



# 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
16 <sup>th</sup> CLUBS	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> 3 / 4 Hands On Science Incursion	20 <sup>th</sup> Out of Uniform Day.  30 Year Fete 3:30 - 8:30pm	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Walk to School Week. CLUBS. School Council at 6:30pm.	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>  3 - 6 Milo Cricket (Various Groups)	26 <sup>th</sup>  Rugby Gala Day	27 <sup>th</sup>  Prep 2018 Library Transition Day	29 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
30 <sup>th</sup> CLUBS	31 <sup>st</sup> 	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Start Smart Grades 3 / 4. Grade 6 Dancesport.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 5/6's Milo Cricket.	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>

### Out of Uniform Day on Fete Day!

*A gold coin donation is required. Funds will go to support the "Story Dog Program in Schools".*

For most of this year, Grade 2 students have had "Tim" the Story Dog come and visit them.

When children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing! It's non-judgemental, children's focus improves, literacy skills increase and confidence soars. The non-judgmental, loving nature of dogs gives this program its magic and helps children relax, open up, try harder and have fun reading to a friendly and calm dog.

Reading sessions take place in a quiet area of the school. A reading session is approximately 20 minutes long, where each child is one-on-one with the dog team. Books are chosen to suit the student's reading level. During the session, the handler often speaks through the dog, such as; "Sam doesn't understand what is happening on this page, could you help him out?" The child becomes the teacher; and their confidence soars!

A new dog will replace Tim in the near future.



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

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete is getting closer – only 8 more sleeps to go until the celebrations!

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

There will be carnival rides suitable for everyone, a petting zoo, pony rides, jumping castle, dunk tank, handball targets, Art exhibition, silent art auction of students paintings, CommuniTEA van, SES truck, over 40 stalls, cake stall, food vans, BBQs, drink outlets and much more!

There will be the Sunbury Diva's singing and the local band Recall playing for your enjoyment! There will be so much for everyone!

All classes are involved with a whole range of fun activities including:

Preps – Cake Stall

Grade 1- Hair spraying, face painting and nail polish

Grade 2 – Fake tattoos

Grade 3 / 4 – Book Stall and Guess the Lollies in the Jar Competition

Grade 5 – Mystery Jars

Grade 6F – Slime

Grade 6HF – Dunk Tank (Dunk a teacher or even the Principal!)

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 has been sent home or speak to your child's teacher. Any parents who can assist with setting up for the Fete from 9am onwards on Friday please come to the office.



### CLASSROOM REQUESTS FOR FETE:

In order for the class stalls to be a success, the staff require these items for each of the stalls.

All Prep families will receive a plate and information sheet to return with something yummy and home cooked on it on the day of the Fete.

Grade 1's are after lots of hair spray (coloured), face paint or nail polish.

Grade 2's need fake tattoos.

Grade 3 / 4's still need more second hand books for their stall and lollies for their competition.

Grade 5's require jars filled with 'kid friendly' items.

If you can assist with any of the above requests, please send them to school as soon as possible.



### WRISTBANDS:

In order to maximise your child's participation and enjoyment on the carnival rides, prepaid wrist bands can now be ordered. Purchasing the bands will entitle your child to unlimited rides on the Cha Cha, Giant Slide, Pony Ride, Petting Zoo and Jumping Castle! The order form for the wrist bands went home recently. Order forms are also available with today's Newsletter plus on the school homepage.

**Please note: In the unlikely event that the Fete needs to be cancelled due to poor weather, the money outlaid for the wristbands will be refundable.**

Community organisations that will be at the Fete include:

Sunbury Community Health Centre

Sons of the West (Men's Health)

Goonawarra Neighbourhood House

East Sunbury Sporting Club



### ART WORK:

Paintings have been created on large canvas' by various grades.

These will be on display in the Prep rooms and will be available to the highest bidder through a silent auction process conducted throughout the Fete.

### HISTORY - GOONAWARRA IN PICTURES:

In the Prep rooms there will be a display of old photos of the school from its beginnings in 1987 up to the present. Most of the whole school photos throughout the years will be on display. There will also be videos of special moments.

**At 6.00pm the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mural will be unveiled at the front of the school.**

*Please invite anyone you know who has been connected with the school over the last thirty years to come along and enjoy the celebrations!*

### **LETTERBOX DROP:**

A flyer has been produced to help spread the word about the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete throughout the Goonawarra and Rolling Meadows estates.

If you could assist by taking a bundle of flyers and putting them in letterboxes in your street throughout this weekend, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bundles of flyers are available at the school office. Please take a bundle and mark off on the map the streets that you will visit.

The more people that know about the event, the bigger the celebration will be!

### **THE WORKS CONTINUES!**

The improvement work on many areas of the school has commenced.

The upgrade of the student toilets is nearly completed.

The clearing of the amphitheatre area and replacement of all the storm water pipes has been completed. The next step is to add soil to the area and roll it before synthetic grass is laid over the expansive 400 sq metre area.

Other works that are being undertaken include the replacement of rotting timber on the exterior of the school buildings, the grinding of concrete paths to make them flat and to resurface the Grade 5/6 Basketball court with synthetic grass and appropriate line marking.

We look forward to the results of all these improvements which are due to be completed by late February next year, if not sooner.

### **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.

It was installed over the school holidays. Electricity, computer networks, phone lines, concrete paths and plumbing all need to be fitted / constructed before the rooms are available for use. All this work will be completed in the next few weeks.

No classes will be moved into these new rooms this year.

### **VEGETABLE GARDEN DEVELOPMENT:**

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

The ten 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 are after parents and grandparents to assist with this project. Please contact Mrs Pinti or the office if you can assist.

The funding of this project was made possible by money raised through the Goon-A-Warrior events.

A water tank has been installed in the vegetable garden area. This was provided through a grant from Western Water.

A tool shed will also be installed soon.

### **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.

**Alan Fairweather**

**Principal**

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### **Walk to School Week: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October**

Walk to School week is a fun and easy way for Victorian primary school kids to build healthy habits for life.

Students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to and from school during this week of October. Teachers and JSC will be recording and tallying how many times students walk, ride or scoot to and from school during this week.

Certificates and stickers will be awarded to students who have a go!

## A BIG THANK YOU to Amy Hughes

Amy is one of our terrific grade six class teachers who guides and encourages our senior students in their learning on a daily basis.

In addition to being a fantastic classroom teacher, Amy is the grade six transition coordinator who helps our grade six students to have a smooth passage from primary to secondary school. Amy also organises all the placements for both work experience students and student teachers here at school AND on top of that, Amy coordinated the grade five and six camp, which took place at the end of last term.

The grade five and six camp was a fantastic experience for our senior students where they had the opportunity to do some learning in a different environment outside their regular classroom. The students enjoyed activities such as mountain bike riding, archery, flying fox, the leap of faith and teamwork initiatives. Through taking part in this school camp experience, our senior students were able to further develop their social skills, build their resilience, become more independent and develop useful lifelong skills that will hold them in good stead for the future. All of this of course, would not be possible without Amy's hard work and organisation to help make it happen.

Thanks Amy for all you do for our school. You're the best!

### *Term Dates for 2017*

**Term 4:** 9<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### *Term Dates 2018*

**Term 1:** 30<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Term 2:** 16<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 16<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Term 4:** 8<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> December

**HEAD LICE:** We have had a case of head lice reported this week in **Grade 6 Hughes/Fitzclarenc**. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis using the following method:

**Step 1:** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair.

**Step 2:** Comb sections of the hair with a fine toothed, headlike comb.

**Step 3:** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 4:** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 5:** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

If lice or eggs are found please commence treatment immediately. Children are able to return to school once treatment has commenced. It is also important to notify the school as soon as possible. **The Department of Health and Family Services strongly recommends that treatments are reapplied 7 days later to prevent reinfestation.** I ask all parents to carry out weekly checks and to treat any infestations promptly. Please note that unless treatment is carried out effectively the head lice will reappear. Regular checks prompt and repeated treatment and notification to the school will assist us to control the **spread of head lice in our school.**

**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 13 <sup>th</sup> October:	Nicole Huybers, Hannah Day & Nicole Brown.
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October:	Nicole Huybers.
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October:	Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid & Teryn Maiolo.