



# 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              |
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| <b>CASUAL CLOTHES DAY TOMORROW</b>                                                                                                                  |                                                         |                  |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                    | 29 <sup>th</sup><br><b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>               | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 31 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> June<br>Grades 3-4 Life Cycle Incursion "Hands on Science"                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Grades 3-4 Life Cycle Incursion "Hands on Science" – cost \$16<br>School Council, including Junior School Council Members 6.30pm | 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Grades 5 Imax/Scienceworks Excursion | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion                                         | 8 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| 11 <sup>th</sup><br><b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>                                                                                          | 12 <sup>th</sup>                                        | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Grade 5 – Think U Know Presentation<br>Grade 6 Health & Human Relations Incursion | 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership- Boardman Stadium             | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                    | 19 <sup>th</sup>                                        | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 21 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                      | 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>Reports go home. Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership- Backup day. | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                    | 26 <sup>th</sup>                                        | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 28 <sup>th</sup><br>PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS<br>1.30PM DISMISSAL                                  | 29 <sup>th</sup><br><b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b><br>2.30PM DISMISSAL                                | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 31 <sup>st</sup> |

### CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - TOMORROW:

Tomorrow (Friday the 25th May) is Casual Clothes Day. This month we will be supporting the Goonawarra Neighbourhood House Girls and Boys Program. Please bring a gold coin donation to support this program.

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

## EVENTS:

- Pupil Free Day - No school - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Parent & Teacher Discussions - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June (1.30pm Dismissal)
- End of Term Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June (2.30pm Dismissal)

## PUPIL FREE DAY NEXT WEEK:

All staff will be involved in a professional learning event next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. The topics covered will include:

- Continuing to further develop our knowledge of effective teaching practices and assessment in reading.
- Increasing our understanding of how to develop resilience in our students.

## EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING:

Thank you to the many parents who took the opportunity to visit classrooms on Monday as part of Education Week. It was great to see parents actively involved with their children in a whole range of events.

As a community focussed school, parents are always welcome to be part of their child's education. If you have the chance, contact your child's teacher to organise a suitable time when you could offer assistance.

## NEW BASKETBALL TOWERS:

This week four new basketball / netball towers were installed on the Grade 5/6 basketball courts. These towers have replaced the ones which had become rusty and unsafe.

The next improvement project around the school will be the installation of around 15 new aluminium bench seats around the school at various locations.

## A SPECIAL GARDEN!

Between the school flag poles, a new garden has been created by Scott, our Grounds Manager.

The garden is surrounded by a white picket fence.

Inside the fence is the Lone Pine plant presented to us by the Australian War Memorial Trust.

Poppies will be planted around the perimeter of the enclosure.

This new special area will be officially dedicated / opened in the near future.



## CAN YOU HELP?

In the next few weeks the named pavers which have been purchased by nearly 100 families will be delivered to school. In order to create a safe and serviceable pathway at the front of the school with the pavers, we are seeking the assistance of a tradesman with skills in this area. The area would measure about one metre by three metres.

If you can help with this project, please contact the office.

## PARENT AND TEACHER DISCUSSIONS - KEEP THE DAY FREE!

The mid-year discussions between staff and parents will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June between 2pm and 7.30pm. Parents will have an opportunity to book in their desired discussion time when the online site is available next week.

The next Newsletter will include the required log on details.

## 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.

There are many factors to be taken into consideration when activities, events and due dates are being planned.

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

From the school organisation point of view, it is very difficult to accept money on the morning of an event when a set due date has past.

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:**

If you know of families who are exploring school options for their children (at any grade level), personal tours are always available. Contact the office on 9744 7137 to arrange a suitable time.

**Enrolment forms** will be sent home next week to current school families who, according to students, have a child commencing Preps next year. If you receive one of these forms and our information is correct, please complete it and return to school before the end of this Term. If you do not have a child commencing Preps, please contact the school to correct our information.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS:**

There are only 5 weeks until The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt commences! All schools in Sunbury have been invited to participate.

This great holiday activity commenced several years ago as The Great Goonawarra Gnome Hunt.

Due to its popularity, it was extended to allow more people and schools to be involved.

The Gnome Passport will be available to be purchased soon.

Families will take the Passport and try and locate 25 Gnomes in 25 shops / locations within Sunbury.

Everyone who finds all the Gnomes will go in the draw for many great prizes!



**Payments & Reminders:**

Grades 3-4: Hands on Science Incurion **\$16.00 DUE by Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

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

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

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

Book Club Orders: **DUE by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.**

**BOOK PACKS:**

A reminder for those families who have requested to pay the \$170 by instalments, please, finalise payments by the end of **term 2 – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

**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.

**BOOK CLUB:**

Each child would have received a Scholastic Book Club brochure by the end of this week. Orders can be done directly through Scholastic by visiting [www.scholastic.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.au/LOOP) OR alternatively please complete the form on the back, ensuring that your child’s name and grade is included and return with payment to the school office by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.** Cheques can be made payable to Scholastic Australia. If you have any questions please contact Sue Lavars.

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**Term Dates 2018**

**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

**Term 1 2019:** 30<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> April

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

|                             |                                              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid, Faasinga Nikoko |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May | Nicole Huybers, Meaghan Hindmarsh            |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Nicole Huybers, Alison Rae, Erika Vonja      |