



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 22 nd	SUN 23 rd	
BOOK FAIR LAST CHANCE TO BUY							
Tomorrow from 8.30 – 9.00am							
24 th Aug	25 th Aug	26 th Aug Sports Day for Preps – Gr 2.	27 th Aug	28 th Aug	29 th	30 th	
31 st Aug Whole School Literacy & Numeracy Activities ALSO Dad's Big Day Out!	1 st Sept Start wearing HATS! Slumber Party Activities at school for the whole family! 6.00 - 7.30pm.	2 nd Sept	3 rd Sept Father's Day Stall Preps 2016 Transition Day No. 2.	4 th Sept Summer Lightening Premiership Grs 5/6	5 th	6 th Happy Father's Day!	
7 th Sept Back up day Summer Lightening Premiership Grs 5/6	8 th Sept School Review Sunbury Downs Secondary School Production Grs 5/6	9 th Sept Grades 5/6 CAMP – Anglesea 	10 th Sept Grades 5/6 CAMP – Anglesea Rehearsal No.3 State School Spectacular	11 th Sept Gr/6 CAMP- Anglesea Prep-Gr2 Activity Night 5-7.30pm Rehearsal No. 4 State School Spectacular	12 th State School Spectacular	13 th	
14 th Sept	15 th Sept	16 th Sept	17 th Sept	18 th Sept Dress Up Day for Preps-Gr 2. Last day of Term. Dismiss at 2.30pm.	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!!		

Notice and Payment Reminders

Upper school Camp Wilkin final payments
due by 31/8/15

Upper school Camp Wilkin: Consent & medical
forms to be signed and returned.



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.

RESEARCH INVITATION:

Our parent community has been invited to take part in a research project to be conducted by RMIT University in partnership with The University of Queensland. The research project is titled 'Profiling the experiences of parents of children with and without disabilities.' If you would like more information on how to volunteer for this research, contact Karen Reilly.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK:

(31st August - 4th September)

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is quickly approaching. We have a number of events happening during this week. These include:

Spelling and Mathematics Challenges.

Whole school / whole week maths activity based around problem solving - Monday, 31st August - Friday, 4th September.

Whole school day with a dress up parade (Literacy & Numeracy theme) and rotational activities - Monday, 31st August.

A G.R.E.A.T. slumber party - Tuesday, 1st September.

Read for Australia combined with a book share time. Mr Fairweather will be reading the picture storybook **Banjo and Ruby Red** by Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood to the whole school - Tuesday, 1st September.

More information on all these events will follow in the next couple of weeks.

GREAT BOOK SWAP:

We have already begun to collect books for our Great Book Swap. We are asking that children bring to school a book they love but can bear to part with. These books will be collected in the library up until Friday, 28th August.



On the day of the Great Book Swap the children bring along a gold coin donation for the opportunity to choose a 'new' book from the books that have been donated.

We are now including books for adults as part of this book swap. If you have any novels at home that you have read and you would like to donate, drop them off at school library.

The Great Book Swap will be held on:

Thursday, 3rd September from 12:30 - 4:00pm

Friday, 4th September from 8:30 - 4:00pm

SO WHAT'S WITH THE SWAN?

As you move around Goonawarra you will be confronted with images of swans. There are pictures of swans at the winery, the golf course, the medical centre, the pharmacy and the school. So why is the oversized duck so popular?

The name "Goonawarra" means "resting place of black swan" in the local indigenous dialect. This name was used by James Goodall Francis who was both a businessman and a politician. He established the Goonawarra Vineyard in 1863.



Francis was born in London in 1819 and arrived in Hobart Tasmania aboard the "Sarah" by steerage class on 14 February 1835 at age 16. He joined a firm of merchants and soon became a successful businessman in his own right. He came to Victoria in 1853 to open a branch in Melbourne where his mercantile interests led to his election as President of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce in 1857. Two years later Francis won the legislative seat of Richmond, holding many portfolios before becoming Premier of Victoria in 1870. His ministry was notable for extending the rail network and, more enduringly, establishing the compulsory State education system that still exists today.

Ill health forced Francis to resign office in 1874 when he retired to his beloved Goonawarra Vineyard. (The old stone buildings next to DJ's Minigolf centre). He died in 1884. A staunch republican, Francis reputedly turned down the offer of a knighthood three times during his lifetime.

The Goonawarra Housing Estate as we know it today was developed in the 1980's. The shopping complex was built in 1982. The medical centre and pharmacy commenced on the current site in 1987. The school and the preschool centre also commenced in 1987 and the Goonawarra Neighbourhood House was opened in 1990.



Goonawarra Winery today.



An early "Goonawarra Vineyard" label from 1871



The label that is used today.

WORDMANIA:

Congratulations to all of the students in grades 1-6 who have been participating in Word Mania over the last three weeks. The final results have been calculated and our school has achieved excellent results.

In Round 1, Goonawarra PS came 2nd in Victoria and 6th in Australia. Josh C. came 4th nationally in the grade 5 competition.

In Round 2, Goonawarra PS came 8th in Victoria. Elizabeth C. came 5th nationally in the Grade 2 competition. Josh C. came 7th nationally in the grade 5 competition.

In Round 3, Goonawarra Primary School came 8th in Victoria. Elizabeth C. came 8th in the grade 2 national competition and Josh C. came 9th in the grade 5 national competition.

DAD'S BIG DAY OUT:

A date for the diary.

On Monday, 31st August, all Dad's, Grandad's and other significant males in the lives of our students are warmly welcome to drop in during this specific day. For some Tradies it is a RDO so we encourage Dads and others to come along and spend time with your children in their classrooms. There will be no egg and spoon races or three legged races to participate in, just an opportunity to see your child in their school environment. They will love it!! Put it in the diary now.

It is also the beginning of Literacy & Numeracy Week, so there will be lots of fun activities happening.

FATHER'S DAY STALL:

On Thursday, 3rd September the Parents & Friends have organised a wonderful selection of items for students to select presents for Father's Day. Students will have the opportunity to purchase items ranging in price from \$1 to \$12. If you have contacts with a business or shop that could donate additional items, please contact the office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Remember all profit raised goes to provide resources for all students.

CLEANING UP?

Are you just about to have a good clean out of bedroom cupboards and wardrobes, drawers, kitchen cupboards, the toy room etc? **Then wait!** The school is organising somewhere where you can place all the unwanted items!

Very soon all families will be notified of a way where everyone wins!

- Families get rid of unwanted items without going anywhere.
- Needy people, both here and overseas get items they would never have been able to afford.
- The school makes money for new projects.

More information will be sent home soon. Watch this space! Start cleaning up!

CAN YOU ASSIST US?

We are considering establishing vegetable gardens at school. The location would be where the portable building (science room) was positioned. The concept would be for about ten raised garden beds to be installed and a high cyclone fence built around the area. The garden beds could be large fruit bins or corrugated iron sheeting. If you have any contacts to assist with the garden beds or fencing, please contact the office.



Alan Fairweather
Principal

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Term Dates for 2015:

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Term Dates for 2016:

Term 1: Staff: Wed 27 January

Students: Thurs 28th January to 24 March.

Easter is the first weekend of the Term holidays.

Term 2: 11th April to 24th June

Term 3: 11th July to 16th September

Term 4: 3rd October to 20th 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



BOOKFAIR:

WHAT A FANTASTIC RESPONSE TO OUR BOOKFAIR!

Final sales will be from 8:30 to 9:00 tomorrow morning in the library. This is your last chance to buy from the Book Fair before it is returned to Scholastic. Sales will not be available after school tomorrow.

DECADES OF SONG:

Production this year will be a variety of famous songs from the decades of past and present. Each class and the school choir under the direction of their teacher will present a song and dance routine on the grassed area at the front of the school in the early evening. This will be a free community event where families may sit together on picnic rugs, enjoying a selection of treats provided by the Parents and Friends and of course your very own talented children. Stay tuned for further news about "Decades of Song" showcasing on Friday, 23rd October, 2015.

SCHOOL BANKING:

A Prize Portal from another dimension has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win one of hundreds of astronomical prizes. To activate the portal, students simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3. Then they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win prizes. GOOD LUCK!

CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund:

The Government funded CSEF is available to successful applicants to be used towards Camps, Excursions and Incursions only.

CSEF Applications remain open until 18th September. If you have a current Health Care Card valid from 13th April, 2015 you can apply (please see the office to fill in an application form. You must present you current card to be copied for verification).

If you have already applied for the Government Funded CSEF, funding has been made payable to the school. Please see the office if you wish to use this towards your child's incursion, excursion or camp.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 21 st August	Nicole Huybers, Emma Newton, Andrew Ouston
Wednesday 19 th August	Allison Crozier, Carly Ritchie

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