep Activity Night 5pm-7pm	5 th	6 th
7 th	8 th	9 th PUPIL FREE DAY	10 th 2018 Preps PMP Sessions	11 th Grades 1-2 Activity Night	12 th	13 th



HUGE THANKYOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all members of the Goonawarra school community – the staff, students and parents for all that is contributed to the life of the school, by so many. This Term has certainly been a busy one with so much happening!

Thank you to the staff for all they contribute on a daily basis, week in, week out. Planning, organising, creating, delivering, assisting, nurturing, supporting and encouraging are all part of a teacher's daily work.

Thank you to the students for their efforts, attitudes, commitment, friendship and eagerness to learn. They are all unique and have many different learning styles and interests.

Thank you to all the parents who support our students and school in so many ways. The help and assistance that all parents provide to their children out of school hours is of tremendous benefit. The added assistance that many parents contribute to helping staff in so many ways is of wonderful support. Parents are also very active on committees such as School Council and the Parents & Friends Group.

Tomorrow marks the end of my sixth year and my current contract as Principal of Goonawarra PS. Throughout all this time I have appreciated, and have constantly been inspired by, all that occurs here on a daily basis. All parts of the school – staff, students and parents, work so well together for a common purpose – creating learning opportunities for all students. To this, I say thank you to everyone. You are all doing a fantastic job!

As next Term commences so does my new contract. As satisfying and rewarding as the last six years have been, there are many new areas to explore and develop. This applies to teacher effectiveness and professional development, student learning and outcomes as well as parent and community involvement at a greater level.

I encourage everyone to move forward, embrace the changes and work together towards building the most effective community learning environment we can possibly attain.

I am excited about the future. I hope you are too. All things are possible!

MID YEAR STUDENT REPORTS:

Student midyear reports were distributed last Friday. I trust that families found them both interesting and informative. In the case where families require a second copy (for an additional parent), please contact the classroom teacher or the office.

PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

Parent and Teacher Discussions were held yesterday for 75% of our students. From all accounts these were very worthwhile meetings.

If parents missed the discussions, or would like other opportunities in the future to meet with a staff member, please contact them directly or through the office. A suitable time will be found for the discussion.

THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to All our fantastic teachers

Our teachers provide opportunities for their students to learn and grow in the classroom on a daily basis. In addition to this calling, teachers need to keep communication lines open with parents to ensure that everyone is on the same page. Yesterday, our Parent and Teacher Discussions were held. These discussions provide the opportunity for parents and teachers to come together in a positive way that results in everyone working together with the student's best interests as a priority. The discussion provides invaluable feedback on a student's academic, emotional, social and physical development, as well as providing an insight into the student's class interactions. Each one of our wonderful teachers do a great deal of planning and preparation for each student's discussion with their parent/guardian to ensure that the three-way partnership (between teacher, parent/guardian and student) that exists in a child's journey through school continues to be a positive one. Thank you teachers for all the hard work that you put into the Parent and Teacher discussions, in addition to the excellent effort that has been given to teaching each of your students over the first half of this year. You all do an amazing job in providing our students with the opportunity to learn and grow, not only academically, but also as people. THANK YOU!!!

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS - THE GNOMES ARE COMING!

The excitement is building – the Gnomes are on their way – only 2 more sleeps – will you be able to find them? Two weeks to find where they are hiding!

Tomorrow is your last chance to purchase your Gnome Passport from school.

The passports cost \$10 each. The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt in 25 local shops will be happening during the 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!

All Passports will be distributed by tomorrow.

Throughout the holidays additional Passports will be available from –

- Sunbury Information Centre near the Police Station
- Goonawarra General Store (Betty's shop)

A NEW LOOK!

If you have walked past the Prep and Grade 1 rooms in the last week, 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. Shade sails may also be installed at a later date.

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.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

There will be an opportunity for students to come to school out of uniform tomorrow – 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.



This morning many students, parents and staff enjoyed breakfast supplied free from the Communi - Tea Caravan!

The caravan is an initiative of the Sunbury Community Health Centre and the Goonawarra Neighbourhood House.

An opportunity will be available again tomorrow morning to enjoy breakfast again! Many thanks to all involved for this great community building idea!



PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

Can all families who have a child commencing school next year, please return enrolment forms by tomorrow.

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

READINGS CINEMA SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAM:

Readings Cinema in Sunbury are offering all families vouchers to hand in at the box office when they purchase a ticket. Each voucher earns the school 1 point and an accumulation of 11 points gives the school a free movie ticket. All tickets received by the Parents & Friends Committee will be used in future fundraising events such as the GOON A WARRIOR.

These vouchers will be handed out with this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY:

If you would like to create a tax deductible opportunity for yourself before June 30th (TOMORROW), please head to the following link and pledge a donation to financially support the Chaplaincy role at Goonawarra PS:

<http://www.accessministries.org.au/chaplains/donate-to-chaplaincy>

In the box asking for the 'Name of school or Chaplaincy support group' **PLEASE ENSURE YOU SPECIFY 'Goonawarra Primary School'** as the school you wish to support.

Payments & Reminders:

Whole school Life Education Van: \$9.00 due by Wednesday 19th July.

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

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 30 th June	CANTEEN CLOSED - END OF TERM



NEW COMMUNICATION APP!

Notice to android phone users!

There is a continued issue regarding androids not receiving alerts. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.

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

