



# 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                             |
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| <b>★ OUT OF UNIFORM DAY - TOMORROW! ★</b><br><b>Money raised goes to Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen.</b> |   |  |  |  | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 27 <sup>th</sup>                |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>  | 29 <sup>th</sup><br>P-2 Science Works Excursion                         | 30 <sup>th</sup>                             | 31 <sup>st</sup><br>Father's Day Stall     | 1 <sup>st</sup> September<br>Sunbury Schools Summer Lightning Premiership  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Father's Day |
| 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Dad's Big Day Out  | 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 6 <sup>th</sup><br>National Health & P.E Day | 7 <sup>th</sup>                            | 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunbury Schools Summer Lightning Premiership Backup Day | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 10 <sup>th</sup>                |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 12 <sup>th</sup><br>2018 Prep Art Sessions<br>9.15am-10am<br>10.15-11am | 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Grades 5/6 Camp Wilkin   | 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Grades 5/6 Camp Wilkin | 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Grades 5/6 Camp Wilkin                                 | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 17 <sup>th</sup>                |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 20 <sup>th</sup>                             | 21 <sup>st</sup>                           | 22 <sup>nd</sup><br><b>END OF TERM</b><br><b>2.30PM DISMISSAL</b>          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 24 <sup>th</sup>                |

### OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW:

On Friday students will be able to participate in a Casual Clothes Day. This month we will be supporting the Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen. Students are asked to donate a gold coin to support this local initiative.

The Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen is staffed and managed by volunteers with the mission to **provide a meal in a safe and friendly environment for the less fortunate of our local community**. The Kitchen is located at 531 Elizabeth Drive in Sunbury and is open on most Monday nights between 5:00 and 7:30 PM during school terms. Individuals and families are welcome to come and share a meal with others in the community.

### DADS BIG DAY OUT- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September:

Our traditional Dad's Big Day Out provides all Dads, Grandpas, Pas, Pops, Uncles and other significant male role models in a child's life an opportunity to join us in some activities at school. We invite all visitors to Dad's Big Day Out to join us from 8:00-9:00am for coffee, tea and a chat at the CommuniTEA van which will be on site serving our visitors. Visitors will then be invited to attend Assembly and are welcome to join students in their classroom up until recess at 11:00am.

### 2018 PREP ENROLMENT:

This is the time of year when we begin to plan for 2018. We are very happy with our numbers for next year and already have 56 enrolments for Prep. The school will continue to grow in line with our projections and we anticipate an enrolment of 425 for next year. If you have a sibling enrolment or know of anyone interested in enrolling for next year please contact the office to submit the enrolment forms so that we can make staffing arrangements.

## GOONAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL – P.E. FOCUS

| DATE        | WEEK BEGINNING – 28/8/2017   |
|-------------|--|
| SUBJECT     | P.E  |
| PREP        | Cooperation Games: Games that are designed to teach sharing, teamwork and leadership |
| GRADE 1 & 2 | Basketball: Grades 1 & 2 are learning more advanced dribbling and shooting skills    |
| GRADE 3 & 4 | Handball: Grades 3 & 4 are learning how to play a modified game of Handball          |
| GRADE 5 & 6 | Handball: Grades 5 & 6 are further developing their knowledge of Handball            |

### THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Sue Lavars & Alison Atherton**.

Sue and Alison are part of the fantastic education support staff team we have here at Goonawarra Primary School. You will often see Sue's smiling face in the office, greeting visitors and completing important tasks behind the scenes to ensure that our school functions well.

Alison provides support for students who may require extra assistance in Mrs. Fry's grade six class, as well as lending Mrs. Fry a hand in the classroom when she needs it.

In addition to these important roles, these two marvellous ladies combine their super powers to look after our school library. The library is a really important place at school where every member of the school community - students, staff and families can gain new knowledge, encourage curiosity, support learning and reading, as well as provide a meeting point for the social and cultural life of the school.

With this week being Book Week, this has certainly been the case, with the library hosting our school book fair. Sue and Alison have been in the thick of the action in regard to coordinating the book fair, organising and setting up all of the book displays and assisting families with the purchasing of books so that they can go home and continue to enjoy the love of reading.

Thank you Sue & Alison for all of your hard work. You're both real gems!!!

### BOOK WEEK:

This week students, staff and families have celebrated and enjoyed literature during Book Week. On Monday



students participated in Multi Age Literacy activities and looked fantastic in their costumes for our Book Week Parade. All



students have participated in a range of activities including their classroom door display. Be sure to have a

look at the internal doors to the classrooms, they look fantastic. More photos can be seen on the school website!



### BOOKS OF THE YEAR WINNERS 2017:

The annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards have been announced for 2017.

Established with the first awards in 1946, the annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards aim to: promote quality literature for young Australian, support and encourage a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators of children's books, celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature.

This years winners and honors can be found at the end of the newsletter.



### IMPORTANT PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017 DATA INFORMATION:

Approximately 120 families have been sent the parent opinion survey. Currently we only have 16% of people randomly selected who have completed the survey. I urge you to complete the survey to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed online. The survey has been extended and will remain open until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### NAPLAN 2017:

All Years 3 and 5 students should have received their NAPLAN results last Thursday. NAPLAN testing is one aspect of your child's assessment and a small part of the school's assessment and reporting process. They do not substitute or replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by the teachers about every student, every day. The results are a snapshot in time and they do assist us in continually evaluating our teaching, curriculum and the learning environment. Once again, our results have continued to show Goonawarra Primary School students working above state averages in nearly all areas. A fine result of a whole school community committed to doing the very best for all our children!

### SCHOOL SAFETY:

Before and after school are very busy times of day at school. We remind families to ensure they are entering and exiting the school grounds through the appropriate gates and not using the staff car park. While we understand the staff carpark gate is at

times convenient, it presents as a serious safety concern and potentially very dangerous situation with staff and delivery vehicles travelling through there regularly. Thank you for your understanding.

**ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:**

Student attendance rolls are marked first thing each morning and after lunch. Students who arrive late to school sign in the office and collect a late pass. This pass is given to their classroom teacher. Students who need to leave school before the official leaving time must be signed out at the office. The parent or guardian must take a leave pass from the office with them to the student's classroom to hand to the teacher. It is desirable that Parents/Carers notify the school through the Updat-ed app, phone or school email of any student absences or supply a note upon return to school. If the absence is for a long period (ie. vacation) then advance notice in writing is desired.

**GOONAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL 30 YEAR FETE:**

**Lucky Dip Jars**

As part of the Goonawarra PS fete, Grade 5 are running a lucky dip jars stall. We are asking for donations of jars containing novelty items to be donated to the school. Some ideas of items that you could put into the jars are - small bouncy balls, hair accessories, novelty erasers, gel pens, small toys, small yoyos, lollypops just to name a few! Please ensure that the labels are removed from the jars and the contents are clearly visible. If placing food items in the jar, perhaps send to school closer to fete. Grade 5 students and teachers.



**BOOK FAIR:**

Many, many parents took advantage of the wonderful display of books that were available. A big thank you to our school community for supporting our Book Fair. Parents and Guardians, students and siblings, ES workers and Teachers are thanked for making our Scholastic Book Fair another big success. It was wonderful to see so many people visiting the Book Fair. A HUGE thank you to Peta Hoiles, Cate, Melissa and Kaea for assisting with sales. The school receives a small commission from these sales which is used to purchase new books for our library, which students may borrow and enjoy. Thank you for your support - enjoy your new books!



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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)

**Payments & Reminders:**

Grades 5-6: Camp Wilkin Payments: Final balance \$225.00 due tomorrow.

Prep - 2: Scienceworks Excursion: \$16.00 due tomorrow.

| CANTEEN ROSTER                 |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August | Nicole Huybers, Nicole Brown, Taryn Maiolo |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August | Nicole Huybers                             |

## Goonawarra Classifieds

**FOR SALE**

Sunbury College girl's second-hand uniform items!

2 girls short sleeved shirts - size 14- \$20.00 EACH.

1 girls sports top - xs \$10.00

Please see Janine at Goonawarra P.S





## THE PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

Some of these books may be for mature readers (Arranged by illustrator)



**Winner**

Home in the Rain  
GRAHAM, Bob  
Walker Books  
ISBN: 9781406346239



**Honours**

Mechanica  
BALCHIN, Lance  
The Five Mile Press  
ISBN: 9781760406085

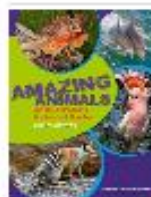


**Honours**

The Patchwork Bike  
RUDD, Van T  
(text by Maxine Beneba Clarke)  
Pachette-Australia  
ISBN: 9780734416681



## THE EVE POWELL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS



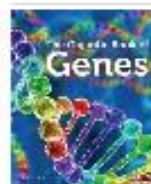
**Winner**

Amazing Animals of  
Australia's National  
Parks  
NEWTON, Gina M  
NELA Publishing  
ISBN: 9780546227623



**Honours**

A-Z of Endangered  
Animals  
COSSINS, Jennifer  
Red Parrot Press  
ISBN: 9780907594662



**Honours**

The Gigantic Book of  
Genes  
HENDRY, Lorna  
Wild Dog Books  
ISBN: 9781742234102



## THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: OLDER READERS

(NB: These books are for mature readers)



**Winner**

One Would Think  
the Deep  
ZORN, Claire  
University of Queensland Press  
ISBN: 9780702263942



**Honours**

Words in Deep Blue  
CROWLEY, Cath  
Pan MacMillan Australia  
ISBN: 9781742412205



**Honours**

The Bone Sparrow  
FRAILLON, Zana  
Pachette-Australia  
ISBN: 9780734417138



## THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS



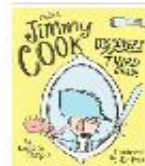
**Winner**

Rockhopping  
BALLA, Trace  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760112549



**Honours**

Dragonfly Song  
ORR, Wendy  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760390023



**Honours**

Captain Jimmy Cook  
Discovers Third  
Grade  
TEMPLE, Kate & Jol  
(illus by Jon Foye)  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760281938

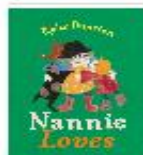


## THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD



**Winner**

Go Home, Cheeky  
Animals!  
BELL, Johanna  
(illus by Dion Beasley)  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760291485



**Honours**

Nannie Loves  
DUNSTAN, Kylie  
Working Title Press  
ISBN: 9781926504839



**Honours**

Gary  
RUDGE, Lella  
Walker Books  
ISBN: 9781925081695

