



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
11 th	 Preps - Mum's Pampering Session 9am-10am TOMORROW. Mother's Day Raffle Drawn at Assembly 3pm				12 th	13 th 
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
4 th Grades 3-4 Life Cycle Incursion School Council, including Junior School Council Members 6.30pm	5 th Grades 5 Imax/Scienceworks Excursion	6 th	7 th Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	8 th	9 th	10 th

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



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

- 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
- End of Term 2 – Friday 29th June

Payments & Reminders:

Grades 1-2: Billy Cart Incursion: \$10 due TOMORROW

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

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

PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

The Mother's Day Stall was held today.

Many thanks to all the parents who have assisted with this event.

All students had an opportunity to purchase gifts for special people in their lives.

We wish everyone a fantastic day on Sunday!

Tickets have been sent home for the Mother's Day Raffle – there are three great hampers to be won! All sold tickets and money need to be returned to school before Assembly (3.00pm) tomorrow.

The next P & F activity is **The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt** which is scheduled for the next school holidays. Stay tuned! There are some exciting changes in finding the mystery gnomes this year!

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.

2019 PREP TOURS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS:

If you know of families who are exploring school options for their children (at any grade level), please pass on the following Information Session and School Tour date to them:

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.

There have already been over fifty parents who have attended our 2019 Prep Information sessions over recent weeks.

As a point of interest for everyone, the frequent comments we are receiving include:

- The school buildings and grounds are clean, well presented and cared for.
- The academic progress of students is of a high quality (*myschool* website)
- The students appear to be very engaged with their work, they are polite and work very quietly.
- Staff present as very friendly, enthusiastic and engaging.
- The school is very well resourced.
- The school has a strong connection with its community.
- Parents appear to be very welcome within the school.
- The wellbeing support available to students and families is highly valued.
- There are many positive 'Word of Mouth' comments of support for the school within the local and wider community.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT:

Support for students and parents is available from many sources within the school including classroom teachers, Specialist staff, Wellbeing Coordinator, Reading Intervention staff member, Education Support staff (Integration Aides and office staff), Assistant Principal and Principal.

More support is offered through our Child Psychologist and Speech Pathologist. We currently have twelve trainee Speech Pathologists working with students once a week.

Our Wellbeing Coordinator, Mrs Pinti, also has many helpful and professional connections within the community which families can contact for advice and support.

Please approach any of the relevant people mentioned above to assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

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

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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 11th May

Nicole Huybers, Judy Cawthan, Kayleen Lockwood

Monday 14th May

Nicole Huybers

Friday 18th May

Nicole Huybers, Farrah Maskell, Melissa Bah

Gap Road Dental Clinic

Complimentary Full Dental Examination Vouchers are available from the school office.

Offer ends 31st December 2018.

