



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
OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW! SCHOOL CONCERT TOMORROW 5PM FOODSTALLS AND 6PM CONCERT!						
28 th School Council 6:30pm	29 th Keyboard Concert 10am- 1:30pm in Senior Building	30 th	1 st December Grades 5/6 Excursion Sunbury Aquatic Centre	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
5 th 2017 Prep Parents Information Session 7pm	6 th Orientation Day All children move to 2017 Grades	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
12 th	13 th	14 th Grade 6 Graduation	15 th Grades 3/4 Excursion to Maddingley Park	16 th School Choir Sunbury Community Performance	17 th	18 th
19 th	20 th END OF TERM 1.30PM DISMISSAL	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE!				

Payments & Reminders:

Goon-a-warrior sponsorship money: Due NOW!

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

2017 Grade 6 Jackets: \$55.00 - Due by Friday 2nd December

Grades 5/6 Excursion to Sunbury Aquatic Centre: \$6.50 due by Tuesday 29th November.

Grades 3/4 Picnic Day at Maddingley Park, Bacchus Marsh: \$9.00 due by Friday 2nd December.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

The Casual Clothes Day for November will be held **tomorrow** the 25th November. To wear their casual clothes all students are asked for a gold coin donation. This month's money will be donated to Oxfam Unwrapped. The students will vote for the type of gift they would like Oxfam to provide and the gifts with the highest number of votes will be selected. All of the items are for third world countries to enable their citizens to have a healthier, safer and more prosperous life. The children might select the money goes to purchasing a hen and chickens for a family in Mozambique, or a goat or perhaps a well for a village in Bangladesh which will supply clean water. The selected items will be publicised in next week's newsletter.

Please give generously to this special cause.

The Goon-A-Warrior!

Many thanks to everyone for making the Goon-A-Warrior such a success in so many ways!

The Parents & Friends Group enjoyed planning and setting up (and packing up!) the course. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of doing the activities. Parents who attended enjoyed watching the students have fun. The community supported the event very generously!

The target figure to raise through the sponsorship was a very ambitious \$7,500.

I can now announce that so far we have raised \$7354!

This is a wonderful effort indeed.

All students who raised over \$50 will receive a \$5 lunch voucher for the school Canteen as well as a \$5 voucher to be used at Collins Book Shop in Sunbury.

Random students were selected to win some great prizes!

Our intention is to use these funds to create a community vegetable garden within the school grounds.

WHOLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR CONCERT:

The BIG EVENT is on tomorrow night!

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 – coffee, BBQ, donuts, pizza etc.

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.

If you are going to buy your dinner from one of the local shops – pizza, chicken or fish & chips, you may want to pre-order so that you do not need to wait.

STAFFING FOR 2017:

As outlined in last week's Newsletter, the grade staffing for next year is as follows –

PREPS - Sue Conn, Tahlia Dwyer and Stephanie Ireland

GRADE ONES - Rhiannon LoBosco, Breanna Thomas, Sandi Cassinides (3 days) & Lauren Milligan (2 days)

GRADE TWOS - Kellie Trevaskis, Simone Casey and Stephanie Coakley

**GRADE THREES & FOURS - Joanne Sullivan, Gerald Bronchinetti, Ewen Hildebrand
Jess Dunn and Amber Parmley**

GRADE FIVES - Marita Ryan and Kathleen Kelly

GRADE SIXES - Jessica Fry and Amy Hughes (4 days) & Michael Fitzclarence (1 day).

Summary of 2017 Information:

- The enrolment of the school will be approximately 388 at the start of the year. This is an increase of 27 since the beginning of 2016.
- There will be 18 classes – one more than this year – an extra Grade 2.
- The average class size across the school will be 21.5 students.
- Grades Five & Six will be straight grades – not composite.
- Mrs Danielle Carey will commence Family Leave.
- Two new classroom teachers will join us.
- Sonja is taking leave for a year and is being replaced by Ms Lori Nichols in the Art Room.
- LOTE (Italian) will be extended to include Grade 3 students.
- Mrs Carla Copley will commence as our Assistant Principal.
- Michele Pinti will be the full time Welfare Coordinator.
- Ben Smith will continue as our School Chaplain.
- There will be approximately 260 families involved with the school.

BOOK PACKS FOR 2017:

The individual Book Packs for all students will be available for purchase on –

- Tuesday 6th December - Families with a Prep child commencing.
- Wednesday 7th December - all grades
- Wednesday 14th December - all grades
- Monday 30th January - all grades

The cost of the Book Packs will be approved by School Council at their next meeting next Monday night. Families will be advised in time before the above dates.

TRANSITION DAY:

Forming classes for the following year is a drawn out, but thoughtful process.

- Parents were given the opportunity to inform the school about any thoughts they may have in regard to the placement of their child.
- Students were asked to identify five students they would like to be with the following year.

- Academic development of all students was taken into account.
- Staff opinion of student social groups was considered.
- Previous grade placements are noted.
- Supportive groups for new students to the school was also considered.
- Where Staff are to teach can also influence student placements.

As you can see there are many aspects to be considered when placing 380 students into 18 classes.

On Tuesday 6th December all students will spend time with their 2017 teacher in their new class. Our new Preps will also attend on this day along with more new students in other grade levels. It would be great if all students could be at school on this day. All new staff will be present as well.

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY:

Each Term, two Grade 6 students are chosen to assume the role of Principal for a Day.

On Monday Kaylee and Josh were Principals of the school (just for one day!)

They did a great job! Some of their roles were: Lead Assembly, survey staff on which computer programs are used across the school and come up with a plan to where classes could be located next year. Kaylee and Josh also identified maintenance issues around the school playgrounds and surveyed next year’s grade six students as to what they would like to name the Portable Building where all grade six students will be located. They also enjoyed morning tea in the staffroom and lunch at Betty’s Shop.

ENROLMENTS AND DEPARTURES:

Student placement in grades for next year has now been completed. Please let the office know if your child will not be at Goonawarra next year. Removing one child can have implications for other students – friendship groups, an even spread of academic abilities etc. It is best to get all this sorted before grade structures are announced to families.

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

GOOD NEWS!

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) are the organisation who arrange buses for the public to use in this area.

PTV has just released a new timetable for increased bus services between Goonawarra School, Rolling Meadows and the Sunbury Station.

The drop off and pick up spot for the school is near the driveway gate behind the senior building in Carnoustie Drive.

There are two buses in the morning and two in the afternoon.

See the map for the route taken on the back page of this newsletter.

A valid Miki card would be needed to use the bus.

This service commences on Sunday 4th December.



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	
Friday 25 th November	Nicole Huybers, Lucy Loko, Tayla Parfett
Monday 28 th November	Nicole Huybers, Erika Vonja

Camp Australia- Goonawarra OSHC

The children have been having fun painting school bags for children in India. Congratulations to Mason for getting our award in week 7!

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN - COMING SOON

Here are just some of the feature theme days coming up:

At the movies - SING (PG) The movie event of the Summer is here. We're off to meet Dapper Koala Buster Moon and see the world's greatest singing competition!

Science Spectacular-Interactive Science Session - Bubble, Bubble, POP! Mini Scientists get ready, it's time to experiment!

Flying Hole in One-Frisbee Golf Course - A colourful and wildly fun indoor obstacle course awaits and we're ready to score!

Inside Out-Nesting Dolls - Design and take-home your masterpieces. Will it be a footy team? A music band? The choice is yours!

To find your closest Holiday Club location and to book visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Goonawarra Classifieds

Trolls fundraiser

Lifestyle solutions are raising funds to support people with a disability to learn a home economics program. Funds raised will go towards an educator and all cooking utilities required to maintain the program.

Pre-screening of the movie "Trolls"

Price: \$15

\$5 from each ticket sold will be donated directly to the program

Limited tickets available

Date: Sunday 27th November 2016

To purchase tickets please contact

Ebony on 0403 038 545




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The new Sunbury bus network gives parents and students more choice and flexibility with more services during school hours.

Students travelling on buses to and from Sunbury Station will be able to connect to other public transport services to complete their journey.

How can students travel to Goonawarra Primary School?

Public Transport

Route 486 Sunbury Station – Rolling Meadows

AM	Departs Sunbury Station	8:25AM
	Arrives Goonawarra Primary School	8:30AM
AM	Departs Rolling Meadows	8:40AM
	Arrives Goonawarra Primary School	8:49AM
PM	Departs Goonawarra Primary School	3:20PM
	Arrives Rolling Meadows	3:30PM
PM	Departs Goonawarra Primary School	3:39PM
	Arrives Sunbury Station	3:50PM

The School Bus Program

Students may be able to access the School Bus Program for travel to and from rural and regional locations. For more information, please contact your school or the Sunbury School Bus Coordinator at Sunbury College.



How to stay safe around buses

For students

Here are some things you can do to be a good passenger and help everyone have a safe and enjoyable journey:

Don't play on the road or approach the bus until it has stopped

Stand back from the kerb as the bus pulls in. Be sure that the bus driver can see you and you can see the driver

Allow passengers to hop off before boarding the Bus

Take a seat quickly if one is available

Don't crowd doorways. If there are no seats free, move up the aisle towards the back of the vehicle to let more people on. Be sure to hold on to a rail if you're standing

Offer your seat or floor space to someone who needs it more than you and move further down the bus

Place your bag out of the way in the luggage rack, under your seat or between your feet

Be respectful of your driver and don't distract them when they're driving

Press the stop button in time to allow the driver to stop the bus smoothly

After you've hopped off, wait at the stop well clear of the bus until it has driven away. Never attempt to cross the road in front of or behind the bus

If there's an emergency, let the driver know and listen to their instructions. If the driver's hurt, leave the bus and call the police. Stay together and ensure nobody wanders onto the road.

For parents and carers

Here are a few things you can do to help make public transport and traffic safer for everyone:

Don't park in the bus parking bay. Buses need plenty of room to pull in and out

If you're picking your child up from the bus stop, wait on the same side of the road as the stop so that they don't run onto the road to say hello

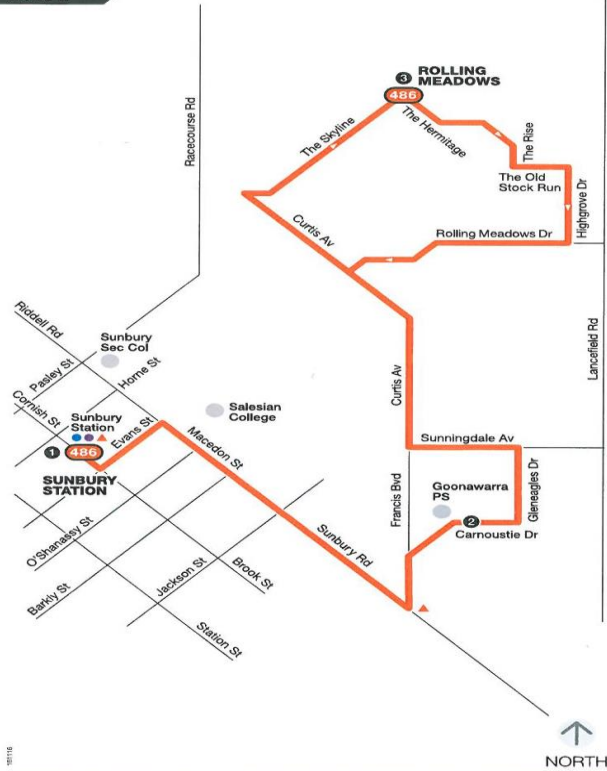
Arrange to meet at a waiting place close to the bus stop. If you're running a bit late your child will still know where to wait

Remind your children that their actions might influence the actions of their friends and younger children may look up to them.

Sunbury Station – Rolling Meadows

Route 486 via Sunbury Rd

Zone 2



Ticketing zone

1 486

Single zone

- Connecting train
- Connecting V/Line train
- Connecting bus
- Major stop

For more information visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007

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