



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
19 th	20 th END OF TERM 1.30PM DISMISSAL		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE!			
30 th January 2017 Teachers return. Book Packs available for purchase.	31 st Grade 1 to Grade 6 start school at 9am.	1 st February	2 nd Preps start school 9.15am - 1.15pm	3 rd Preps 9.15am-1.15pm	4 th	5 th

TUESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER - END OF TERM DISMISSAL 1.30PM FROM GYM!

GRADE SIX GRADUATION:

Last night our 54 Grade Six students celebrated their graduation from primary school. The night consisted of dinner at the Goonawarra Golf Club followed by a dance presentation, speeches, awards, a song and supper in the school gym. Many family members attended.

We can all celebrate this special time with our graduating students as we wish them every success as they progress through secondary education and beyond.

P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!

Due to a very busy schedule, the P & F decided there was insufficient time to organise a Christmas Stall this year.

In its place, they have assembled a whole assortment of Christmas goodies to go into a large Christmas Hamper!

Over \$200 worth of goodies have been placed into an Eskey which is overflowing with items for the whole family!

Each family will have received a notice with ten raffle tickets attached. Each ticket is worth \$1.00.

Please support the Parents & Friends Group by selling the ten tickets, write the person's name and contact number on the tear off part and return them with the \$10.00 to school. All money raised will go to support school projects.



The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at Assembly on Monday 19th December.

The Esky Christmas Hamper contains -

- 55 litre Esky on wheels with a handle, Picnic Rug, Cricket Bat and Ball, Soft Toy Doll, Trolls Doll figurine, A Family Box Set of Board Games, Britney Spears Perfume Gift Set, Match Box Car Set, Soccer Ball, Wiggles Inflatable Boat, Chocolates, Chips, Lollies, Cans of Soft Drink with Cups, Christmas Fruit Cake, Olives, Sun-dried tomatoes, Pickled Onions and Savoury Biscuit Collection. **Plus More Surprises!**

GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

Before the recent Paralympic Games in Rio, we had a visit from Ashleigh McConnell, a former Goonawarra Primary School student. (Ashleigh's Prep photo is on the front office counter).

Ashleigh is a limb deficient athlete who represented Australia in swimming. Ashleigh won a gold medal at the Rio Games!

Ashleigh returned to Goonawarra this week to talk to the students about her Rio experiences and to show us her gold medal.



BOOK PACKS FOR 2017:

The individual Book Packs for all students will be available for purchase for \$155.00 per student on **Monday 30th January**.

In order for the school Budget to be effective, it is anticipated that all families will contribute their share to cover the cost of the consumables and other resources which children will have access. Over recent years it is very encouraging to note, on average, that 97% of Student Contributions are paid.

If it is not possible for families to pay the full amount at once, an instalment plan can be arranged throughout Term One only. Where Student Contributions are not paid by families, funds need to be redirected from other areas of the Budget to meet the deficit. This has the potential to effect curriculum resources, computer equipment, grounds development etc.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

A reminder that all school uniform requirements are now available at Primary School Wear in Gap Road (underneath the shops opposite ALDI.

NEW FURNITURE HAS ARRIVED:

Throughout the last few months over half the classroom have been supplied with new tables and chairs for the students. The rest of the classrooms will get their new furniture before the commencement of next year. The funds for this improvement have come from school resources.

The excess tables and chairs are now available to all school families, community groups, friends, relations etc. Families can take as many as required - for free! See the office for details. They are great for playing school at home, playrooms, study tables, cubby houses, BBQ tables etc.

STUDENT REPORTS:

Yesterday all students brought home their end of year Report.

The staff have compiled the information in the Reports based on various testing processes, observation and from the knowledge they have developed of all the abilities of each student. They have observed the students throughout this year and have gained a real understanding of their social, emotional and academic development.

The Report has several features -

Where there is an open circle, a dotted line followed by a black dot - it shows your child's current position as opposed to where they were 12 months ago.

In the case where there are no open circles just a black dot (especially in the Grade 5/6 Reports), it indicates several scenarios -

- That these are new assessment areas that were not part of the curriculum 12 months ago.
- In other cases, where there is no open circle beside an assessable area it may mean that the student has missed a lot of the assessment in that area or that the student has not progressed sufficiently to indicate significant progress.

Student absences are recorded on the Report. Due to the timing of collating the Reports, the absence data was taken for the Semester (Term 3 & 4) up until the 28th November.

As I read through the Reports I did observe quite a few students who were absent on a high number of days. So that parents can compare their child's absences with the 'norm,' the average absences across primary schools in Victoria for a two term semester is 6 days per student. (12 for the year).

If the Reports contain information you would like to discuss with a staff member, please contact them to make arrangements for a suitable time.



On behalf of all the school staff, I would like to wish everyone a fantastic Christmas holiday period. May it be safe, happy, meaningful and lots of fun for everyone!

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 NEWS:

Last day for canteen lunch orders tomorrow!

All lunch orders placed tomorrow will **need to have a second preference** due to the limited stock at the end of the year.

Currently there is limited stock of **pies, large dim sims, lasagnes, quench drinks and strawberry milk.**

There are **no** party pies or chocolate milk.

I would like to say a big thank you to the parent volunteers for your help during the year in the canteen.

Nicole

Canteen Manager

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 16 th December	Nicole Huybers, Andrew Ouston
Monday 19 th December	CANTEEN CLOSED

Camp Australia- Goonawarra OSHC

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.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Happy
Holidays!