



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
Assembly in gym 3.00pm TOMORROW					24 th	25 th
Casual Clothes Day TOMORROW - all donations shall go to the Royal Children's Hospital towards the "Good Friday Appeal".						
26 th School Council AGM 6.30pm CANTEEN CLOSED FOR HOT CROSS BUNS (pre-ordered)	27 th	28 th Grades 3-4 Western Water Incursion	29 th LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 2.30PM CANTEEN CLOSED	30 th Good Friday SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	31 st	1 st April
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
16 th April TERM 2 COMMENCES Grade 6 - Think U Know Presentation 11.30am	17 th Grades 5/6 Sunbury S.C visit 9am	18 th	19 th CLUBS - WEEK 1	20 th	21 st	22 nd
23 rd	24 th SCHOOL PHOTOS	25 th ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 th CLUBS - WEEK 2	27 th	28 th	29 th
30 th Ubunta Choir Master Class 2pm-2.30pm School Council	1 st May Unbunta Whole School Workshop	2 nd	3 rd CLUBS - WEEK 3	4 th Goonawarra PS Cross Country	5 th	6 th

Payments & Reminders:

Donations for Easter Raffle: eggs & baskets would be greatly appreciated by Monday, 26th March.

Easter Raffle tickets: \$1 per ticket - returned by Wednesday, 28th March.

Grade 3-4 Camp Arrabri Lodge Deposit: \$50 due by Friday, 27th April.

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.

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

This will be the last Newsletter for this Term. No Newsletter next week.

Happy Easter to everyone and enjoy the two week holiday break!

Students will be dismissed from their classrooms next Thursday at 2.30pm following an Assembly at 2pm in the gym.

School commences for Term 2 on Monday 16th April.

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 29th March. To enter a bid, please contact the school office on 9744 7137. The starting bid is \$250.00.



SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM:

The Annual General Meeting of the School Council will be held next Monday night at 6.30pm in the school staffroom. All members of the school community are welcome to attend. A summary of the many aspects of school life throughout 2017 will be presented.

At this stage there are still School Council parent positions unfilled. Insufficient nominations were received to fill the current vacancies. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you are interested. The commitment is two meetings per Term and an interest in the future directions of the school.

Help shape and guide the future of Goonawarra.

THINK U KNOW:

Last night over 30 people participated in a forum on social media and children. Think U Know is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, the Commonwealth Bank, Datacom and Microsoft and is delivered in collaboration with State Police and Neighbourhood Watch Australia.

The facts and figures presented were very confronting.

Think U Know aims to empower every Australian to be safe, respectful and resilient online.

The topics covered included;

What They See, What They Say, What They Do, Privacy, Your Data, Information Sharing, Dating & Sexting, Cyberbullying, Reputation, Relationships & Personal Safety

A very useful site which contains most of this information is: <http://thinkuknow.org.au>

It is highly recommended to all families.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS:

Last week, many students represented our school at the Interschool Athletic Sports competing against all the other primary schools in Sunbury. All the students had a wonderful day and were very enthusiastic in all their endeavours.

A group of successful students will now go on to the next level of competition later in the year.

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, which are:

Silent Auction of a signed and framed 2017 Western Bulldogs jumper.

Easter Raffle: Tickets have already been sent home.

Prizes drawn at Assembly on 29th March.

Could all Donations for raffle (Easter Eggs) be dropped off to the office by Monday, 26th March. The more donations we receive, the more prizes can be offered and WON!

NEXT YEAR ALREADY!

We haven't even finished Term One and we are planning for next year!

Over recent years we have had a constant Prep intake of 60 - 65 students. This fits very well in to 3 classes.

Based on the information available to us, there are around 40 siblings (brothers and sisters of current students) who will be joining us next year in Preps. This number would fill two classes already.

If you know of families who are exploring school options for their children (at any grade level), please pass on the following Information Sessions and School Tours dates to them.

Tuesday 8th May at 9.30am - 11.00am and 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

Wednesday 9th May at 9.30am - 11.00am and 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

Monday 21st May at 9.30am - 11.00am as part of an Open Morning for Education Week.

Personal tours are always available. Contact the office on 9744 7137 to make a suitable time.

NEW FENCES AND GATES:

As mentioned in previous weeks, new higher fences are currently being constructed around the playground areas. This is not due to any recent incidences. It is designed to allow students to safely play closer to the fence line, thus increasing the playground space available for the growing school population, especially in the Prep – Grade 2 area.

STUDENT LATE ARRIVALS:

How many students do you think arrive at school after 9.00am each day?

Have a guess?? If you guessed between 35 – 40 every day you would be correct.

35 – 40 students who arrive at school up to 30 minutes late each day.

35 – 40 students who, not because of appointments, arrive late.

35 – 40 students who are missing valuable learning time each day.

WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THIS?

IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS PLEASE!

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

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

PAVERS:

There is still an opportunity to order a paver with your child /children’s/ family name on it for a new path at the front of the school. There has been a slight hold up with the order. This means that if you would still like to have a paver with a name on it, you must have the order at school by 3:30pm next Monday. Order forms are available at the office or on the school home page. Each paver costs \$25.00.

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

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.

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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

If you have cardboard rolls (from gladwrap, foil, paper towels, etc), wool and plastic shopping bags that you would like to donate to the Art room, it would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 23 rd March	Nicole Huybers, Janine Fisher, Tricia Smillie
Monday 26 th March	CLOSED for pre-ordered HOT CROSS BUNS (Nicole Huybers, Vanessa Radclyffe)