



# 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.'**

**Happy holidays to everyone!**

**Out of Uniform Day tomorrow! Early dismissal tomorrow @ 2.30pm.  
And the canteen is also CLOSED tomorrow.**

### HOW DID WE RATE?

This week we received the results of the Annual Parent Opinion Survey, which is administered across all government schools in Victoria. The survey was made available to 15% of school families who were randomly chosen by the Department's data base. Families were invited to rate their response to 42 statements covering many areas of school life.

**Below are the major headings of the survey, their sub-groups plus the percentage of parent positive responses:**

Community Engagement in Learning	
Areas Surveyed	Parent Positive Response
• Parent participation and involvement	91%
• School support	91%
• Teacher communication	79%
• General satisfaction	95%
• Physical environment	82%
• School improvement	88%
• School pride and confidence	90%
Excellence in Teaching and Learning	
• High expectations for success	94%
• Student motivation and support	86%
• Stimulating learning environment	87%
• Effective teaching	84%
• Student agency and voice	84%
• Confidence and resiliency skills	91%
Positive Climate for Learning	
• Managing bullying	88%
• Experience of bullying	54%
• Promoting positive behaviour	96%
• Respect for diversity	95%
• School connectedness	94%
• Positive transitions	88%

It is very encouraging indeed to see how positive this representative parent group view the school and what is provided for their children. The parents rated staff as being very committed to the many aspects of their roles and students as being supported and engaged with their learning.

The full report will be available on the school homepage when it has been tabled and discussed with the staff and School Council.

### **30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FETE NEWS:**

**The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete is getting closer – only 4 weeks to go until the celebrations!**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October between 3.30pm – 8.30pm.**

There will be carnival rides suitable for everyone, over 40 stalls, food vans, BBQs and drink outlets. There will be singing groups and maybe even a band playing for your enjoyment! There will be so much for everyone!

All classes are being involved with a whole range of fun activities.

Class teachers are after parents who would be willing to assist with their stalls for a short time at the fete. See the note which was sent home Monday. To maximise your child's enjoyment on the carnival rides, prepaid wrist bands can now be ordered up until Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Purchasing the bands will entitle your child to unlimited rides! The order form for the wrist bands came home this week. It is available on the school's homepage.

### **Parents and Friends Fete News**

The pre-sale wristbands are available from this week so make sure you purchase a ticket prior to the day to avoid the rush and benefit from the discounted price. Although we have had great response so far for volunteers for each of the classroom stalls, there are still plenty of spots available. We have had a large number of used books donated, but there are still plenty of items each classroom still requires, if you can help out in any way please speak with your children's teacher to find out what is still needed. We still have a few stall spots available, so if any parents have a business they wish to promote or have items you can sell please contact the Parents and Friends via [goonawarrapnf@outlook.com](mailto:goonawarrapnf@outlook.com) we would love to have you join in the fun.

We have over 40 Stalls and food vans along with the preps Devonshire tea and bake sale. The kids have been working hard throughout the year creating master pieces for our art auction and display. We look forward to seeing you on the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

### **THE WORKS BEGIN!**

The improvement work for many areas of the school will commence next week.

The upgrade of the student toilets and the resurfacing of the amphitheatre area will be the first projects to be undertaken.

Throughout the improvement works there will be areas of the school and the grounds that are fenced off or off limits. For everyone's safety, please observe fences and signs.

We look forward to the results of the improvements which are due to be completed by late February next year.

### **NEW PORTABLE CLASSROOMS:**

As a result of our increasing school student population, a new portable building consisting of two classrooms has been granted by DET. At this stage it will be installed during the school holidays. It will be positioned at right angles to the current portable and in front of the senior (BER) building.

### **VEGETABLE GARDEN DEVELOPMENT:**

During the school holidays a fence will be constructed around our new vegetable garden area.

The new garden beds will be nurtured and maintained by most classes as well as small groups of students to foster a knowledge and appreciation of plants. Food preparation and cooking could become part of the activities.

Food grown may be used in the canteen or sold to families. We look forward to seeing what our 'green thumbs' can produce!

We will be after parents and grandparents to assist with this project.

### **ENROLMENTS:**

Early next Term, the grade structure for 2018 will be established. The structure is based on the number of students there will be at each grade level. If you know your children will be leaving the school (excluding Grade 6 students) please notify the office as soon as possible. Also, if you are aware of any families who are considering Goonawarra for their children, please encourage them to contact the school soon.

**DOGS AND THE SCHOOL GROUND:** Please respect the safety as well as the feelings and emotions of others, especially children, and do not bring dogs inside the school fence.

**SCHOOL HATS:** All students are expected to be wearing their school hats each day through to the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

New hats are available from the PSW store.

### **HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL GROUNDS:**

Families are welcome to use the school grounds over the school holidays. Please do not go near any of the building and construction works. If you see anything that requires police intervention, please contact them directly on 000.

**Alan Fairweather**

**Principal**

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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)

**Grade 5/6 CAMP WILKIE:**

Last Wednesday to Friday, 78 grade 5/6s went to Camp Wilkin in Anglesea. We did a 5 group activities, with two having 2 activities in some. My favourite was bike riding, because we were the first group to go on the bike ride we didn't expect it to be so muddy! Hardly anybody in our group had rain coats so mud was everywhere! It was worth getting really muddy because it was amazing. Camp Wilkin was a great experience to share with everybody. By Alexa Grant 6HF



Last week on the 13th-15th of September the grade 5 and 6s went to camp. It was a lot of fun. One of the camp rules was to try everything and challenge yourself. Some of the activities were the Leap of Faith, Archery, Bike riding and many more. The food was really delicious. One of the best activities were the Leap of Faith and the Bike riding because it was really muddy. Overall it was a great experience and we all wanted to stay longer. Tara 5K and Monique 5R

**Grade 3 / 4 Western Water Incursion (Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September) photos.**



**SCHOOL SORES (Impetigo):** We have been notified of a confirmed case of School Sores (Impetigo) in Grade Prep Conn. School Sores appear as a flat, yellow, crusty or moist patches on the skin, usually on exposed parts of the body such as the face and legs. The incubation period is 4 – 10 days from becoming infected to developing symptoms. The sores are often greater than 1cm in diameter. These are extremely contagious, as long as there is discharge from the sores. The bacteria can easily spread to other parts of the infected person's body or other people directly by contact with the sores or indirectly by contact with contaminated clothes. Washing of hands is extremely important. Children are to be **excluded** from school until the sores have scabbed over, they are also to be covered with a watertight dressing.

**PARKING:** A special reminder to all of our families to observe the parking signs around the school boundaries. The police and parking officers regularly patrol the area at drop off and pick up times and issue infringement notices to all vehicles illegally parked. In the interests of student safety, **please note that the car park at the school is for staff use & deliveries ONLY and cannot be used as a drop off or pickup point for children.** Please refrain from walking through this area with your children on your way to and from school.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	CANTEEN CLOSED - End of Term
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October:	Nicole Huybers
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October:	Nicole Huybers,

## Goonawarra Classifieds

**FOR SALE**

Sunbury College girl's second-hand uniform items!  
 2 girls short sleeved shirts in as NEW condition- size 14- \$20.00 EACH.  
 1 girls sports top - xs \$10.00. Please see the office at Goonawarra P.S

