



# 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
<b>Prep Activity Night - TOMORROW NIGHT!</b> 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 5pm-7.30pm	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>
21 <sup>st</sup> Bookweek Dress Up Day	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Grades 3-4 Science Incursion	24 <sup>th</sup> Grades 3-4 Science Incursion	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> P-2 Science Works Excursion	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup> Father's Day Stall	1 <sup>st</sup> September Sunbury Schools Summer Lightning Premiership	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August is a student free day.** No student will be required at school. On this day, our staff will be completing a range of Professional Learning including First Aid Level 2 Training as well as curriculum development.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> August** and **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 our school.

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

### PREP ACTIVITY NIGHT

The Preps are very much looking forward to their Activity Night this Friday 4th August from 5-7pm. Students will participate in a range of engaging activities as well receive dinner. Families will not be required to stay for the activity night however will need to sign their children in and out. It is a pyjama themed night, so all students are encouraged to come in their pjs! The cost for the evening is \$4, it's not too late to pay.

### GRADE 1 and 2 ACTIVITY NIGHT

The Grade 1/2 Activity session will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August from 5pm- 7:30pm. Students will play party games and then enjoy a sausage sizzle dinner. After dinner, students will be watching a movie and enjoying some yummy treats. It is a pyjama party themed night, so all students are encouraged to come in their pjs!

### 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



On Monday our Preps celebrated being 100 days smarter on their 100th day of school! One hundred days is a big milestone when you're little. The Preps participated in many activities throughout the day including a special presentation at Assembly, counting, writing, decorating biscuits and determining what they think they will look like at 100.



### THANK YOU!!!

#### A BIG THANK YOU to **Miss Amber Parmley**

Amber is one of our wonderful grade 3/4 class teachers who provides opportunities every day for our middle year students to learn and grow on a daily basis.

In addition to being a classroom teacher, Amber also organises and coordinates the Life Education van visit to our school. During the past week, every student in our school has had the opportunity to visit the Life Education van. Each class has taken part in a relevant session where the students have learnt about making safe and healthy choices for their lives - not just now, but in the future too. During the sessions, students develop strategies and practice skills to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

The sessions have included topics such as food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cybersafety, safety with medicine and legal drugs, tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

Thank you Amber for all your hard work in organising the Life Education van to visit our school and ensuring that our students are able to make good choices so as to live safe and healthy lives. You're a star!

### ITALIAN:

To complete their studies on Toys and Movement, children from Prep - 2 made Pinocchio puppets in Italian, with the Preps being the last group to finish them this term. All children were very enthusiastic in the making of the puppets, even though they were challenging and time consuming. There were several stages to the projects which including cutting and pasting, the use of split pins and attaching the strings with masking tape. The process was the focus, rather than the end product itself, with children encouraged to complete each stage by themselves. It is always a valuable exercise tying the focus in Italian to the themes being covered in class. As well as looking at puppets as toys and their movement, we also named body parts in Italian as an extension. Class teachers provided a great support during the making of the puppets - thank you. This term, once again to compliment work covered in class, Italian sessions are focussed on the weather and the four seasons. Songs, games, written tasks and illustrating, as well as lots of discussion will be undertaken.



### BOUNCE BACK:

Each class is involved in a half hour session of Bounce Back a week. Bounce Back teaches us ways to get a long and be resilient. There are some comments below which show some of the positive things students have learnt in their Bounce Back sessions -:

*In Bounce Back, we learn about being good friends and also how to help each other. Indy 1MC*

*In Bounce Back, we learn about how to be good friends and not fight with each other all the time. Grace 1MC*

*In Bounce Back, we are learning about being responsible. I like learning about the truth. Hudson Prep I*

*Bounce Back helps me to take my time. Jackson 2Co*

*We do drawings and plays in Bounce Back. Breeanna 3/4P*

*I like how Bounce Back teaches you how to interact with others. Ashlea 6F*

### 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.

### PREPS 2018 TRANSITION:

Moving from kindergarten to primary school can be an exciting but challenging time in your child's life. Children who make a positive start to school are more likely to:

- feel comfortable, relaxed and valued
- feel excited and motivated to learn
- have good relationships with others
- develop a sense of belonging within the school community.

Starting school is not just about the first day. It's a process that begins when children and families start to prepare in the year before, and continues as children experience their first days, weeks and months of school.

The first of the five Transition Days for Preps will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August with two session times. Session 1: 9:15-10:00am and Session 2: 10:15-11:00am. The session will focus on physical activities in the gym. There are still places available for Session 2. Please phone the office to confirm a place for your child.

### BOOK WEEK 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Each year across Australia, The Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating Book Week. During this time schools and libraries celebrate Australian children's literature.



We look forward to the announcement of the (CBCA) winners for 2017. To see which books have made it to the Shortlist and Notables list go to:

<https://cbca.org.au>

One of the Ways we will celebrate is with a **DRESS UP DAY** and parade on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Dress up as one of your favourite book characters.



**The Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the library on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of August between 8:30am - 9:00am.**

All parents have the opportunity to buy **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 9am through to 2pm.** *These will be backorder sales only, as we need to keep the shelves stocked for the sales on Thursday and Friday for the students.*


Students will preview the books on sale on Wednesday with their grades. The Book Fair will be available to the Kindergarten on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August between 9:30am and 2pm.

If you have any questions or requests please contact Sue Lavars at the school.

### NUT FREE

Please be aware that within our classes we have some students with severe allergies to food items. A common allergy is to peanuts and tree nuts, which affects an increasing number of the population. These life threatening or anaphylactic reactions can occur not only by ingesting food containing nuts but also by being near a child eating the foods or coming in contact with them.

In order to safeguard the health of all of our students we ask that you avoid sending items containing nuts with your child to school and instead save those items for outside of school hours. We appreciate your understanding.

 **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.**

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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)



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.

#### Payments & Reminders:

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

Grades 3-4: Hands On Science: \$14.00 due by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Grades 1-2: Activity Night: \$4.00 due by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

Prep - 2: Scienceworks Excursion: \$16.00 due by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Nicole Huybers, Tricia Smillie, Janine Fisher
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna

**Chickenpox:** We have been notified that we have a reported case of chickenpox in the Grade 1/2 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.**

## Goonawarra Classifieds

*Kids United invite you and your family  
to an afternoon of fun and food*

# KIDS MASTERCHEF

11th of August | 3:45-5:30 PM | St. Mary's Hall  
9 O'Shanassy St, Sunbury

For more information:  
[laurapaulestmarysanglican.org.au](http://laurapaulestmarysanglican.org.au)