



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
Sunbury Schools Cross Country TOMORROW					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 "Hands on Science"	2 nd	3 rd
4 th Grades 3-4 Life Cycle Incursion "Hands on Science" – cost \$16 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
11 th QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12 th	13 th	14 th Grade 5 – Think U Know Presentation Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion	15 th Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership- Boardman Stadium	16 th	17 th

Payments & Reminders:

Grades 3-4: Hands on Science Incursion **\$16.00 DUE by Tuesday, 29th May.**

Grade 5: Imax / Scienceworks Excursion **\$32 DUE by Thursday, 31st May.**

Grade 6: Health & Human Relations **\$10 DUE by Tuesday, 5th June**

Grades 3 – 6 (selected students): Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership **\$7 DUE by Monday, 4th June.**

BOOK PACKS:

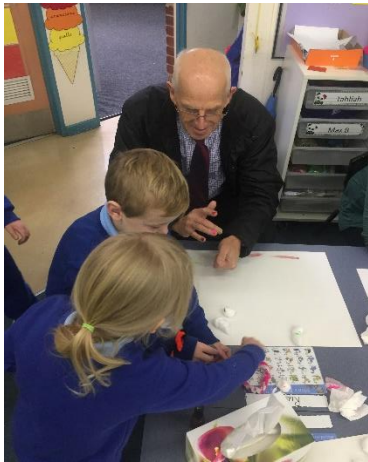
For those families who have requested to pay the \$170 by instalments, please, where possible, finalise payments by the end of **term 2 – Friday, 29th June.**

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

- 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 (1.30pm Dismissal)
- End of Term Friday 29th June (2.30pm Dismissal)

PAMPERING MUM DAY!

Last Friday, the mums, nanas, grandmas and other significant females in the lives of our Prep students had the opportunity to be ‘pampered’ at school! A great deal of people embraced the occasion and were pampered!



PREP ANIMAL FARM EXCURSION:

Yesterday, the Preps enjoyed their first excursion! Cow poo everywhere! The day involved a ride on a double decker bus to the Diggers Rest Animal Farm. Although it was chilly, all the students, staff and parents had a fantastic time.

Here are some of the thoughts from the children:

- " I had lots of fun at the farm. I really loved holding the baby animals. " Alexis Prep D
- " The best part of the farm was riding the horse. The cow’s name was Pip." – Jamilee Prep I
- " At the farm I got to milk a cow and made the cream into butter. Thankyou mum for coming to help us."- Kirra Prep C



EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING:

Next 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.

DUE DATES DILEMMA:

Throughout the course of the year there are many activities and events organised which require permission forms and money to be returned to school.

To many families it seems appropriate that forms and money should be acceptable right up to the morning of the event. The thought being that we are a school and no child should miss an event due to forms and money being handed in at the last moment.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case. There are many factors to be taken into consideration when activities and events are being planned.

Some of these are not noticeable to the school community:

Booking buses to cater for the numbers attending, needs to be done in advance.

Numbers attending an offsite venue – businesses are expecting a certain amount of students and plan programs accordingly – some of these places we need to pay in advance, in some cases the staff are required to take a cheque for the correct amount to the venue.

Legal excursion forms required by the Department of Education & Training which, contain the number of students attending.

Catering for events which require food and drinks.

Meeting student / staffing ratios as set by DET.

Providing for students with special needs – Are Teacher Aides required?

Providing adequate staffing for those students not attending the event.

It is a complicated exercise indeed.

The school appreciates that families are paid in different cycles – on a casual basis, weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc.

Due to many of the factors outlined above, it is very difficult to accept money on the morning of an event when a deadline has past.

It can be very disappointing for the student as well as confrontational and unpleasant for the parent, teacher and office staff when a last minute form and money cannot be accepted.

If a family realises that they will not be able to meet an advertised deadline and they want their child to attend the event, please contact the office so that suitable arrangements can be put in place. This way, the student will be included in the activity by the set time and payment will be made as per arrangements.

I encourage everyone to keep up to date with events and activities which involve your child, return forms and money by the due date.

Events and activities are planned for all students. We do not want anyone to miss out – they are a vital part of the curriculum.

Please contact the office if required and do not leave it to the last minute.

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.

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.

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

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.

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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 18 th May	Nicole Huybers, Farrah Maskell, Melissa Bah
Monday 21 st May	Nicole Huybers
Friday 25 th May	Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid, Faasinga Nikoko