



# 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
<b>Grade 6 Swimming Lessons @12.00 TOMORROW</b> <b>Assembly in gym TOMORROW 3.00pm</b>					17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
19 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Swimming Lessons @12.00 School Council 6.30pm	20 <sup>th</sup> Grades 3-6 House Swimming Sports At Sunbury Aquatic Centre 10am-3.30pm	21 <sup>st</sup> Prep Students Testing Appointments	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunbury District Swimming Sports 4.30pm-8pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly in gym 3.00pm OUT OF UNIFORM DAY	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
26 <sup>th</sup> 	27 <sup>th</sup> 	28 <sup>th</sup> Prep Students Testing Appointments 	1 <sup>st</sup> March House Athletics Boardman Stadium 9.30am-2pm 	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assembly in gym 3.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> House Athletics Backup Day Preps start full time.	6 <sup>th</sup> Prep Grades Western Water Incursion 9am-12.30	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Assembly in gym 3.00pm	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
12 <sup>th</sup> LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunbury District Athletics	16 <sup>th</sup> Assembly in gym 3.00pm	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>

#### Payments & Reminders

Grades 3-6 House Swimming Sports: \$7 and permission note due TOMORROW.

Grades 3-4 Kids Tennis Foundation: \$2.50 and permission note due TOMORROW.

Grades 3-6: House Athletic Sports: \$10 due by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February

Please keep informed by reading the Newsletter, noting dates of upcoming events and when forms and money are due.

#### 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.

These discussions are on today between 2pm and 7.30pm.

The booking site is now closed.

#### PREP FAMILY BBQ!

Despite the very warm conditions, all the Prep families who attended the barbeque last Thursday had a great time. The gathering allowed families to mix with each other and build new friendships.



### **CONGRATULATIONS MRS FRY!**

On Tuesday this week Mrs Fry gave birth to a very healthy boy named Harry John Fry! Mrs Fry has been a teacher at Goonawarra for the past 7 years. She was teaching Grade Six last year and is currently on leave. We all look forward to the 'show and tell' visit in a few weeks' time!

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Each year a number of students are voted into leadership positions by the other students.

These positions are very important in developing the character and leadership qualities of students. They also become role models for other students

Badges will be presented at Assembly tomorrow. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Congratulations to the following students:**

### **JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Laura B, Jack M, Ben S, Izzabella M, Noah R, Auri, K, Lucas R, Matilda G, Victoria P, Jack D, Tahlia N, Abdullah T, Elizabeth C, Lavina S, Oliver C, Audrey M, Mikaela W, Zach C, Oscar W and Erin C

### **HOUSE CAPTAINS:**

	<b>Captains:</b>	<b>Vice Captains:</b>
<b>Red House:</b>	Koby T, Darcy C	Harry H, Tara B
<b>Gold House:</b>	Lucas T, Isabella I	Riley B, Stella M
<b>Blue House:</b>	Bradley M, Daniella V	Lachlan C, Melissa B
<b>Green House:</b>	Matthew H, Monique C	Taryn D, Eden G

### **CHOIR CAPTAINS:**

Celina Z, Jasmine K and Alivia I

### **CASUAL CLOTHES DAY:**

The first Casual Clothes Day for 2018 will be next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This month your gold coin donation will go to HeartKids.

Heartkids raises money to fund vital medical research as well as supporting families affected by congenital/ childhood heart disease. Every year on Valentine's Day they have a day called Sweetheart Day to raise as much money as possible for research. All money raised on our Casual Clothes Day will be added to the Sweetheart Day total.

We are encouraging students to wear something red on the day.

We have several students at this school who have either congenital or childhood heart disease and who will benefit from research into heart disease. If you would like more information please refer to

<https://sweetheartday2018.everydayhero.com/au/nicky-s-sweetheart-day-birthday-fundraiser>

Please remember that no sandals or thongs or singlet tops can be worn.

### **STUDENT LATE & ABSENCE PROCESSES EXPLAINED:**

**The Department of Education has changed the rules of accountability and reporting absences. Schools must comply with these changes.**

**From now on, the school must be notified by parents of every absence on the day the student is away, not when they return to school.**

**If your child is absent from school, on the same day, you need to either:**

- Phone the school on 9744 7137
- Use the absent function on the 'Updat-ed' school app. Download from the App Store.
- Email the school on [www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au](http://www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au)

**It is more convenient for 30 - 40 parents to contact the school each day, than for the office staff to make individual phone calls to all those families to find out why students are absent.**

**Thank you for your understanding and assistance in helping us comply with these new regulations.**

**If your child is late to school, they must report to the office to obtain a late pass before going to their classroom.**

### **BOOK PACKS:**

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

For those families who have requested to pay the \$170 by instalments, please continue to make contributions as organised with the office.

#### **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. Phone: 9768 0384

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

Sat: 10am - 1pm

Extended hours are being offered until Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Wed to Fri: 10am-5pm / Saturday: 10am-1pm

#### **TWO WEEKS LEFT TO ORDER YOUR PAVER:**

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 cost \$25.00 each and will be ordered at the end of February. A sample paver is on display at the office.

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

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM:**

The Visiting Primary School Nurses from the Primary School Nursing Program will be visiting our school over the next few months. They plan to see all of the Prep students.

Questionnaires are being sent home to be completed by parents/ guardians and need to be returned by the 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Information on these confidential forms provides parents with the opportunity to raise any concerns you may have about your child's health and development with the school nurse.

If you have any questions related to the Questionnaire or the Visiting School Nurse program please talk to your child's teacher or Mrs Michele Pinti (Wellbeing Coordinator).

#### **IMPROVED FENCING:**

Throughout the next month, the boundary fencing around the school will be improved.

A new pedestrian entrance will be created off Carnoustie Drive and the fence which separates the school grounds from the Council oval will be extended to 1.8 metres in height.

#### **HELP REQUIRED:**

There are several tasks around the school that need attention. If you are skilled in the required areas and are able to offer your assistance, please contact the office for more details.

- ❖ 3 of the white 100 x 100mm verandah posts at the front door of the school need replacing.
- ❖ Several sections of concrete paving need to be cut out and new concrete laid.
- ❖ A bobcat is required to spread mulch piles.

You may have noticed that we have three purple benches in the school yard. These benches are called Buddy Benches and our students know if they sit on these benches other students will know that they need a friend and will ask them to play. We will be reminding all the students of the purpose of Buddy Benches over the next few weeks.

At the moment the benches do not have a sign to say they are buddy benches. We would love it if someone in our community has the skills to paint the Buddy Bench signs for us. We would supply the paint.

If you are able to help with the signs please see Ben Smith, Chaplain or Michele Pinti, Wellbeing Coordinator.

#### **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. Please obtain a CSEF application form from the school office or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### **UBUNTA:**

Commencing Term 2 Ubuntu will be visiting Goonawarra Primary School. They are a gifted group of singers, musicians and dancers who were once part of the African Children's Choir. Ubuntu will conduct workshops with our students, a master class with our school choir and an evening concert for the community on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Sunbury Baptist Church.

This will be an amazing cultural experience for our students.

**Alan Fairweather**

**Principal**

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#### **Term Dates 2018**

**Term 1:** 30<sup>th</sup> January to 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Term 2:** 16<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 16<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Term 4:** 8<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> December

<b>CANTEEN ROSTER</b>	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Nicole Huybers, Nicole Brown, Alison Rae
Monday 19 <sup>h</sup> February	Nicole Huybers

