



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
CURRICULUM DAY TOMORROW NO PUPILS AT SCHOOL					9 th	10 th
11 th	12 th Orientation/ Transition Day 9am-11am Book Pack Sales 9.15am-11.15am	13 th Book Pack Sales 9.15am-3.45pm	14 th Christmas Stall Grade 6 Dancesport P-2 Fairy Tale Rotation	15 th	16 th	17 th
18 th	19 th Grade 3-4 Maddingley Park end of year excursion	20 th Grade 6 Graduation Evening	21 st Grades P-2 Christmas Concert 9.30 am-10.45am	22 nd LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 1.30pm CANTEEN CLOSED	23 rd	24 th
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
29 th January Book Pack Sales 9.15am-3.45pm	30 th GRADES 1-6 COMMENCE TERM 1 - 2018	31 st	1 st February PREPS COMMENCE TERM 1 - 2018	2 nd	3 ^{rs}	4 th



PUPIL FREE DAY TOMORROW:

The final Pupil Free Day for the year will be held **tomorrow Friday 8th December**.

No students are required at school on this day. Camp Australia will not be offering any all day care on this day.

The staff will be engaged with various professional development activities.

2018 STAFFING:

There will be 19 classes (approx. 412 students) next year plus various Specialist Areas offered.

CLASS	TEACHER	NUMBER OF STUDENTS Approximately	ROOM NUMBER
Prep C	Mrs Sue Conn	22	12
Prep D	Miss Tahlia Dwyer	22	1
Prep I	Miss Stephanie Ireland	21	2
Gr 1 N	Miss Lori Nichols	19	3
Gr 1 T	Miss Bree Thomas	20	4
Gr 1 MC	Mrs Lauren Milligan (2 days) Mrs Sandi Cassinides (3 days)	20	9
Gr 2 ?	New staff member	19	5
Gr 2 CA	Miss Simone Casey	20	6
Gr 2 CO	Miss Stephanie Coakley	19	7
Gr 3 / 4 P	Miss Amber Parmley	23	14
Gr 3 / 4 ?	New staff member	23	16
Gr 3 / 4 B	Mr Gerald Bronchinetti	23	17
Gr 3 / 4 D	Miss Jessica Dunn	23	18
Gr 3 / 4 L	Miss Rhiannon LoBosco	23	19
Gr 5 H	Mr Ewen Hildebrand	20	13
Gr 5 R	Ms Marita Ryan	22	20
Gr 5 T	Miss Kellie Trevaskis	21	21
Gr 6 K	Ms Kathleen Kelly	26	11
Gr 6 HC	Mrs Amy Hughes (3 days) Mrs Danielle Carey (2 days)	26	10

SPECIALIST AREA	STAFF MEMBER
Physical Education	Mr Michael Fitzclarence
Visual & Performing Arts	Ms Sonja Procek
LOTE (Italian)	Mrs Elizabeth Hornby
Reading Intervention	Mrs Joanne Sullivan
Teacher Support	Mrs Pirjo Hargrave
Wellbeing Coordinator	Mrs Michele Pinti
Chaplain	Mr Ben Smith
Assistant Principal	Mrs Carla Cropley
Principal	Mr Alan Fairweather

Business Manager	Janine
Office Assistant	Mrs Sue Lavars
Integration Aide	Mrs Angela Egglestone Smith
Integration Aide	Mrs Michelle Cassell
Integration Aide	Mrs Jane Alexander
Integration Aide	Mrs Andrea Dalton

Current staff who are not listed above are:

Mrs Jessica Fry - commencing Family Leave.

Mrs Alison Atherton (Integration Aide) - retiring.

Mrs Samantha Bonello (Integration Aide) - pursuing a teaching career.

Students will be placed with their new teacher, room and classmates on Tuesday 12th December. – Whole School Transition Day.

BOOK PACKS:

To enable the School Budget income to meet the expected expenditure, the financial contribution requested from each family for each student in 2018 is **\$170.00**.

This contribution will cover all the daily consumables that your child will need in the classroom for the year. It also assists with the purchase of physical education equipment, Arts supplies and library stock. The cost of Mathletics per child (\$13.95) is also included along with a contribution to the Chaplaincy program.

The Budget is dependent on contributions from all families. For all contributions that are not made, the funds will need to be taken from school resources – other budget areas.

Attached to last week's Newsletter was the Subject Contribution form. It is also available at the office and on the school website.

The dates to purchase the Book Packs are:

Tuesday, 12th December, 2017 9.15am-11.15am Families with a prep child starting in 2018 and all other Grade Levels
 Wednesday, 13th December, 2017 9.15am-3.45pm ALL GRADE LEVELS
 Monday, 29th January, 2018 9.15am-3.45pm ALL GRADE LEVELS

Please complete the form and bring it with you when you collect the Individual Requisites component of the Essential Items Package or alternatively make a phone payment by calling the school and the package can be sent home on the day of sale.

ARE YOUR CHILDREN CONNECTED?

Last week, the two Principals For A Day, Nate and Olivia from Grade Six, conducted a survey amongst our Grade 3 – 6 students.

The survey was based around the use of social media by students.

The results are very interesting indeed.

Grades	Has own mobile	On Social Media	Snapchat	Instagram	Facebook
3/4	36%	43%	19%	23%	3%
5	44%	42%	38%	34%	14%
6	55%	52%	39%	50%	19%
Average	44%	45%	26%	35%	12%

It is interesting to note that the survey was conducted with students who are between 8 – 12 years old. All of the above social media platforms have an age restriction of 13 and above, but nearly half our students who have access to a phone (45%) have an account.

Why is this so? Why do parents permit it? What are the advantages to it?

Research clearly indicates that children under the age of twelve do not have the mental capacity to deal with the complexities that come from using social media sites. Google it for yourself if interested. There are many articles available.

You may be interested to know that a considerable amount of time is spent at school investigating the repercussions of comments that are shared on social media.

Whether it has happened to your child or not, the fact is that many children are deeply hurt and affected by what other, so called friends, say about them openly while online. In a growing number of cases, this hurt is leading to mental health issues and unfortunately in some cases, suicide. This is a tragic situation.

In some of the recent cases we are dealing with at school, the students do not own a mobile. They are using their parent's mobile, with their permission. The online comments are often made after 9pm. In some incidences, the parents are joining in the commentary with remarks of their own. These are usually not helpful and lead to other complications.

Although the students are usually at home while online (maybe with parental permission) it is at school where the face to face altercations are played out. The tears, the arguments, the frustrating phone calls from irate parents, the meetings etc all result from what is said out of school hours.

I encourage all parents who permit their children to be connected to others via social media, especially those under the legal sign up age, to please have a discussion with them about how it is used. Reading some of the comments posted may be very enlightening for parents. You may trust your child, but you can't control what others are saying to, or about your child to a whole network of people.

In the case of social media, please don't be a naive parent. Your child is too precious to be open to abuse.

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR MEMORY YET?

To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the school and to create memories for years to come, a new paved pathway will be constructed.

Families and individuals 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).

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

See the paver sheet at the office or on the homepage for all the details.

THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to our Professional Learning Team (PLT) Curriculum Coordinators:

Miss Steph Ireland (Prep), Miss Simone Casey (Grade 1/2), Mrs Jo Sullivan (Grade 3/4) and Ms Marita Ryan (Grade 5/6) & PLT Administration Coordinators: Mrs Sue Conn (Prep), Miss Rhiannon Lobosco (Grade 1/2), Miss Jess Dunn (Grade 3/4) and Ms Kathleen Kelly (Grade 5/6).

These amazing staff members are class teachers right across our school, but in addition to guiding, encouraging and caring for the students in their own class and providing them with opportunities to learn and grow on a daily basis, they also have this very important additional role in relation to the organisation, teaching and assessment of the student learning in their area of the school.

Steph.I, Simone, Jo and Marita have done an outstanding job overseeing the planning, development, implementation and assessment of the learning content that our students are taught, as well as encouraging high quality teaching and learning practices at our school.

Sue, Rhiannon, Jess.D and Kathleen have also done a wonderful job in their role to coordinate incursions, excursions and events that allow for our students to learn in different environments and participate in varying learning experiences.

These roles are vital in ensuring that our students are provided with the best education possible.

Thankyou Steph.I, Simone, Jo, Marita, Sue, Rhiannon, Jess.D and Kathleen for the tremendous work you do in these important areas, as well as all the other ways in which you contribute to our school community. You're all stars!!!

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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Term Dates for 2017

Term 4: 9th October to 22nd December

Term Dates 2018

Term 1: Grades 1-6 commence on Tuesday 30th January

Preps commence on Thursday 1st February

Term 2: 16th April to 29th June

Term 3: 16th July to 21st September

Term 4: 8th October to 21st December

PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

Congratulations to all our Christmas Raffle winners. Thank you to the school community for all your support. The annual Christmas Stall will be held on Thursday 14th December. Gifts for Christmas will range from 50c to \$10.



LOST PROPERTY:

We have over 100 items of unmarked school uniforms in lost property. Please check for ownership before next Friday 15th December.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Monday, 4 th December	Nicole Huybers
Friday, 8 th December	Nicole Huybers, Rozeta Dhono, Katrina Scicluna
Monday, 11 th December	Nicole Huybers
Friday, 15 th December	Nicole Huybers, Teryn Maiolo, Regina Reid
Monday 18 th , Decembeer	Nicole Huybers, Vanessa Radclyffe Please make a second choice for lunch orders on this day as stocks will be low.
Friday, 22 nd December	Canteen closed - LAST DAY OF TERM

Goonawarra Classifieds

FOR SALE

Sunbury College girl's second-hand uniform items!
2 girls short sleeved shirts in as new condition- size 14- \$15.00 EACH.
1 girls sports top - xs \$10.00
Please see the office staff at Goonawarra P.S

