



# 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
Prep 2018 Library Transition Day TOMORROW 9.15am-10am 10.15am-11am					29 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
30 <sup>th</sup> <b>CLUBS</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> November Grades 3-4 Mio Cricket	2 <sup>nd</sup> Start Smart Grades 3 - 4. Grade 5- 6 Dancesport.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 5-6's Milo Cricket. Assembly in Gym at 3pm	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> <b>CUP DAY HOLIDAY</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5- 6 Dancesport	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
13 <sup>th</sup> Grades P-2 Teddy Bears Picnic	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Prep 2018 Classroom Session 9.15am- 10.45am	16 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5- 6 Dancesport	17 <sup>th</sup> GOON-A-WARRIOR 	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 5- 6 Dancesport	24 <sup>th</sup> Whole school Concert 6pm-8pm	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
27 <sup>th</sup> School Council 6.30pm	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5- 6 Dancesport	1 <sup>st</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> 2018 Prep Parents Information Night 7pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Show Off Production	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 5-6 End of year celebration at Sunbury Aquatic Centre	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Dancesport	8 <sup>th</sup> <b>CURRICULUM DAY PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Orientation/ Transition Day	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Stall Grade 6 Dancesport	15 <sup>th</sup> P-2 Fairy Tale Rotation	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3-4 Maddingley Park end of year excursion	20 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Graduation	21 <sup>st</sup> Grades P-2 Christmas Concert	22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 1.30pm</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>

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

We trust that everyone who attended the Fete on Friday night had a fantastic time! There were activities, stalls, entertainment as well as food and drinks for all.

The 1,000+ members of the local community who attended all seemed to enjoy themselves.

The event was a great way to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our school.

The special mural that has been installed at the front of the school, which was created by the Grade Six students depicting a tree with the word 'Goonawarra' hidden in the branches, has been a great talking point.

The Anniversary tree has been planted near the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tree.

A special thank you to the staff and many members of the school community who assisted with the planning and organisation of the Fete.

The members of the Parents & Friends group need to be congratulated on the outstanding work they undertook to make the fete the success that it was.

Lucy Loko, Sharon Snook, Leonie Smits, Katrina Scicluna, Paul Campbell, Meaghan Hindmarsh and many others have worked tirelessly over a long period of time on this event.

Their dedication and commitment to the school is greatly appreciated by all.

The Fete was geared to be a celebration event of the school's Anniversary and not so much as a major fundraiser. It was designed to provide everyone with a chance to enjoy this moment in the school's fine history.

Given this, it is encouraging to note that the Fete still raised nearly \$4,000 profit.

This amount, plus the funds from other P & F functions this year means that they have raised over \$9,000.

All funds raised will be used to enhance the physical environment of the school as well as the educational opportunities for our students.

### **PREP TRANSITION No. 3 SESSION:**

Tomorrow is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transition Session for the 2018 Preps. It will be a session in the Library. Their other visits included Physical Education and Art.

There are currently 60 Preps enrolled for next year.

### **GOON A WARRIOR:**

The famous Goon A Warrior physical challenge event will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The event incorporates many activities of climbing, crawling, running, jumping etc. It is a great fun activity!



The event is also one of the major fundraiser events of the Parents & Friends. Funds from previous Goon A Warrior events have gone towards creating our community veggie gardens.

Students are requested to seek financial support from family and friends for each lap of the circuit that they complete. Our target is \$25.00 per student which will raise \$10,000.



Funds raised will be used to purchase and install new aluminium bench seats around the school play grounds as well as some additional synthetic grass areas around the sides of the gym.

The Goon A Warrior sponsorship form is attached to today's Newsletter.

### **WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November our Whole School Outdoor Concert will be held. This will be the third concert. The other two have proven to be highly successful.

This year the theme is based on songs from the last 30 years, in keeping with the school Anniversary.

All grades will perform a No. 1 Hit Song from the last 30 years.

It promises to be a fantastic event.

It will be held on the Prep - Gr 2 synthetic grass area. Bring your picnic rug and enjoy the atmosphere!

It is a free event, which will commence at 6pm and should be finished by 8pm.

We are endeavouring to have food and drink stalls available.

There will be a raffle on the night with some great prizes to be won!

Mark the date in your diary!



### **PUPIL FREE DAY:**

The final Pupil Free Day for the year will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. No students are required at school on this day.

The staff will be engaged with various professional development activities.

### **HISTORY - GOONAWARRA IN PICTURES:**

At the Fete there were many photo albums from the past on display. Before they are put back in the cupboard until the next event, they will be put on tables around the roundabout area near the office for the next few weeks. Families are welcome to come and have a look through them. Past students may like to see themselves on camps or in dress up parades!

### **A NEW PAVED PATH TO MEMORY LANE!**

To celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to create memories for years to come, a new paved pathway will be constructed. Families and individuals will have the opportunity to purchase a brick paver with their name etched into it. The pavers will be laid on both sides of the main gate entrance at the front of the school (between the large rocks).

Each year, for years to come, families will have an opportunity to purchase pavers and add to the path.

The form to order the pavers is attached to today's Newsletter and from the office for the rest of the year.

Families leaving the school (last child in Grade 6), new families beginning, families or staff who attended the school in the past, will all have the opportunity to purchase a paver. A family could purchase one 'family' paver (Smith Family) or you could purchase one for each child (Bill Smith, Mary Smith, Harry Smith).

The first order of pavers will be made at the start of next year and they will be laid in February.

Each year in the future, two orders will be placed – one mid-year and the other at the end of the year.

The initial batch of pavers will cost \$25.00 each.

See the attached sheet for all the details.

### **THE WORKS CONTINUES!**

The improvement work on many areas of the school is well underway.

The upgrade of the student toilets is nearly complete.

The library ceiling and walls have been painted.

The clearing of the amphitheatre area and replacement of all the storm water pipes has been completed. The soil and crushed rock have been laid. The synthetic grass surface covering 400 sq metres may be installed this week.

Other works that are being undertaken include the replacement of rotting timber on the exterior of the school buildings, painting sections of the exterior timber, 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:**

Last week, students commenced planting vegetables in our new raised garden beds.

Various classes and selective students are working with staff to develop the gardens and plant out the first crop of vegetables.

The funding for the development of this garden was made available by money raised from the last Goon-A-Warra event.

It will be great to see their enthusiasm develop as the plants grow and produce a crop.

We would love to hear from any parents or grandparents who would be willing to assist with this engaging project.

### **SUNBURY SHOW WRITING COMPETITION:**

Congratulations to the following students for the recognition of the work they displayed at the recent Sunbury Show.

Thomas (grade 6) won third place and was highly commended.

Also highly commended were Zen, Alexa, Maddison and Will.

### **PREP THANK YOU:**

The prep students and teachers would like to say a very big thankyou to all the parents who supported our 'Bake Stall' at the Goonawarra 30th Anniversary fete. The stall was a huge success and we would not have been able to do it with out the help and support of our community. A special thankyou to the group of ladies who stayed throughout the day on Friday to help package the baked goods and set the stall up. You were all amazing!

Prep Team

*Thank you mum for setting up and making delicious treats. And thank you to everyone else who helped. Love Darcy. Prep Conn*

Thank you mum for all your help at the fete and thanks for making so many sweets. Huter.

Prep Conn

*Thank you mum for making yummy cakes. They are the best cakes, even Mr Fairweather Miss Dwyer and Miss Ireland bought your cakes. I love you mum. Thank you Prep D's parents who helped at the fete. Love Vuk. Prep D*

Thank you mum for making delicious chocolate treats. Love Zoe. Prep D

*Thanks mum for making delicious brownies for the fete and dad for yummy brownies. Love Dexter. Prep I*



### **SCHOOL HATS:**

Please make sure that your child brings their hat to school.

New hats are available from the PSW store near the Aldi store.

## GO FOR IT KALEA!

One of our Grade 2 students, Kalea is going to compete in the **Pink & Fun Run Triathlon!**

She has set herself two goals.

- One is to finish the event!
- The other is to raise at least \$500 in fundraising for the National Breast Cancer Foundation!

If you would like to support Kalea in her wonderful endeavours, please logon to [www.everydayhero.com](http://www.everydayhero.com) and in the search box type 'Kalea.'

Look for the Kalea with the tag - 'kalea gives it her best tri.'

Thank you for your anticipated support.

**Alan Fairweather**

Principal

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### *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

### **Payments & Reminders:**

Grade 5: Dancesport: \$10 due by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Grade 6: Dancesport: \$24.00 due by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

<b>CANTEEN ROSTER</b>	
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October:	Nicole Huybers, Tricia Smillie & Janine Fisher
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October:	Nicole Huybers.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Nicole Huybers, Meg Kerr & Katrina Scicluna

### **BOOK CLUB:**

Each child would have received the last Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year by the end of this week. Orders can be done directly through Scholastic by visiting [www.scholastic.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.au/LOOP) or alternatively please complete the form on the back, ensuring that your child's name and grade is included and return with payment to the school office by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Cheques can be made payable to Scholastic Australia.

*If any families would like to order from Redgum Book Club, a catalogue can be collected at the school office. Redgum Book Club is online ordering ONLY by visiting [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au) . Please see Sue at the office if you have any questions.*

## Goonawarra Classifieds

### **SUNBURY NETBALL**

JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-12noon.

Eric Boardman Stadium - Wilsons Lane Sunbury

For further information

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