



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
OUT OF UNIFORM DAY - TOMORROW					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	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 9.15am-10am 10.15am-11am	11 th Grades 1-2 Activity Night	12 th	13 th
14 th First Aid in Schools	15 th First Aid in Schools	16 th Book Fair Preview	17 th Book Fair 8.30am-9am	18 th Book Fair 8.30am-9am	19 th	20 th
21 st Bookweek	22 nd	23 rd Grades 3-4 Science Incursion	24 th Grades 3-4 Science Incursion	25 th	26 th	27 th

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

Tomorrow, the 28th July is Casual Clothes Day. This month the gold coin donations the students bring will be given to **Care Works** support services. Care Works is a local service, which assists individuals, families, youth or aged people living in our area. They are located in Macedon St, Sunbury.

Some of the services that Care Works provide are the provision of food hampers, food vouchers, Christmas hampers and prepared meals for emergency situations. They provide a helping hand to people needing support during a financial emergency, support youth to link into services within the area. They provide and deliver fresh produce and bread to the elderly and assist those who have difficulty getting to shops. There are also staff at Care Works who will listen and allow people to be heard. Please bring your gold coin to support Care Works.

100 UP!

Next Monday the Preps will celebrate their first 100 days of primary school! There will be a special time at Assembly on this day plus activities in their classrooms. All Prep families and friends are warmly invited to attend this special milestone in the school life of our Preps.



The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is back again. To support our school to earn new educational resources simply shop at Woolworths and receive one Earn and Learn sticker for every \$10.00 spent. Sticker sheets can be collected from the school. Once your sheet is filled, bring it to the school and we will add it to our online total. The more stickers, the more resources will be coming our way.

The program has just begun and will end on Tuesday 19th September 2017.

THE GNOMES - THE RESULTS!

Thank you to all families who participated in The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt. Six other Sunbury schools also took part this year. All our sponsors provided great prizes for the contestants.

At Assembly on Monday, the prize winning Passports were drawn from a barrel.

Prizes went to students from many schools:

Goonawarra PS 14 prizes

Sunbury PS 9 prizes

Sunbury West PS 5 prizes

Killara PS 2 prizes

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.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS:

Each day there is a lunchtime Club for students to attend for a half an hour. Some Clubs are in the Library where students can complete work, use the computers, read and draw. There are also Clubs held in the Wellbeing Hub where students can build structures, play with toys, do calm colouring or draw. There are Clubs involving sports in the gym. Some Clubs are open to everyone and others are for a particular grade level for example grade 2 Club in the Hub on Mondays. Some of the students who attended Clubs this week have written about what they like to do.

I like to come in and do drawing. I like going on Cool Maths on the computer. Ashley 2Ca

I like coming in to draw, read and I like trying to make my own book. Aisha 2T

The best part about coming into the library is reading books. Gracie 2T

I like mostly drawing and also playing on the computers. Charlotte 1L

The best thing about coming into the library at lunchtime is playing on the computers. Tahlia 1L.

I like coming into the library, sitting on a chair and reading while everyone else is doing their own thing. Briony 6HF.

I like coming into the Library Club to do work because I like finishing my work on time. Trinity 6F

I like doing drawings and playing with the toys in the Prep Club. Charlie Prep C

I like going to Prep Club so I can have time to do drawings at lunchtime with other preps. Chloe Prep C.

The best thing about lunchtime Clubs is going on the computers. I like playing Awesome Tanks. Patrick 2 Co.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and will only take about **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time between **Monday 7th August** and **Sunday 27th August**. This is the first time the survey has been conducted online.

Parents of 30% of our students (120) will be randomly selected from the school computer data base and invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

If you are selected, you will be notified next week. If you are selected, it is vitally important that you complete the survey. The information gained from the responses will help shape the future direction of the school.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September.

LEAVE:

Starting next Monday, I will be taking a few week's leave, therefore I will not be at school. In my absence, Mrs Carla Cropley will assume the role of Acting Principal. At the same time, Mrs Michele Pinti will become the Acting Assistant Principal. I will be back on Monday 4th September.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN:

Every second year the school engages the services of the Life Education Van to deliver a health and life skills program to our students across the school. These programs are educational and very informative to all.

The topics to be covered this year are:

Preps - My Body Matters

Grade 1 - Friendship

Grade 2 - Safety Rules

Grades 3/4 - All Systems Go

Grades 5/6 -Decisions

A session will also be held in the Van for all interested parents following Assembly on Monday 7th August.

PREPS 2018 INFORMATION:

The first of the five Transition Days for Preps will be held on Thursday, 10th August. The session will focus on physical activities in the gym. Please phone the office to confirm a place for your child.

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, 4th September. Please put this date in your diary.

**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 own mobile number.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:

The mid- year SSG's will be held on Thursday August 3rd, Monday August 7th and Tuesday August 8th. 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. The log on code is **bmjhr**. You will be able to make bookings until 3.30 on Monday August 2nd. Please see Michele Pinti if you have any questions about the process.

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Term Dates for 2017

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 25th August.

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

Overdue Subject Contributions. Payments to be made as soon as possible.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 28 th July	Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid & Nicole Brown
Monday 31 st July	Nicole Huybers, Emma Newton

Chickenpox: We have been notified that we have a reported case of chickenpox in the Grade 3-4 area. Chickenpox is an illness that comes on suddenly. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, fatigue and a general rash. Chickenpox is spread by coughing and contact with the moist rash. Use medicines containing paracetamol to lower children's temperatures or relieve discomfort. Chickenpox is highly contagious and **children with chickenpox, must be excluded from school until fully recovered or for at least 5 days after the eruption first appears.**

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