



Goonawarra Primary School Newsletter

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Goonawarra is G.R.E.A.T!

At Goonawarra we all aim to be -

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'Creating, Nurturing & Expanding Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.'

| MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| 14 th | 15 th 2017 Prep Transition Classroom Session. 9.15am-10.45am | 16 th P-2 Nook Walk | 17 th | 18 th Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion | 19 th | 20 th |
| 21 st | 22 nd Grade 5 Excursion to 'Show Off' | 23 rd | 24 th | 25 th School Concert Food & drink from 5pm Concert 6.00pm | 26 th | 27 th |
| 28 th School Council 6:30pm | 29 th Keyboard Concert 10am-1:30pm | 30 th | 1 st December | 2 nd Grades 5/6 Excursion Sunbury Aquatic Centre | 3 rd | 4 th |
| 5 th 2017 Prep Parents Information Session 7pm | 6 th Orientation Day Grade 6 - all day 2017 Preps 9.15am - 10.45 | 7 th | 8 th | 9 th | 10 th | 11 th |

Payments and Reminders:

Grade 5 Excursion to 'Show Off' Sunbury S.C - Permission form due by Friday 18th November.

Grade 6 Graduation: \$25.00 and form due by Monday 28th November.

The Goon-A-Warrior!

What a great event!

Yesterday the whole school participated in the 3rd Goon-A-Warrior Challenge.

Many students, parents and staff dressed for the occasion in warrior clothing.

All students had the opportunity to climb over a tower of hay bales, crawl under cargo nets, work their way through an obstacle course, jump through tyres, walk along a balance beam, jump over hurdles, run through a foam pit and climb over a vaulting horse!

Much fun was had by all!

This was followed by a BBQ lunch.

Many thanks to the families who assisted with this fantastic event!

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



Students were encouraged to seek sponsorship from family and friends as they attempted to complete as many laps as possible in a set time. 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

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

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

Please return sponsorship forms and the money collected by Friday next week - 18th November.

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



PREP TRANSITION SESSION No. 4:

Next Tuesday the 55 enrolled Preps for next year will be participating in their fourth Transition Day. They have previously had sessions in the Gym, Art Room and the Library. Next week they will be spending 1 ½ hours in the classrooms. They will be involved in many normal classroom activities. All Transition sessions have involved numerous Grade Five students who will be Grade Six Buddies next year.

By the time these children have experienced their fifth session of being in their own classroom with their Prep teacher and class mates, they are very familiar with many aspects of school life. When they return in the New Year to commence Preps, they are usually very confident and prepared for school life. In most cases, the children are fine, it's the parents who sometimes shed a tear or two!

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

Tomorrow several students will join me at the Remembrance Day Service in Sunbury conducted by the RSL to lay a wreath on behalf of the Goonawarra School community. The service will commence at 10.45am outside the Memorial Hall in Barkly St Sunbury. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

After a State wide selection process, it gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Mrs Carla Cropley as the new Assistant Principal for Goonawarra Primary School. Carla is passionate about teaching and is currently in a leadership position at Creekside K - 9 College. She has also taught at Taylors Hills PS and Gladstone Views PS.

Her major roles at Goonawarra will be to assist with curriculum development across the school, staff professional development and student engagement with their learning.

Mrs Cropley will commence at Goonawarra at the beginning of next year.

I am sure you will join with the staff in warmly welcoming Mrs Cropley to the Goonawarra community.

AND MORE NEW STAFF!

As the school grows by another class next year (up to 18) and Mrs Carey leaves to commence family leave, three new staff members will join our staff next year.

Mr Ewen Hildebrand and Ms Amber Parmley will be classroom teachers and Ms Lori Nichols will be teaching Visual and Performing Arts.

Mr Hildebrand is coming with several years' experience as a teacher at Gisborne PS.

Ms Parmley has taught extensively in Malaysia, South Africa and London in the past and she is currently assisting in several local schools.

Ms Nichols also has several years' experience in the classroom and Art room at Sunshine Harvester PS. She will be replacing Sonja in the Art Room while Sonja is on leave for a year.

We welcome these new members to the Goonawarra community.

CONGRATULATIONS SAM!

On Saturday one of our Integration Aides, Sam Bonello is getting married!

At Assembly on Monday Sam was 'married' to Peter from grade One!



THE WHOLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR CONCERT:

It has begun! Songs can be heard up and down the corridors, dance routines are being rehearsed and conversations about costumes have started!

The large stage and sound system have been booked.

The food and drink vans have been organised.

Everything is gearing up for The Whole School Concert on Friday 25th November.

It is planned that families will begin arriving at 5pm and set up on the synthetic grass area. The concert is a free event, so everyone is welcome to come – no tickets to worry about.

There will be plenty of food and drink available to purchase for dinner.

The Concert will commence at 6.00pm.

All grades will perform an item based around a movie theme. The school choir will also perform.

It is anticipated that the concert will conclude close to 8.00pm.

The Parents & Friends Group will be conducting a raffle throughout the event.

ENROLMENTS AND DEPARTURES:

This week the staff have commenced placing students into classes for next year. Many variables are taken into account when undertaking this task. Unfortunately no more parent requests can be accepted.

Please contact the office if you are aware that your children will not be attending Goonawarra next year.

Also if you are aware of any families considering commencing here, please ask them to arrange a discussion with me as soon as possible.

FOOD DRIVE:

Starting next Monday 14th November, a group of Grade 5-6 students have organised a food donation drive to help out those in need in the lead up to Christmas. There will be collection boxes set up inside the main entry to the school, near the office, where you will be able to donate a non-perishable food item. The collection process will take place for two weeks and the donations will be gladly accepted by Careworks Sunbury and Foodbank Victoria. We encourage and appreciate all of our school families and teachers donating to this worthy cause.

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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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 11 th November | Nicole Huybers, Phuong Nguyen, Nicole Brown. |
| Monday 14 th November | Nicole Huybers, Kara Cottle |

Camp Australia- Goonawarra OSHC

This week the children have enjoyed DIY Scratch art. They covered their paper with oil pastel and painted over it with black paint using a roller. Once it was dry, they used a small wooden stick to scratch away the paint and see the colourful pastel coming through from underneath.

Congratulations to Millar for getting our award in week 5!

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FOOD DRIVE



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- Canned fruit
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FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

6 -8PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$7 ENTRY
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CONTACT SENIOR CONSTABLE KIMBERLEY HUNTIN 0744 8111



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