



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
2017 Prep Transition Library Session TOMORROW					22 nd	23 rd
24 th School Council 6:30pm	25 th	26 th	27 th Clubs - Week 4	28 th Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	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 Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	12 th	13 th
14 th	15 th 2017 Prep Transition Classroom Session.	16 th P-2 Nook Walk	17 th	18 th Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	19 th	20 th

Payments and Reminders:

Grade 5/6 - Billy Slater Shield 2016 Gala Day: Permission slip to be returned by Monday 24th October.

Grades 4, 5& 6 - Building Resilience in School Community Survey permission slip to be returned as soon as possible.

Grade 6 - Health & Human Relations: Permission slip and \$10.00 due by Friday 28th October.

INFORMATION PLEASE:

Each year parents are given the opportunity to inform staff about information which may help in placing their child in a class for the following year.

The preferred form to use is available from the office or your child's teacher.

If you feel that you want to share some information which may be of assistance, please read the form carefully for instructions.

Forms need to be returned to the office by Monday 7th November.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY:

Several months ago a random selection of school families were given the opportunity to comment on a wide range of aspects of the school as deemed by the Department of Education.

The results of this survey were released this week.

Overall the information received is very encouraging indeed. For the last five years there has been enormous improvement in the opinion of parents across all areas surveyed.

Once the full data has been presented to staff and the School Council, the survey will be available on the school website. The graph in this newsletter is a snapshot of the participating parent's responses. It is interesting to note that our data is consistent with the State's data - where our data is high / is low so it is across the State.

The group of areas surveyed with the strongest approval ratings are listed below. As a comparison I have, in brackets, provided the percentages of parents who gave a positive rating to this area of the survey in 2011 and then in 2016 -

School Connectedness (2011 - 26.4% / 2016 - 82.4% approval)

Parent Input (4.8% / 81.8%)

Transitions (3.6% / 79.4%)

School Improvement (1.8% / 73.3%)

Student Motivation (26.8% / 73.8%)

Teacher Morale (2.3% / 73.7%)

Stimulating Learning (2.5% / 72.8%)

The group of areas surveyed that have a lower approval rating (but still very positive) are -

Reporting (11.8% / 45.1%)

Extra-Curricula (9.9% / 51.1%)

Homework (22.2% / 52.1%)

The collection of this data is interesting and it provides an idea of the opinion the community has of the school and what it offers students. Unless the data is used then it is just interesting information - some very pleasing, some disappointing.

Therefore it is the intention of the staff and School Council to thoroughly examine this information, look at the trends over recent years, review our current practices and investigate opportunities for improvement.

THE GOON-A-WARRIOR IS BACK!

Following the great success of the last two years, the Goon-A-Warrior is back and it is bigger than ever!

This event is the major fundraiser of the year for the Parents & Friends Group.

Students will be encouraged to seek sponsorship from family and friends as they attempt to complete as many laps as possible in a set time. The course will be very challenging! All students will have the opportunity to climb over a tower of hay bales, crawl under cargo nets, work their way through an obstacle course, jump through tyres and a few other new surprises!

Students will be asked to come to school dressed as Warriors - head bands, face paint etc.

This fundraiser has the potential to raise a large amount of money to be used to support the development and construction of a vegetable garden at school which will be used by students and parents. The major cost will be a cyclone fence around the garden. Additional seating around the yard will also be funded by Parents & Friends fundraising efforts.

If every student can raise \$20, the total for the school will be over \$7,500!

The Goon-A-Warrior will be held at school on Wednesday 9th November.

There will be prizes for students who can raise over \$50.

Please start collecting sponsorships now!

The sponsorship form is with today's Newsletter.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000. Can you help?

FIRST AID SESSIONS:

This week all students had the opportunity to be part of a first aid session presented by St John's Ambulance members. The sessions were extremely interesting and all students enjoyed them. Ask your child about what they learnt.

Dear Parents,

We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the catalogue has been sent home with your child.

Redgum orders will earn resources and books for our school and with every order your child will receive a free gift.

Open the link [Redgum Book Club term 4 catalogue](#) to view the current catalogue. www.redgumbookclub.com.au. Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal. The catalogue is now open and closes on **Tuesday 8th November**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school no later than **Tuesday 22nd November**.

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

Thank you

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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



Children's sunglasses are available from the School Office for only \$5.00. They are available in small, medium and large.



CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 21st October	Nicole Huybers, Melissa Bah, Jaimie Grant
Monday 24th October	Nicole Huybers, Vanessa Ouston

Parent Opinion Survey – Percentile by Factor by School Type – 2016 - Goonawarra Primary School (5248)

School means plotted as percentage ranks against Primary School means

