



Goonawarra 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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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
4 th Aug	5 th Aug ICAP - Grs 5/6	6 th Aug Footsteps Dance Prog - Grs 5/6	7 th Aug	8 th Aug 2015 Prep P.E. Session.	9 th Aug	10 th Aug
11 th Aug	12 th Aug	13 th Aug NO SCHOOL Pupil Free Day	14 th Aug	15 th Aug	16 th Aug	17 th Aug
18 th Aug School Council Meeting at 6:30pm.	19 th Aug ICAP Grades 5/6	20 th Aug Book Fair Preview Footsteps Dance Program Grades 5/6.	21 st Aug BOOK FAIR 8:30 - 9:00am	22 nd Aug BOOK FAIR 8:30 - 9:00am	23 rd Aug	24 th Aug

'Creating Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.'

Dear Parents, Teachers & Students,

100 DAYS OF PREPS!:

On Monday, the Preps celebrated their first 100 days of school! They sang, read poems and performed at Assembly and then had loads of fun in their classrooms with activities based around '100'. Cupcakes and balloons were also involved!



Goonawarra

Primary School

THE VALUE OF PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM:

Commencing next Friday, we begin a five step Transition Program for next year's Preps. Each month throughout the rest of the year a different activity has been organised for the 50 plus pre-schoolers.

Next Friday, 8th August, they will be having fun in the gym with much of the PMP equipment. Other sessions will include activities in the Art Room, Library, Classroom and finally in their new grades with next year's teacher.

The purpose of the whole Transition Program is to familiarise the children with the school environment so that they feel comfortable and relaxed with the staff, other children and the surroundings.

We want them to go into the Christmas break feeling confident that they 'know' their school, their teacher and their class mates - no nerves or anxious feelings - just excitement for the school year to commence!

As the year progresses the current Grade Five students will be spending time at the Sunningdale Preschool



Centre building strong relationships with the children. These children will be matched up to become Prep – Grade 6 Buddies next year.

Towards the end of this year all students in other grade levels will also be undertaking an expanded Transition Program as they prepare to move up to the next level.

NEWS FROM THE STAFFROOM:

The dedicated staff members at Goonawarra are currently developing their own individual Performance and Development Plans. Within these plans each member will be outlining the areas of their profession in which they would like to know more and in which to improve.

The four Dimensions that are being covered are -

- Student Outcomes
- Professional Knowledge
- Professional Practice
- Professional Engagement

Staff members are always endeavouring to build on their teaching skills which in turn, will have a great impact on student learning. There is a strong bond of team work amongst the staff, they are constantly learning from each other and ongoing improvement is very evident.

WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE HILL?

You may have noticed large mounds of mulch being placed on the hill between the senior building and the original building. **WHY?**

Due to the great work of Jane Alexander (school parent) we have been fortunate to receive a grant from Landcare to establish a sensory garden with seats and pathways in this area. There will be plants that can stimulate the senses of touch, taste, smell as well as being interesting to observe.

This project is a work in progress. Keep watching as it develops! We will be asking for parent assistance along the way in the areas of designing, landscaping, path edging, post hole diggers, wacker plates, spreading mulch, installing seats and planting the plants.

The concept sounds great, now let's make it happen - together!

PUPIL FREE DAY:

On Wednesday, 13th August there will be a Pupil Free Day at school. All staff will be undertaking a full day First Aid (Level 2) Training session. Having all staff qualified will be a great asset on camps, excursions and around the school in general. It will equip staff with the necessary skills to assist students when required. There is no school for students on this day. Contact EXTEND if you are interested in child care on this day.

TUI SUPPORT:

Tomorrow is the last day that raffle tickets will be available to assist Tui participate in the National

Primary School's Rugby Championship in Wollongong NSW in August.

The tickets, which are available at the front office for \$2.00 each, offer some great prizes including a \$22,685 Swift GL car, \$10,000 worth of travel vouchers, TVs and white goods.

IT'S A LONG WAY TO THE END:

Thank you to everyone who took an interest in the exploits of Ben our School Chaplain and myself participating in the **The Age Run Melbourne ½ Marathon** (21 kms) event last weekend. We both made it in better times than we expected. Ben made it in 1 hr 34 mins and I took 2 hrs 14 mins (a PB for both of us!)

PARENT OPINION SURVEY:

If your family was one of the 49 who received a Parent Opinion Survey last week, can you please complete it and return it by next Monday, 4th August.

The survey is specifically designed by the Education Department (DEECD) to ascertain the opinion of the parent community on a whole range of school related areas. 49 families represent 15% of the school population. The office computer generates a random data base of the selected names.

It is essential that all of the surveys be completed and returned so that a true and accurate understanding of the current feelings of the community are obtained.

This information will be analysed and used to guide the future directions of the school.

If you do receive a survey please spend time and complete it. You are investing in the future of your children.

Follow up phone calls will be undertaken to remind families to return the survey by the due date.

In the past the return rate has been approximately 65%. This small group does not give an accurate assessment of the wider school community's opinion. A 100% return is what we hope to achieve this year.

DOES ANYONE HAVE AN IDEA?

The area outside the Library, Art Room and Canteen is in need of a face lift. Many of the pavers are sinking due to soil movement underneath them. The wooden sleepers in the seating area are rotting and becoming unstable.

Do we repair, replace, modernise or start again with a new design?

Whatever is undertaken needs to be safe, practical, aesthetically pleasing, attractive and affordable.

I encourage you to check out this area, think about what could be achieved and come and have a chat with me with your ideas.

2015 PREPS:

Tours for 2015 Preps can still be arranged. Contact the office to make an appointment. Let your friends know. The Transition programs are about to commence and it would be beneficial for all children who may possibly enrol to attend. Also the number of staff required for next year will need to be finalised shortly.

FREE TABLE:

There is a spare teachers table in good order that is no longer required at school. It measures 1500mm X 700mm. It would be great for a home office, student desk or solid work bench in the shed. It is free and needs to go! It is currently in the corridor near the main office. First in



HELP NEEDED:

- Several sections of roof guttering need cleaning from a buildup of leaves. Safe ladders are available.

- Paths around the school need constant sweeping. Can you help? Brooms supplied! If you can assist with any of these tasks, please contact the office.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
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PLAY GROUPS:

Play Groups for 0 – 5 year olds and their parents operate in Room 12 (next to the gym) every **Tuesday** between 10am – 12pm and **Thursday** between 1 – 4pm. Contact the school for more information – **9744 7137**

Term Dates for 2014:

Term 3: 14th July to 19th September
Term 4: 6th October to 19th December

Term Dates for 2015:

Term 1: All students commence on Thursday 29th Jan to 27th March.
Term 2: 13th April to 26th June
Term 3: 13th July to 18th September
Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

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Extend OSHC at Goonawarra Primary School

This week the children have enjoyed decorating biscuits with icing they made themselves. In Art we made our own scratch art, we had a large number of children participate in this activity and their work will be displayed on our wall soon.

Our Extend Superstar for the week is: Jennifer C. or: her great attitude and her friendly nature.

Monday, 8th: Cooking- Apple Muffins
Tuesday 9th: ICT lab & craft in our room
Wednesday, 10th: ^{SCIENCE}: Burping Bags
Thursday, 11th: Ball games in the Gym
Friday, 12th: Scavenger Hunt



Kids Club Art Competition! Win a Luna Park Family Pass!

Calling all Extend kids!
Enter now to be in the running to win a Luna Park Family Pass.

Theme: "My Cultural Tradition"

To enter: Create a piece of Artwork then visit our website at extend.com.au to upload and submit your entry.

The top 5 winning entries selected in each year level category will be uploaded onto our website for online voting!

Don't miss out! Enter today!

Entries close: Friday 8 August, 2014.

For further information and competition terms visit the Kids Club Competition page at extend.com.au

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

WANTED – ART ROOM:

List of things needed in the Art room:

Wool, Ice-cream containers with lids, square plastic bread ties.

Thank you, Sonja.

Goonawarra Classifieds

MYTHS & LEGENDS

34 Aitken Street, Gisborne

The Fairy Shop

Storytime

Everyone gets a wish

Saturday, 2nd August 2:30 – 3:30pm.

1 hour of magic, fun games, stories, fairy treats, face painting and wish in the Magic Forest, Secret Garden and Disco room with a fairy!

To book phone: 5428 4802

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 - Our Fitness On Request 24 hour class program.
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Car Detailing from \$25 outside only:

- Mobile car detailing
- Seat & carpet shampoo
- Cut & polish
- Paint and panel repair

Gardening Services from \$25:

- Light tree pruning
- Lawn mowing and edging
- Small hedge trimming

Also weeding, garden clean ups, ride on mower, rubbish removal, laying of decorative pebbles / toppings.

Call for a competitive quote

Fully insured, work safe approved.

See my work on facebook.

Goonawarra Neighbourhood House

Fundraising Event 2014

"Tartan Tours"

Saturday, 6th September

Phone: 9740-6627

\$55.00 per person.

RSVP by 30th July with payment

2 course restaurant meal with a glass of wine, home baked morning and afternoon tea, water, lollies, raffle prizes, shopping bag & fun fun fun!

ANYTIME FITNESS

2 Horne Street, Sunbury

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Personal & Professional

We look forward to sharing with you.....

- Our first class Health Club here in Sunbury.
- The latest Fitness equipment both cardio & strength
- The steps and tips to getting started