



# Goonawarra Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## 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>Prep Grades Grandparents &amp; Special Friends Morning 9.15am-10.45pm TOMORROW</b> National Day Against Bullying & Violence TOMORROW Assembly in gym 3.00pm TOMORROW						
19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Grades 5/6 Sunbury Downs S.C visit 9.15am	21 <sup>st</sup> Think U Know Presentation 7pm	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly in gym 3.00pm Casual Clothes Day	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
26 <sup>th</sup> School Council AGM 6.30pm CANTEEN CLOSED FOR HOT CROSS BUN SALES	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Grades 3-4 Western Water Incursion	29 <sup>th</sup> <b>LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 2.30PM</b>  CANTEEN CLOSED	30 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> April
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
16 <sup>th</sup> April <b>TERM 2 COMMENCES</b> Grade 6 - Think U Know Presentation 11.30am	17 <sup>th</sup> Grades 5/6 Sunbury S.C visit 9am	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> CLUBS - WEEK 1	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> SCHOOL PHOTOS	25 <sup>th</sup> <b>ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> CLUBS - WEEK 2	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>

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

#### Payments & Reminders:

Canteen Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea: \$1.50 per bun: Due by **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**.

Donations for Easter Raffle: eggs, bunnies & baskets would be greatly appreciated.

Easter Raffle tickets: \$1 per ticket



## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS NOMINATIONS CLOSE NEXT MONDAY

There are still positions available!



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

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.

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 Monday. Speak to me if further clarification is required.

Alan Fairweather

### GO THE DOGGIES!!!!

The school has obtained a Western Bulldogs jumper signed by their 2017 players, which has been framed. It is on display in the foyer near the office. It is up for auction with the highest bidder being announced at the final Assembly of this Term - at 2pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

To enter a bid, please contact the school office on 9744 7137.

The starting bid is \$250.00.



### SWIMMING SPORTS:

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Metropolitan Regional Schools Swimming Sports last Thursday.

Our representatives were:

Girls Relay Team: Cate, H, Darcy, C, Trinity S and Monique C

Individual Event: Laura B

### INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS:

Today, many students represented our school at the Interschool Athletic Sports competing against all the other primary schools in Sunbury.

A full report will be in next week's Newsletter.

### BUDDY PROGRAM:

The 2018 Preps have each been given a grade 6 buddy.

When we work as buddies sometimes we use the laptops so that we can teach the preps how to use them too.

Sometimes we do other fun activities. We will be helping them with their Easter activities soon. We also eat lunch together after the session.

So far we have really enjoyed it.

Grace & Annelise 6K

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

The first target for this year for the P & F is to raise \$10,000 for the construction of a shade sail over a section of the Prep - Gr 2 synthetic grass playground between Rooms 2 and 3.

**There are two P & F fundraising activities this Term:**

**Silent Auction of a signed and framed 2017 Western Bulldogs jumper:** Details in this week's Newsletter.

**Easter Raffle:** Tickets have already been sent home.

Prizes drawn at Assembly on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**Donations for raffle (Easter Eggs) will be gratefully accepted at the office.**

### THINK U KNOW SESSIONS:

**For those parents who permit their children to be engaged with social media (faceBook, Instagram, snapchat, etc), some questions for you:**

- Are you aware of what they are viewing, saying or being told by others?
- Are you aware of with whom they are engaging?
- Are these friends or strangers?
- What age are they?
- Are your children over the recommended age to be using these sites?
- Are you aware of the spiteful, hurtful, damaging, put down, negative comments that their peer group can say about one another?

- Are you aware of the harmful effects on a young person's self-esteem that comments put on social media for everyone to read can lead to, which can often lead to self-harm?
- Are you aware of the number of incidences that we deal with at school from comments posted on social media by students about other students out of school hours?
- Do you monitor your child's use of social media?
- Do you ever check (as a parent) what your child is posting on social media?

**So many questions. So much to think about.**

When most school parents were teenagers, social media was fairly limited. It is now a major factor in everyone's life. It is / will be a huge influence on your child's wellbeing and self-esteem as they grow.

Have you taught them what is acceptable practice and what is not?

**Next Wednesday, at school commencing at 7.00pm there is a session for parents conducted by professionals in social media from an organisation called 'Think U Know.'**

This is a great opportunity for parents to hear about how to help their children deal with social media - which, in most cases will be a bigger influence on their development than all the words and actions of parents.

**Don't miss this free opportunity!**

**Please contact the school office to make a booking.**

**VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM:**

Grade 34B having some soapy times during visual arts



**STUDENT ABSENCE & LATE PROCESSES:**

**Thank you to all families who have contacted the school on the days their children have not been at 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)**

**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:**

For those families who have requested to pay the \$170 by instalments, please, where possible, finalise payments by the end of this Term.

**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

The school uniform is available from Primary School Wear.

**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.

**Alan Fairweather**

**Principal**

[fairweather.alan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:fairweather.alan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**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

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Nicole Huybers, Megan Kerr, Alison Rae
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Nicole Huybers, Meaghan Hindmarsh
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Nicole Huybers, Janine Fisher, Tricia Smillie

## Goonawarra Classifieds

### Sunbury Chaplaincy

*Sunbury ACCESS ministries Chaplaincy & Wellbeing Support Group*

*Supporting Chaplains in Sunbury Schools*

### Annual Dinner

An opportunity to meet and chat with our Chaplains

**Join us for dinner . . .**

at 7pm

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Goonawarra Golf Club Restaurant (2 Francis Boulevard)

**. . . and share in**

- ⇒ a delicious 2 course meal (drinks at bar prices)
- ⇒ a reflection on 2017 and our aims for 2018

#### Meet our Chaplains

Robert Nansen	Sunbury College
Lynn Armstrong	Sunbury Downs College
Ben Smith	Goonawarra Primary School
Michael Wanyama	Sunbury Heights Primary School
Tracey Hodge	Kismet Park Primary School

**Suggested donation \$30**

Pensioners \$25 Students \$20

(Donations over \$2 are tax deductible)

Bookings are essential by 18th March

Contact Helen on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507

or email [sunburychaplaincy@hotmail.com](mailto:sunburychaplaincy@hotmail.com)

#### UBUNTA AFRICA

##### VENUE:

Sunbury Baptist Church, 205 Gap Road, SUNBURY

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 at 7pm

##### Tickets:

Adults - \$15; Child/Concession - \$10; Family (4) \$45

**You can book online at:** [www.kwaya.org](http://www.kwaya.org) or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/TOCX> and follow the prompts.

A Red Giant Bolder Bike has gone missing from the school bike rack on the evening of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. If found please contact the school office.