



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
Goonawarra PS Cross Country- TOMORROW					5 th	6 th
7 th 2019 Prep Information Session 9.30am-11.00am 7pm-8.30pm	8 th Grade 6 Hands on Science Incursion	9 th	10 th CLUBS - WEEK 4 Mother's Day Stall	11 th Preps - Mum's Pampering Session 9am-10am	12 th	13 th Mother's Day
14 th Grades 1/2 Billy Cart Incursion	15 th NAPLAN	16 th NAPLAN Preps Excursion to Diggers Rest Animal Farm	17 th NAPLAN	18 th Sunbury Schools Cross Country	19 th	20 th
21 st Education Week Open Morning 9.00am-11.00am Including 2019 Prep Tours	22 nd Grades 1-4 Italian Incursion	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th
28 th	29 th PUPIL FREE DAY	30 th	31 st	1 st June Grades 3-4 Life Cycle Incursion	2 nd	3 rd

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

UBUNTU AFRICAN CHOIR VISIT:

During this week we have been hosting a choir from Uganda and Kenya in Africa. This will be the second time in recent years that this has occurred. The first time involved primary school age performers. This time the singers were around 20 years old and were doing a Gap year before commencing university.



The choir members conducted a workshop with all grades on Monday and then spent time in classes on Tuesday.

The choir held a concert at the Baptist Church on Tuesday night.

There was a lot of dancing, music, decorative costumes, enthusiasm, emotion and enjoyment.

All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would

have come away with a deeper appreciation and understanding of third world issues and conditions.

There are no plans for the primary age choir to tour Australia in the future at present.

Many of the choir / performers that we met this week, will return to Australia (and maybe Goonawarra) in two years' time.

Many thanks to Sonja (Art teacher) for organising the experience and for the many families who hosted the African singers.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall - Thursday 10th May
- Education Week Open Morning - Monday 21st May
- Pupil Free Day - No school - Tuesday 29th May
- Queen's Birthday - Public holiday - Monday 11th June
- Parent & Teacher Discussions - Thursday 28th June

2019 PREP TOURS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Today we commenced our formal Information Sessions for next year's Preps. It is hard to imagine that most of these new students were only born in 2014!

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.

Thursday 3rd May at 9.30am - 11.00am and 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

Monday 7th 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 arrange a suitable time.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

The P & F Group are currently working towards their next two events - the Mother's Day Stall and the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt.

The Mother's Day Stall will be held next Thursday 10th May.

All students will have an opportunity to purchase gifts for between \$1 and \$10.

The Gnome Hunt is scheduled for the next school holidays. Stay tuned! There are some exciting changes in finding the mystery gnomes this year!

Tickets have been sent home for the Mother's Day Raffle - there are some great prizes to be won!

Currently there is only a small group of willing parents organising P & F activities. Please offer your assistance in any way you can. It will be greatly appreciated.

PAMPERING MUM DAY!

The mums, nanas, grandmas and other significant females in the lives of our Prep students will have the opportunity to be 'pampered' next Friday. There will be massages, nail polish, calm colouring and pipe cleaner bracelet making available, to be lavished on our visitors by the Preps. Don't miss this wonderful excuse to relax and be spoiled!

Friday 11th May at 9am in the Prep rooms.

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING:

On Monday 21st May all parents, relatives and friends are invited to join their children at school and share their daily experiences as part of Education Week.

Everyone is welcome to attend classes between 9am - 11am.

Why not bring a picnic morning tea to share with your children over recess between 11am and 11.30am? Play some games, have a look around the school etc.

Commencing at 9.30am on this day, there will be tours of the school for prospective new families.

LOCKED GATES:

With the addition of the new fences, the playground area for the students has been increased. Students can now play up to the fence line.

As an added security, several gates will be locked between 9.30am and 3.00pm. The gates involved are the one near the Pre School carpark and the one that leads on to Tulsa Drive (near the Grade 3 / 4 Basket Ball courts).

Other external gates will remain open during the day.

NEW BASKETBALL TOWERS:

As part of the continuing upgrading of facilities around the school, the four basketball towers in the Grade 5/6 playground area will be replaced in the next few weeks.

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.

BOOK PACKS:

For those families who have requested to pay the \$170 by instalments, please, where possible, finalise payments by the end of term 2.

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

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:

It is a legal requirement that if you are working or volunteering around children under the age of 18 that you have a **Working with Children Check**.

To apply, please visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Payments & Reminders:

Prep Grades : Excursion to Animal Land: \$35 due by Monday 14th May.

Grades 1-4: Italian Incursion: \$6.00 due by Tuesday 15th May

Grades 1-2: Billy Cart Incursion: \$10 due by Friday 11th May.

EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS

To avoid disappointment please ensure that payments and permission slips are returned by the set due date.

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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Term Dates 2018

Term 2: 16th April to 29th June

Term 3: 16th July to 21st September

Term 4: 8th October to 21st December

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 4 th May	Nicole Huybers, Tricia Smillie & Janine Fisher
Monday 7 th May	Nicole Huybers, Emma Newton
Friday 11 th May	Nicole Huybers, Judy Cawthan, Kayleen Lockwood

Goonawarra Classifieds





**Celebrating Neighbourhood Houses
We Deliver in Your Neighbourhood!**
Neighbourhood House Week - 30 April to 6 May 2018

**We are celebrating Neighbourhood House Week with a range of Free Activities between
30th April and 6th May**

Come and try for **FREE** the following activities: PHONE TO BOOK ON 9740 6627 - RSVP by 27th April 2018

Children - FREE CHILDCARE
Monday 30th April - Busy Bees Activity Group for 3-4 year olds - 9-12am or 12.45-3.45pm (Limited places and booking essential)
Tuesday 1st May - Occasional Childcare 0 - 6 years - 9-12am (Limited places and booking essential)
Wednesday 2nd May - Occasional Childcare 0 - 6 years - 9-12am (Limited places and booking essential)
Friday 4th May - Occasional Childcare 0 - 6 years - 9-12am (Limited places and booking essential)

Children - FREE DANCE
Tuesday 1st May - Movement to Music for 2 to 4 year olds 2pm (Limited places and booking essential)
Wednesday 2nd May - Ballet for 4 to 9 year olds 4pm and Hip Hop for 4 to 9 year olds 4.30pm (Limited places and booking essential)

Adults - FREE FITNESS
Tuesday 1st May - Gentle Exercise 3pm (Limited places and booking essential)
Friday 4th May - Gentle Exercise 2pm (Limited places and booking essential)

MORNING TEA - FREE ALL WELCOME!
Wednesday 2nd May 9am to 12noon

HIGH TEA - FREE
Friday 4th May 9am to 12noon - New Parents & Grandparent - free childcare (Limited places and booking essential)
 Featuring the The Goonawarra Shares the Love film screening

*** Childcare, dancing and exercise classes are free for new comers only. *** All current house users are invited to the Free Morning Tea and High Tea

CLUB OPEN DAY & FREE TENNIS ACTIVITIES



SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2018 MT CARMEL TENNIS CLUB SUNBURY IN ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OFF STEWARTS LANE. 10.00AM TO 12.30PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED ARE....

- COACHING
- BALL MACHINE
- JUMPING CASTLE
- GIANT RACQUET
- RADAR GUN
- FACE PAINTING

PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

ALL AGES AND PLAYING LEVELS ARE WELCOME



Everyone is welcome to come along to the Mt. Carmel Tennis Club open including free tennis activities. The club will also provide a sausage sizzle & a BBQ. You can sign up for a new membership on the day and receive a great discount off the normal fee. Coaching lessons will also be provided by our club coaches and any new child enrolments to tennis lessons will receive a brand-new racquet and 25% off regular 1st term fee. See you there!
 For all enquiries please call Jesse Laino – 0423 382 268