



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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| 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 |
| 7 th | 8 th Sunbury Downs S.C. Orientation Day | 9 th Goon A Warrior!  | 10 th | 11 th | 12 th | 13 th |

Payments and Reminders:

5/6 Dancesport Course - Footsteps: \$10.00 Grade 5, \$28.00 Grade 6: due **TOMORROW**

Scholastic Book Club orders and payment: due **TOMORROW**.

WHO SAID THEY COULDN'T SURVIVE?

Over the last three days I have had the fantastic opportunity to join with 95 Grade 3 / 4 students, their teachers and a few parents at Arrabri Lodge in Warburton.

There were no televisions, computers, ipads, mobiles, texting, Facebook, instagram, game stations, movies, DVDs, CDs that students were able to access. They went 'cold turkey' from technology for three days! And guess what? They all survived and had an excellent time.

Technology was replaced with rope courses, climbing walls, sensory trails, damper making (and eating!), donkey patting, snake holding!, orienteering, trampolining, playing mini golf on an 18 hole course, flying through the air on a flying fox, free falling on a giant rope swing, bush dancing, toasting marshmallows and much much more!

So learning was very evident, for three whole days, just in a different format than usual and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

I would like to highly commend ALL the students for their wonderful attitude, teamwork, determination and manners all through the time away. The staff based at the camp made constant references to these fine qualities exhibited by our students - your children.

Our school staff that attended for three full days (and two nights!) were all extremely dedicated and committed to providing the students with many and varied experiences in a safe and caring manner.

The three parents who attended the camp were of immense help and support. They joined in all the activities and assisted at every opportunity.

Many photos were taken over the last three days and you can look at them on the school homepage at:

www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au

The next camp for students will be the Grade 5/6 experience at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea in Term 3 next year.

The Goon A Warriors are on their way!

On Wednesday 9th November the whole school will take part in the Goon A Warrior event.

This involves the students working their way around an obstacle course on the oval for a period of time.

As this is the major fund raising activity of the year for the Parents & Friends, students will be encouraged to seek sponsorship for their efforts.



THE OUTDOOR WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT:

All students will have the opportunity to perform on stage with their class in a spectacular concert on the Prep - Gr 2 grassed area on Friday 25th November. Food vans will be available from 5pm and the concert will run between 6 - 8pm.

This event was an outstanding success last year with 1,000 members of our school community attending.

PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM CONTINUES:

Next Friday we welcome back to school all the Preps for next year for their third Transition Program. At this point they have participated in Physical Education and Art sessions. The next session will focus on books and activities in the library. So far there are 51 Preps enrolled for next year. There will be three classes with 17 - 20 students in each. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school for their pre-schooler with low class sizes please ask them to give the school a call. There are two more Transition Sessions to go.

EXCELLENT RESULT OLIVIA!

Congratulations Olivia D for her wonderful efforts in the Regional Athletic Sports. Olivia competed in Shot Put and Discus events. She came second in the Discus and now qualifies for the State competition next Monday. This is an outstanding effort from all the eligible students in Victoria. We all wish Olivia the best for next week.



SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Last Thursday both the boys and girls softball teams played in the District final at East Sunbury against Killara P.S. The girl's team had a narrow win and the boy's team has a narrow loss. Both teams displayed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The girl's team will now play in the Woodlands competition tomorrow at Keilor Softball Centre. We wish them luck. Thankyou to Steve Latimer and Dave Crawford for their coaching and all the parents who helped transport the students.

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.

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 covered 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.

Please contact the office.

Thank you.

BOOK CLUB:

A reminder that [Scholastic Book Club](#) orders close **TOMORROW**, Friday 14th October. Payment can be made online or alternatively return completed order form with payment to the school office.

Parents once again have the opportunity to order from **Redgum Book Club**. Every family would have received a Redgum catalogue by the end of this week. Orders close **8th November, 2016**.

How to place an order:

- Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at www.redgumbookclub.com.au
- Email your order with your credit card details to: orders@redgumbookclub.com.au
- Call our customer service team on 02 8445 2355 and order over the phone.
- Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and return to the school Office with payment.

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

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Term Dates for 2016:

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

| CANTEEN ROSTER | |
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| Friday 14 th October | Nicole Huybers, Tayla Parfett, Nicole Brown |
| Monday 17 th October | Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid |

Camp Australia- Goonawarra OSHC

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.

Congratulations Fraser for getting our award this week.

Welcome Charlotte. We hope you have fun on Fridays with us.

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Feeling Cool About School

Feeling cool about school is a free, 4 session program that:-

- Helps you prepare for your transition to high school
- Teaches you ways to manage stress and anxiety about school

Who
Any young person worried about starting high school

When
Thursday 24th November, 1st, 8th, and 15th December 2016 at 4:15PM – 5:45PM

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