



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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BOOK FAIR - Friday, 22nd August from 8:30am - 9:00am in the Library

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
25 th Aug LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK! 'Dress Up Parade - EXPLORE!'	26 th Aug ICAP - Grs 5/6. Let's Explore Night - 6 - 7:30pm.	27 th Aug Shared Book Reading	28 th Aug	29 th Aug Science Works & Imax Grs 5/6 CASUAL CLOTHES DAY	30 th Aug	31 st Aug
1 st Sept Western Water Grs 5/6	2 nd Sept ICAP Grs 5/6	3 rd Sept PREP 2015 - Transition Day No. 2 - Art Session	4 th Sept Father's Day Stall	5 th Sept Summer Lightning Premiership. Prep - Gr 2 Activity Night.	6 th Sept	7 th Sept
8 th Western Water Grade 5/6 Dad's BIG Day Out!	9 th Sunbury Downs S.C. Production Grade 5/6.	10 th ICAP Grade 5/6 Footsteps Grade 5/6 E-Smart Family Night 6 - 7:30pm Grade 5/6.	11 th Special Choir morning with Jonathon Welch	12 th Golf @ school Grade 5/6	13 th	14 th
15 th School Council Meeting at 6:30pm.	16 th	17 th Footsteps Grade 5/6	18 th Rugby Gala Day	19 th END OF TERM - Dismissal at 2:30pm.	21 st P & F Bunnings BBQ.	

'Creating Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.'

Dear Parents, Teachers & Students,

LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK:

Commencing next Monday, 25th August the whole school will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week with a whole variety of exciting activities.



Goonawarra
Primary School

The theme for the week is 'Explore.'

On Monday, 25th August all students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite character along the theme of

'someone who explores places or things'. Assembly and a parade will be held in the hall commencing at 9am. Parents are most welcome to attend. During the day all students will participate in four activities based around literacy and numeracy. **On Tuesday 26th August between 6 - 7.30pm our 'Let's Explore Night' will be held.** Families are invited to come along and join in a great range of activities, together. See flyer which was sent home recently. **On Wednesday, 27th August morning about 9.15am we will participate in 'Read for Australia Day'.** Mrs Reilly

and myself will read the book 'Sunday Chutney' to the whole school.

Each class will be selecting their Maths & Spelling Champions throughout the week.

PORTABLE BUILDING UPDATE:

As previously mentioned in recent Newsletters the Education Department (DEECD) has decided that the portable classrooms currently being used for Science lessons and the Uniform Shop is required at another school.

As from Monday, 1st September the area around the portable building (inside and outside) will be fenced off. During the remaining three weeks of this Term (after the 1st Sept) there will be various tradesmen preparing the building for relocation as well as constructing a wall to fill in the gap in the corridor where the portable currently is.

TUI & RUGBY:

Last week Tui (Grade 6 student) was in Wollongong representing Victoria in the National Primary Schools' Rugby Competition. Here is his story

'On August the 8th I went to NSW (Wollongong) with my Mum to represent Victoria for the state rugby league team. We won 3 out of 6 games and Victoria finished 3rd out of all Australia. I was the Vice Captain and I scored two tries. It was an honour to represent Victoria in the state rugby team'.

By Tui.

UNIFORM SHOP - NEW LOCATION:

Due to the portable building being removed from the school, the Uniform Shop has been relocated to a room beside the hall / gym, near the Prep rooms. It is still open Tuesday mornings between 830 - 9.15am.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE!

The school has a large supply of second hand uniforms. These items have been left around the school and do not have any names on them.

Due to limited storage space, there will be a **HUGE SALE** of these items during next week.

The items will be displayed near the office as from next Monday. All items of clothing have been washed and are available for only **\$2.00 each**.

DAD'S BIG DAY OUT!

On Monday, 8th September (RDO for the Building Trade) we are inviting all Dads to come to school for the morning to spend some time in their child's class, enjoy morning tea with them in the yard and kick a footy around - **just have some fun at school with the kids!**

There will be our normal Assembly at 9am.

Recess is between 11 - 11.30am.

Lunch is between 1.30 - 2.30pm.

Come along (if you can). Your kids will love it!

E-SMART FAMILY NIGHT:

On Wednesday, 10th September there is a special event being held at school between 7.00 - 8.30pm to assist families gain a greater understanding of social media,

cyber bullying and many other related topics. This is a must for parents who allow their students to use a computer, internet, mobile phone, ipad etc.

The night has been organized and will be conducted by the Sunbury Library staff who have been accredited in these areas.

The content of the session will be interactive where families will try and answer questions on various topics and then an explanation will follow. The interactive whiteboards, netbooks and ipads will be used to answer the questions.

The target audience is Grade 5/6 students and their families. Attending students must come with a parent.

Younger children in a family may attend.

The activity will be held in the Senior Building.

Please indicate on the form in the Newsletter if you can attend. It will be a great night of learning for everyone!

BREAKING NEWS!

THE BAND IS COMING!

PMI (Primary Music Institute) the company who currently deliver the keyboard lessons at school, has offered to teach a variety of other instruments to students. A band will then be formed so that these students can play together and perform at various school functions. This is a great opportunity for students to learn new skills which may remain with them for life.

The offer is for a small group lesson with the band instruments during school time (as per the current keyboard lessons) and then an hour's band practice (probably before 9am) with other students.

I highly recommend this opportunity to parents for their children. My musical experience commenced in primary school and playing with others in a group / band made all the practice worthwhile. I still play the saxophone today in a group!

There was a flyer attached to last week's Newsletter which contains more information.



Swooping season is here. Make sure all your kids are prewarned.

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.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

Our next out of uniform day will be held **NEXT - FRIDAY, 29th August**. As part of our school's commitment to Social Service our students have the opportunity to wear casual clothes. For this privilege a **gold coin** is required. Please note that singlet and/or midriff tops, and sandals/open toed or backless shoes are not permitted. Thank you for your support of this Social Service event.

HELP NEEDED:

- Several sections of roof guttering need cleaning from a build up 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.

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**

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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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



For Literacy and Numeracy Week this year we have again planned a **MATHS CHALLENGE** and a **SPELLING CHALLENGE** for the whole school. Each classroom will run a challenge for each year level. The child who becomes the classroom champion will then compete against other classroom champions. At the completion of the **MATHS CHALLENGE** we will have overall champions for each year level of the school. These champions will be announced and trophies will be awarded at assembly on Monday 1st September.

Below is a sample of the questions the children will be asked. Your child might want to practise their skill at answering quick maths questions such as these in preparation for the **MATHS CHALLENGE**.

PREPS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Numbers before, numbers after, simple addition, counting patterns	Numbers before, numbers after, simple addition and subtraction facts, counting patterns	Numbers before, numbers after, simple addition and subtraction facts, counting patterns	Multiplication tables, addition and subtraction facts	Multiplication tables, addition and subtraction facts	Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts	Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts
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E-SMART FAMILY NIGHT
Wednesday, 8th September between 7.00 – 8.30pm

The _____ Family will be attending the E-Smart Night.

_____ Adults _____ Children.

Extend OSHC at Goonawarra Primary School



Last week I attended a meeting in Richmond at Extend's Head Office. I was very pleasantly surprised that I received the Staff Excellence Award, where I got a certificate, two movie vouchers and a Gilbert pin. During the same week the children and I cooked chocolate cookies, use the computer lab where some students used this time to work on their homework which was great to see.

**Our Extend Superstar for the week is
: Natalie C.** for Always using her manners

Monday, 25th: Cooking- Strawberry cup cakes
Tuesday, 26th: Science- Turning eggs in to silver
Wednesday, 27th: ICT lab & craft in our room
Thursday, 28th: Ball games in the Gym
Friday, 29th: Finishing off Friday

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

**Spring School Holiday Program bookings NOW
OPEN at a School near you!**

WANTED – ART ROOM:

List of things needed in the Art room:

Please keep the bread ties coming. Also I would like 2 OR 3 litre empty coke, lemonade etc. bottles.

Thank you, Sonja.

Goonawarra Classifieds

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Fun-filled holiday programs for primary kids
MONDAY 22 SEPT TO FRIDAY 3 OCT



**KISMET PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

LOCATION:
9 - 11 McEwan Drive, Sunbury VIC
HOURS:
7.00am - 6.00pm
Pay between \$9.84 - \$29
per session!

BOOKINGS CLOSE:
Friday 5 September, 2014.
Excursions are limited and
fill fast! Book now to avoid
disappointment.

Receive at least
50% off regardless
of income!

**FOR FURTHER INFO &
BOOKINGS VISIT:**
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