



# Goonawarra Newsletter

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Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

## Goonawarra is G.R.E.A.T!

At Goonawarra we all aim to be -

Generous

Responsible

Enthusiastic

Ambitious

Trustworthy

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**TOMORROW - Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
**- EARLY DISMISSAL at 2:30pm.**

**CANTEEN CLOSED tomorrow, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>***School Holidays for Two Weeks***</b>						
<b><i>Have a great holiday everyone!</i></b>						
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Assembly - 9am.	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct CLUBS commence	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct  School Council Meeting at 6:30pm	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct  CLUBS	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2015 Prep Transition Day No. 3	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct Interschool Golf comp.	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>

***'Creating Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.'***

Dear Parents, Teachers & Students,

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view this Newsletter online.



### END OF TERM TOMORROW

Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30pm. School resumes on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### OUT OF UNIFORM DAY - "FOOTY THEME"

Our next out of uniform day will be held **TOMORROW - FRIDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**. As part of our school's commitment to Social Service our students have the opportunity to wear casual clothes in their favourite footy team colours. For this privilege a **gold coin** is required. Proceeds of this will go towards State Schools

Relief who provide support for families in need. 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.



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### SCHOOL COUNCIL RECENT DECISIONS:

A new pedestrian gate in the boundary fence behind the Community House will be installed by the start of Term 4. This will allow access for those families who park in the carpark beside the Preschool centre. A pathway inside the school fence will be developed next Term. The installation of LED lighting throughout the school is currently being investigated. It would require over 400 bulbs and tubes being replaced with LED lights. Room

4, Miss Casey's room has been converted to LED lighting so that we could see what difference it would make within a classroom. They project a very white light and run on only 25% of the electricity. Please have a look and let me know your opinion.

#### **SCHOOL BANKING FOR STUDENTS:**

On Monday Pat the Dog came to Assembly. Pat is the mascot for the Commonwealth Bank student banking initiative. Many students have accounts which they contribute to on a weekly basis every Tuesday. Deposits can be as small or as large as you desire. It is a great way to deposit birthday money from grandparents, pocket money, tooth fairy gifts, money from doing chores etc. Saving is a great learning process and a lesson for life for students. Application forms are available from the school's office or the Commonwealth Bank in Sunbury.



#### **SPECIAL REQUEST:**

During the holidays I have a special request for a family to undertake. The staff carpark is in desperate need of a good clean – sweeping and removing leaves etc. The task would require brooms and shovels, or a powerful petrol blower.

Throughout the school days it is impossible to clean this area because it is full of cars. Therefore the holidays or weekends are the best time to tidy it up.

It would be a great surprise and delight to come in after the holidays and have it all tidy. Following this, arrangements will be made for the lines to be painted.

#### **CHOIR EXPERIENCE:**

Last Thursday, Jonathon Welch, a well-known choir director, spent time with our choir as well as students from Sunbury Heights PS & Sunbury Macedon Ranges SDS. All students participated with great enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed this unique experience. Many thanks to Sonya for organising this event.

Jonathon will return to Goonawarra later in the year to continue working with the choir.

#### **BUNNINGS BBQ & THE MOVIES:**

Our next P & F barbeque fundraiser is at Bunnings on **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September**. At each BBQ we raise approximately \$1,000 for the school which goes towards Parents & Friends projects. Current fundraising is assisting with the cost of the new shade sails.

We need to have people available to help between 9am – 4pm. If you can assist, even for an hour then please complete the form in this Newsletter and return it to school tomorrow.

**Each family who assists at the BBQ will go in the draw to win two movie tickets!**

#### **PORTABLE BUILDING UPDATE:**

Currently it is intended that the portable building will be removed from the school grounds during the holidays and taken to another school. There is some restoration work that will need to be undertaken in the corridor where the portable once stood to make the area secure.

For everyone's safety, I strongly suggest that no one is in the school grounds when large trucks and cranes are lifting and removing the portable buildings.

#### **PUPIL FREE DAY NEXT TERM**

Each year schools are provided with four Pupil Free Days for staff to use for professional development. One of these days is always the day before students begin at the start of the year. The other three can be taken when appropriate for the staff.

In Term One the day was used to consolidate the work undertaken last year with the Differentiated Curriculum.

In Term 3 the staff was trained at Level 2 First Aid standard.

**The next, and final Pupil Free day, will be on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.** The staff will focus on developing a greater understanding of the major computer based programs that are used to enhance student learning across the school. Some of the programs to be explored include: Athletics, Skoolbo, Rainforest Maths, Sunshine Online, Study Ladder and EduStar.

#### **STUDENTS ON THE MOVE:**

At this time of the year the budget provided to the school for the following year from DEECD is released. It is calculated on, in part, by the number of students within the school. From this information the school calculates how many staff it requires and can afford.

Could any families who anticipate they may be leaving the school, excluding those with only Grade 6 children, please notify the office as soon as possible.

The number of grades and how many students will be in each of them, will be formulated early next Term. This will be based on our anticipated enrolments, rooms available and budget.

#### **SCHOOL BAND:**

PMI (Primary Music Institute), the company who currently deliver the keyboard lessons, are offering instrumental lessons to students as well as organizing a school band. See notice in Newsletter for more details.

### FRUIT & VEGETABLES SPECIAL OFFER:

Commencing next Term families and staff will have the option of purchasing a box of fruit and vegetables from the school on a weekly basis. The items are fresh from the market and each box contains many of the regular weekly produce.



A special flyer will be sent home next Term. Many staff and parents who saw the sample box said it was good quality food, it contained many items they would normally buy and it was great value for the price. The boxes will be ordered and paid for by Fridays and they will be delivered by the following Tuesday. Due to their 15 kgs weight, they will need to be collected by an adult.

**Look out for the special flyer next Term.**

### PLAYGROUND SURVEILANCE:

**If, during the holidays you are in the school grounds and you see anyone acting inappropriately or causing damage, please notify the Police on 000 immediately. Thank you.**

### HELP NEEDED:

- Paths around the school need constant sweeping. Can you help? Brooms supplied!

### 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

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### Term Dates for 2014:

**Term 3:** 14<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4:** 6<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Term Dates for 2015:

**Term 1:** All students commence on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan to 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Term 2:** 13<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 13<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4:** 5<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> December

# Goonawarra Classifieds

**Bodworth's Fitness** is a Personal Training business that runs a studio in Rolling Meadows.

- *Small group training sessions (max 8) which include boxing, circuit training, high intensity interval training & tabata's*
- *Personal training at reasonable prices. Buy 10 x ½ hr sessions and get 11<sup>th</sup> session free.*
- *Weight training (in our studio or we can write a program for your home gym)*
- *Weight loss & nutrition advice.*

- *Rehab exercise (RehabFX Trainer) we will work with your physio to get you back to health.*
- *Pre & post season training.*
- *Women's self-defence training (our instructor has 40 years martial arts experience).*
- *For further enquiries or to make a booking contact Bernie on 0409 152 326.*

## Bunnings Barbeque – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September (9am – 4pm)

I can assist with the Bunnings BBQ between the hours of – \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_