



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
10 th 3-4 Camp Arrabri	11 th 3-4 Camp Arrabri	12 th 3-4 Camp Arrabri	13 th Clubs - Week 2	14 th	15 th	16 th
17 th	18 th First Aid - Whole School Incursion	19 th	20 th Clubs - Week 3	21 st 2017 Prep Transition Library Session	22 nd	23 rd
24 th School Council 6:30pm	25 th	26 th	27 th Clubs - Week 4	28 th	29 th	30 th
31 st Normal school day.	1 st November CUP DAY!	2 nd	3 rd	4 th Grades 5-6 T20 Cricket	5 th	6 th

Payments and Reminders:

5/6 Dancesport Course - Footsteps: \$10.00 Grade 5, \$28.00 Grade 6: Due by Friday 14th October.

WELCOME TO TERM FOUR!

As we come back to school this week we commence the last Term for the year. There are only 52 school days until another school year is over and then there will only be a few days until Christmas!

As the ever changing calendar above will indicate, there will be many events and activities occurring throughout this Term. Can I encourage all families to keep up to date with all relevant school events so that everyone remains fully informed at all times.

UNIFORM SHOP:

All school uniform requirements are now available from the Primary School Wear (PSW) shop in Gap Road near Aldi. The only item that is currently unavailable is the summer dress. There is a difficulty in finding a match for the existing dress material. When this is resolved, the dresses will follow very quickly.

GRADE 3 / 4 CAMP!

Next week (Monday - Wednesday) the majority of the Grade 3 / 4 students and their teachers will be attending Arrabri Lodge in Warburton which is north - east of Melbourne.

The fully catered three day camp is a fantastic experience for all involved. The camp has many wonderful activities which the students will be participating in.

The students will provide a summary of their rich experiences in next week's Newsletter.

I will be joining the students and staff for the whole three days of the camp.

The next school camping experience will be for the Grade 5 / 6 students when they attend Camp Wilkin at Anglesea next year.

STUDENT SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION:

As Term 4 has commenced there are some outstanding Student Subject Contributions for 2016.

The amount set by School Council was \$140 per student. This covers the consumable items that all students use in the classroom and in specialist areas, internet access, photocopying, etc.

When these amounts are not paid the school covers the cost, thus reducing funds in other areas of the budget.

It would be of benefit to the school community if these contributions could be settled as soon as possible.

If you are unsure as to whether you have paid or not, please contact the office.

Thank you.

NEW CLASSROOM FURNITURE:

This week another four classrooms were furnished with new tables and chairs for students. This is the second round of new furniture this year. The remaining classrooms will be furnished within the next six months. Funding for this improvement is covered by school funds, not the Education Department.

If any families have a use for any of the excess 50 + tables and 100+ chairs, then please get in quick! They are available from the corridors in the main building. Help yourself!

STAFF MOVEMENTS:

We welcome Mrs Lauren Milligan back from her maternity leave. Mrs Milligan will be assisting students across the school during her two days per week for the rest of this Term.

SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Today our girls and boys Softball teams played off against Killara Primary School to see who would go on to represent the District at Zone and Regional Levels. The results will be published next week.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITION:

Since Mrs Reilly retired at the end of Term One the school has managed without the assistance of an Assistant Principal.

Various staff members have taken on addition roles since Term One – to gain experience in new areas as well as assist with the day to day operations of the school.

The time has now come that an Assistant Principal position be advertised and hopefully filled. The new AP would commence at the beginning of next year. Their role will have a strong curriculum development and implementation focus aimed at improving student learning and engagement as well as mentoring and coaching staff.

From advertising the position State wide to announcing the successful candidate will take approximately six weeks.

The school community will be informed of the outcome of the process when it is complete.

GOONAWARRA GENEROSITY:

Recently we have been supporting several remote schools in Papua New Guinea – southeast of Port Moresby.

A large collection of school resources were recently donated by the school community and sent to these schools.

The first lot of excess student tables and chairs were also sent off – assisted by Rotary by covering the cost of the shipping container.

The next load of excess tables and chairs will also be sent to these schools for student use.

Our help has been greatly appreciated.

ENROLMENTS:

The current school population is 377. Indications suggest there may be around 385 students at the start of 2017. Planning for next year has already commenced. If our predictions are correct an additional grade will be created, making 18 in total with an average of 21.3 students per class.

To assist with our planning if you know that your children will not be attending Goonawarra next year please contact the office.

Also if you know of any families looking for a school for their children, please get them to contact the office on 9744 7137 as soon as possible.

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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Term Dates for 2016:

Term 3: 11th July to 16th September

Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

Term Dates for 2017

Term 1: 30th Jan (teachers start) 31st Jan (students start) to 31 March

Term 2: 18th April (Tuesday) to 30th June

Term 3: 17th July to 22nd September

Term 4: 9th October to 22nd 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

BOOK CLUB:

By the end of this week each student will have received Issue 7 of the Scholastic Book Club. If you would like to place an order you can visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Alternatively please complete the order form on the back of the brochure and return it to the school office with payment. **Orders close Friday 14th October.**

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 7 th October	Nicole Huybers, Jo Smith, Julie Hansford-Chislett
Monday 10 th October	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna

There are a considerable amount of school library books being returned to public libraries in the Hume and Macedon Ranges area. These books are not posted and have to be picked up from the library concerned. Could parents please ensure that Goonawarra Primary School Library books are returned to the school and not to the Public Libraries in the surrounding area of Sunbury. Thank you. Sue Lavars.

Camp Australia- Goonawarra OSHC

Welcome back to term 4 everyone. We hope you had a great break.

All children are required to wear sun safe hats this term. School hats, hats with a brim or legionnaires hats are appropriate.

As of week 3, there will be **NO HAT NO PLAY**. This allows everyone two weeks to get a hat organised.

Welcome to Fraser, in Prep C, we hope you have fun at after school care.

This week we say goodbye to Danica, who will be substitute teaching for the rest of the term. We wish her well in her teaching practices and hope she will visit us when she isn't teaching.

Tuesday: After School Care: Library

Wednesday: Before School Care: Library

Goonawarra Classifieds

TENNIS COACHING AT GOONAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

My name is Matthew Todd (Tennis Australia Advanced Coach). For the last three years I have been offering group lessons for students from Grades 3 to 6 wanting to work on their tennis skills at Goonawarra Primary School.

Term 4 tennis lessons will be commencing on Wednesday October 5th. The lessons will be held before school from 8.10am on Wednesday mornings in the school gym. Fees will be \$125.00 per term (8 lessons.) For further details please collect a form at the School Office. Contact details: **Matthew Todd: 0414 628 633**

Montessori Pre-School Spring Fete

Saturday 15th October, 2016

10am-2pm

61 Main Road Riddells Creek

Milo in2CRICKET

Sunbury United Cricket Club

Langama Park

Mitchell's Lane, Sunbury

The Milo in2CRICKET program at SUCC is for 5-10 year olds and involves fun, safe activities run by our senior cricketers that teach the kids the basic skills to play cricket, in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

Cost:\$75 per participant

Contact: **Chris Linton – 0412 634 459**

Sunburyunitedcricketclub@gmail.com

