



# 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
24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> Life Education Van	27 <sup>th</sup> Life Education Van	28 <sup>th</sup> Life Education Van	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
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>	4 <sup>th</sup> Prep Activity Night 5pm-7pm	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> 2018 Preps PMP Sessions 9.15am-10am 10.15am-11am	11 <sup>th</sup> Grades 1-2 Activity Night	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
14 <sup>th</sup> First Aid in Schools	15 <sup>th</sup> First Aid in Schools	16 <sup>th</sup> Book Fair Preview	17 <sup>th</sup> Book Fair 8.30am-9am	18 <sup>th</sup> Book Fair 8.30am-9am	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>

### THE GNOMES - THEY CAME - THEY WENT!

Following the anticipation, came the challenge and the search!

Now it is time for the gnomes to have a rest and for all participating students to return their completed Passports to school.

All Passports will go into the draw for one of 30 great prizes from local businesses.

This year six other Sunbury schools joined us in the Gnome Hunt.

Thank you to the members of the Parents & Friends for organising this great event!

A BIG thank you to our sponsors of the Gnome Hunt:

Lisa Saddington Photography	Kids Threads & Trends	Michelle's Facepainting	DiCaprio Family Restaurant
Infinity Wellness	Sue Borg - Independent Scentsy Consultant	Auto Barn	Bunnings
Cartridge World	Collins Books	Donut King	Elusive Style
Flight Centre	Foodworks	Good Guys	Goonawarra General Store
Hair Unleashed	Hungry's Café	Intersport	Just Planet
Kents Butchers	NewsXpress	Pet Barn	Prouds
Q Box	Spot on Shoe Repairs	Sunbury Information Centre	Total Tools
Toyworld	Trickstar & Co	Vics	

The next Parents & Friends activity is the Father's Day Stall on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER!

As you walk around the Prep - Grade One area you will notice the huge change in the landscape!

The tired garden beds have been replaced with new synthetic grass sections. This change has created more play space for students and has given a fresh, clean look to the playground.



The rocks that were around the garden beds have been relocated to make pathways at the front entrance of the school.

## GRADE 6:

Today marks 100 Days until our Grade 6 students finish primary school. They look forward to many exciting events in the next two terms. Here are some of their thoughts:

*I am looking forward to camp and spending time with my friends. It will be great! - Dylan*

*I am looking forward to spending time with the GREAT teachers at Goonawarra Primary School - Jaicee*

*Camp will be amazing! The giant swing will be so much fun! - Trinity*

*Popping balloons with confetti and doing special activities just for Grade 6 students will be fun - Jet*

*I have loved being a buddy and look forward to our buddy barbeque morning with the Grade Prep students - Will*



## PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, the school received a sizable government grant of \$328,000 to repair and improve the buildings and grounds.

The grant amount was based on the projected costs of work as identified in an audit of the school facilities.

The tender process for the projects close today. Over the next few weeks the work will be assigned to various companies and should commence this Term.

It is envisaged that all the work will be completed by the end of this year.

If the tenders come in under budget, there is a list of other projects that will be possible to undertake.

This is a great opportunity for the school facilities to be improved.

## WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

Today marks the start of the last 100 days of primary school for our 47 Grade Six students. Each school day for the rest of the year will include an activity designed to highlight and celebrate this occasion.

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, the Preps will celebrate their first 100 days of primary school! (This only leaves another 1,300 days until they graduate!)

There will be a special time at Assembly on this day plus activities in their classrooms. The Prep staff will notify families of this fun and memorable event.

## WORDMANIA!

All students from Grade 1-6 have been registered for Word Mania which is an Australian wide competition involving making words from given letters. It is like an electronic version of the game Boggle. The students all have a log on card with a user name and password which allows them to play the game at home as well as at school. It is a lot of fun and a great opportunity for you to play a word game with your children. The official competition starts at the end of the month but games can be played at home and school in preparation. Individuals, grades and schools compete for points and you can check results on a constantly updated Leader board. Each year when we participate there is great excitement as students try to better their results. We look forward to seeing our students enjoying Word Mania again this year.

## PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

All enrolment forms for next year's Preps need to be submitted as soon as possible.

The first of the five Transition Days for Preps will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August. The session will focus on physical activities in the gym.

At this stage there are two sessions available. One at 9.30am and the other at 10.15am. Please contact the office to book in a time.

If our enrolment numbers continue to increase, a third session may be required.

## DAD'S BIG DAY OUT:

To provide all Dads, Grandpas, Pas, Pops, uncles and other significant male role models in a child's life an opportunity to join them in some activities at school, our traditional Dad's Big Day Out is on again this year. We endeavour to make this day on a tradies RDO close to Father's Day. This year we have chosen Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please put this date in your diary.

### STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:

The mid- year SSG's will be held on Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Parents of students who have an ILP are able to book an interview time for an appointment on any of those days through the online system we use for our other parent teacher interviews. To access the site you need to log on to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au). The log on code is **bmjhr**. You will be able to make bookings until 3.30 on Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see Michele Pinti if you have any questions about the process.

**Alan Fairweather**  
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### Term Dates for 2017

**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.

Grades 5-6: Beauty and the Beast: \$4.00 due by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Nicole Huybers, Hannah Day, Angela McDonald
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicole Huybers, Emma Newton

### NEW COMMUNICATION APP! DOWNLOAD IT TODAY!



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 won mobile number.**

## Goonawarra Classifieds

**Grandpa Lemons**  
30th July 1 - 4pm  
37 Belleview Drive  
Jacksons Hill Sunbury

Lemons 50c Each  
OR  
5 Lemons for \$2

7 Year Old Tahlija Is Donating All Proceeds To The  
**Royal Children's Hospital Foundation**

at Grandpa Lemons

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# Exciting reasons to keep saving with School Banking.

Welcome back to school for Term 3. It's great to see School Bankers showing continued saving efforts through the first half of the year.

## Don't miss out on the Grand Prize competition ending this term

To be in the running for a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland, children need to make 15 or more School Banking deposits between 23 January 2017 and the end of Term 3.

## New reward items available in Term 3

After making 10 School Banking deposits, children can now choose to redeem the Smiley Emoji Keyring or the Volt Handball.

## Keep track of savings and tokens with the CommBank Youth app

To help enhance the financial education of children, we've introduced the CommBank Youth app, available on any iOS 9.0+ device from the App Store. This innovative banking app gives kids hands-on experience in learning real-life money skills in a safe and fun digital environment. It also provides a new way for School Bankers to keep track of their Dollarmites tokens.

### PLUS EXCITING GAMES TO PLAY AND PRIZES TO WIN

On Monday 14 August 2017 we will be launching an exciting School Banking competition with prizes to win and an incredible game experience. Your school will receive more details soon, so stay tuned.

More information about CommBank's School Banking program and the CommBank Youth app is available at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Competition is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only with parent/guardian permission, who have an active CBA Youthsaver account and participating in CBA's School Banking program. Competition starts 23/1/17 and ends 11/5/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw takes place at 13/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12pm AEDT 11/10/17. Winner's details published in The Australian 17/10/17. Prize details: 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTPS/16/07099; ACT TP16/01759; SA 116/1590.