



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
OUT OF UNIFORM DAY- TOMORROW						
26 th  SCHOOL DENTAL <small>If all starts with the kids</small>	27 th  SCHOOL DENTAL <small>If all starts with the kids</small>	28 th Prep Students Testing Appointments  SCHOOL DENTAL <small>If all starts with the kids</small>	1 st March House Athletics Boardman Stadium 9.30am-2pm  SCHOOL DENTAL <small>If all starts with the kids</small>	2 nd Assembly in gym 3.00pm National School Clean Up Day	3 rd	4 th
5 th House Athletics Backup Day Preps start full time.	6 th Prep Grades Western Water Incursion 9am-12.30	7 th Student Support Group Meetings	8 th	9 th Assembly in gym 3.00pm Student Support Group Meetings	10 th	11 th
12 th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	13 th	14 th	15 th Sunbury District Athletics	16 th Assembly in gym 3.00pm	17 th	18 th
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd Sunbury District Athletics Backup Day	23 rd Assembly in gym 3.00pm	24 th	25 th
26 th School Council AGM 6.30pm	27 th	28 th Grades 3-4 Western Water Incursion	29 th LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL Canteen Closed	30 th Good Friday	31 st	1 st April

Payments & Reminders

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

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

PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

Thank you to the 75% of parents who were able to attend the recent Parent & Teacher Discussions. The staff appreciated the information shared with them about the development, personality and social connections of each child.

The next formal discussions will be held in late Term 2.

Informal discussions can be arranged with any staff member if a need arises. Please contact the relevant teacher in person, by phone or email to arrange a mutually suitable time.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY:

The first Casual Clothes Day for 2018 will be **tomorrow**. 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Each year at this time, positions on School Council become available. Usually all positions on School Council are held for two years.

There are two meetings per Term – at 6.30pm on Monday nights.

All members are assigned to a sub-committee.

The School Council is the official governing body of the school.

There are currently three 2 year and one 1 year parent positions available on School Council.

There are four other parent members who have one year to go.

There are three elected staff members on the School Council as well as the Principal.

If you would be interested in nominating for one of the four vacant positions, please collect a nomination form from the office. It must be returned by 4pm next Friday. Speak to me if further clarification is required.

Alan Fairweather

GRADE SIX SWIMMING PROGRAM:

The grade sixes went to the Sunbury Aquatic Centre to participate in a swimming program, over five days. We learnt to do all of the four strokes. On the first day we all got tested on our skills and were put into groups after the test. On one of the days we did a water safety session, where we learnt to use life jackets, pull someone out of the water with a pool noodle and try to float with different objects. On the last session we had 20 minutes of relays and the rest of the session was free time in the small pool and climbing over the inflatable course. We really enjoyed the program. Lachlan C & Trinity S 6HC

SWIMMING SPORTS:

This week the School Swimming Sports were held on Tuesday. Activities and events were arranged for Grade 3 – 6 students. Many parents attended and it was a fun day for all.

Successful students will now compete against students from all the other Sunbury schools in the District Swimming Sports which will be held from 4pm today at the Sunbury Aquatic Centre.

All families are welcome to attend.

STUDENT LATE & ABSENCE PROCESSES:

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

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.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:

The first term SSG's will be held on Wednesday 7th March and Friday 9th March. You are able to book an interview time for an appointment on either of those days through the online system we use for our other parent teacher interviews. If your child has an SSG you will receive a letter with the log in code on Friday. To access the site you need to log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au. You will be able to make bookings until 3.30pm on Monday 5th March. Please see Michele Pinti if you have any questions about the process.

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 10th. 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 next week. A sample paver is on display at the office.

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

Late orders will need to wait until another batch is ordered in July.

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.

- ❖ A bobcat is required to spread mulch piles.
- ❖ Our school Wellbeing team is wanting to get in touch with a signwriter who would be prepared to paint the words 'Buddy Bench' on the backs of our three Buddy Benches that we have in our playground. Please get in contact with Michele Pinti (Wellbeing Coordinator) or Ben Smith (Chaplain) if you can assist. Thanks!

THE YEAR SO FAR:

It has been a great start to 2018.

- The student population has increased by 44 since the beginning of last year.
- A new portable building containing two classrooms is now in operation.
- Two new staff members have been employed – Miss Minns & Mrs Bonello Condon.
- Class sizes have been able to be kept at an average of 22.2 students.
- An additional Integration Aide will be employed shortly.
- The role of the full time Wellbeing staff member (Mrs Pinti) continues.
- Ben Smith continues as the School Chaplain (Mondays & Thursdays).
- The position of a full time Reading Intervention staff member (Mrs Sullivan) has been created to cater for the needs of selected students.
- Various major grounds and building renovations and improvements have been undertaken with more to come including a higher fence around the Prep – Grade 2 playground.
- New classroom furniture has been purchased where needed.
- Additional class sets of laptops and charging trolleys have been purchased.
- New improved Interactive Whiteboards (large TV monitors) have been installed in four rooms.
- The Annual Implementation Plan for 2018 focuses on reading and Professional Learning Communities
- Staff will be participating in extensive professional learning throughout the year.
- Additional teaching resources have been purchased across the school.
- Parent participation continues to grow in classrooms and specialist areas as well as on Parents & Friends and School Council.

GO FUND ME SUPPORT:

One of our school families is in need of support at the moment.

Marcelle (our school Zumba expert!) is suffering from a range of critical health issues.

Read her full story at the following link. If you are in a position to make a donation to assist her family, it would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.gofundme.com/55gxp1k?member=2488>



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 23 rd February	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna, Tricia Smillie
Monday 26 th February	Nicole Huybers
Friday 2 nd March	Nicole Huybers, Erika Vonja, Regina Reid