



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
<i>A warm welcome is extended to all our students, parents and the school community for 2018.</i>				2 nd Prep Grades 9.15am-1.30pm Assembly in gym 3.00pm	3 rd	4 th
5 th February Celebration Morning	6 th	7 th Prep Students Testing Appointments	8 th Prep Family Bbq 3.30pm-5pm	9 th Assembly in gym 3.00pm	10 th	11 th
12 th Grade 6 Swimming Lessons @12.00	13 th Grade 6 Swimming Lessons @12.00	14 th Prep Students Testing Appointments	15 th Grade 6 Swimming Lessons @12.00 Parent/Teacher Interviews 2pm-7.30pm	16 th Grade 6 Swimming Lessons @12.00 Assembly in gym 3.00pm	17 th	18 th
19 th School Council 6.30pm Grade 6 Swimming Lessons @12.00	20 th Grades 3-6 House Swimming Sports At Sunbury Aquatic Centre 10am-3.30pm	21 st Prep Students Testing Appointments	22 nd Sunbury Sports District Swimming	23 rd Assembly in gym 3.00pm	24 th	25 th
26 th	27 th	28 th Prep Students Testing Appointments	29 th	1 st March Assembly in gym 3.00pm	2 nd	3 rd

Payments & Reminders

Grade 6 Swimming Program: \$15 and medical form due by Wednesday 7th February.

Grades 3-6 House Swimming Sports: \$7 and permission note due by Friday 16th February.

Grades 3-4 Kids Tennis Foundation: \$2.50 and permission note due by Friday 16th February.

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting year at Goonawarra!

Following on from a very successful year last year, there are many great things planned in the future.

Please keep informed by reading the Newsletter and noting dates of upcoming events.

A special welcome to all our 45 new families, 64 new Preps and 20 other new students.

The Preps had a very exciting beginning today!

2018 CLASS & SPECIALIST SUBJECTS ORGANISATION

Grades	Class	Room	Approx. No of Students	2018 Staff Member
1.	Prep A	12	22	Sue Conn
2.	Prep B	1	21	Tahlia Dwyer
3.	Prep C	2	21	Stephanie Ireland
4.	Gr 1A	3	19	Lori Nichols
5.	Gr 1B	4	20	Breanna Thomas
6.	Gr 1C	9	20	Lauren Milligan - Mon & Tues Sandi Cassinides - Wed - Fri
7.	Gr 2A	7	21	Stephanie Coakley
8.	Gr 2B	8	21	Madi Minns
9.	Gr 2C	6	20	Simone Casey
10.	Gr 3/4A	14	23	Amber Parmley
11.	Gr 3/4B	17	23	Gerald Bronchinetti
12.	Gr 3/4C	16	23	Sam Bonello Condon
13.	Gr 3/4D	18	23	Jess Dunn
14.	Gr 3/4E	19	22	Rhiannon LoBosco
15.	Gr 5A	13	20	Ewen Hilderbrand
16.	Gr 5B	20	22	Marita Ryan
17.	Gr 5C	21	20	Kellie Trevaskis
18.	Gr 6A	10	27	Amy Hughes - Mon - Wed Danielle Carey - Thurs - Fri
19.	Gr 6B	11	26	Kathleen Kelly
TOTAL			414	19 classes

Staff Member	Major Specialist Area
Michael Fitzclarence	Physical Education
Sonja Procek	Visual & Performing Arts
Joanne Sullivan	Reading Intervention
Elizabeth Hornby	LOTE Italian - Grades 1 to 4
Pirjo Hargrave	Classroom Support

ES Staff Member	Roles
Angela Egglestone Smith	Student Support + OHS + 1 st Aid
Michelle Cassell	Student Support + Webpage management + 1 st Aid
Andrea Dalton	Student Support + 1 st Aid
Jane Alexander	Library Assistant + Student Support + 1 st Aid
Sue Lavars	Office Administration + 1 st Aid
Janine Consiglio	Business Manager
Scott Farr	Grounds Manager
Nicole Huybers	Canteen Manager

Additional Staff	Roles
Michele Pinti	Wellbeing Coordinator
Ben Smith	School Chaplain - Mons & Thurs
Carla Cropley	Assistant Principal
Alan Fairweather	Principal

Mrs Jess Fry:

Mrs Fry is currently on leave awaiting the birth of her first child later in February. We wish her all the best for this exciting time in her life.

NEW STAFF:

It is my pleasure to welcome Miss Madi Minns and Mrs Sam Bonello - Condon to our teaching staff for 2018!

Miss Madi Minns successfully applied for a position here at Goonawarra commencing this year. She is teaching Grade Two and has a real passion for teaching and nurturing children. She is very enthusiastic and I am sure she will pass this on to her students.



Mrs Sam Bonello-Condon has been selected to teach a Grade 3 / 4 class this year. Mrs Bonello-Condon (Mrs BC) commenced working at Goonawarra PS several years ago as an Integration Aide (Sam). It was during this time working with students in classrooms that she became convinced that teaching was what she wanted to do.

Building on her Youth Work and Psychology degrees, Mrs BC has successfully completed her teaching qualifications. She is very excited about this career change.



BOOK PACKS:

Thank you to everyone who has purchased the 2018 School Packs for students.

For those who still need to purchase them, they are available from the office.
The financial contribution requested from each family for each student 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, Art supplies and library stock. The cost of Mathletics per child (\$13.95) is also included along with a contribution to the Chaplaincy program.

WHERE TO BUY SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

The school uniform is available from Primary School Wear. Their shop in Sunbury is located across the carpark from Aldi and in the lower building. The address is Shop 6, 106-126 Gap Road, Sunbury..

Opening hours are: Wed to Fri: 10am - 4.00pm

Sat: 10am - 1pm

Extended hours are being offered until Saturday March 10th. Please phone 9768 0384 for more details.

NEARLY ALL COMPLETED:

The many improvement projects funded under the Planned Maintenance Program (a grant of \$330,000) have almost been completed.

The projects have included:

- The new synthetic grass play area outside the library and art room (old amphitheatre area)
- The refurbishment of the student toilets
- The removal of the old heating furnaces
- The installation of new gas heaters
- Repairs to the library roof and ceiling
- Painting the library
- Repairs to, and painting of external timber supports and boards
- New synthetic grass surface on the Grade 5/6 Basketball court
- Laying new carpet in the library
- Grinding down concrete paths to eliminate trip hazards
- New synthetic grass areas at the back of the gym

There is one remaining project to be completed involving some new concrete paths.

All of the above projects have greatly improved the school facilities and have made it a safer environment as well as more attractive for everyone.

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 and will be ordered at the end of February.

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

PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

Each year discussions between staff and parents are organised early in the year. The purpose of these meetings is to allow parents to pass on information to the teacher about their child.

Staff value this opportunity to meet parents and build a strong relationship between home and school early in the year.

The date for the discussions is Thursday 15th February.

Times will be available between 2pm and 7.30pm.

Please log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code **4z8bj**.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

Camps, sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Please obtain a CSEF application form from the school office or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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Term Dates 2018

Term 1: 30th January to 29th March

Term 2: 16th April to 29th June

Term 3: 16th July to 21st September

Term 4: 8th October to 21st December

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 2 nd February	Nicole Huybers
Monday 5 th February	Nicole Huybers
Friday 9 th February	Nicole Huybers, Angela McDonald, Regina Reid

Goonawarra Classifieds

Tennis Coaching at Goonawarra Primary School

My name is Matthew Todd (Tennis Australia Advanced Coach). I am once again very excited to be offering group lessons for students from Grades 3-6 wanting to work on their tennis skills at Goonawarra Primary School.

Term 1 tennis lessons will be commencing on Thursday February 8th in 2018. The lessons will be held before school from 8.10am to 8.55am on Thursday mornings in the school gym. Fees will be \$100 for 6 lessons for Term 1. For further details please collect a tennis form at the school office or phone Matthew on 0414 628 633 to book a place.

Sunbury United FC
Information Day
Sunday 11th February
11am-2pm
Langama Park
Mitchells Lane, Sunbury