



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
23 rd	24 th	25 th Grades 1-6 CommBank Financial Literacy Incursion	26 th Grades 1-6 CommBank Financial Literacy Incursion	27 th Casual Clothes Day for the Alannah & Madeline Foundation Grades 1-6 CommBank Financial Literacy Incursion	28 th	29 th
30 th School Council 6.30pm	31 st Grades 1-6 CommBank Financial Literacy Incursion	1 st August Student Support Group Meetings	2 nd NEWSLETTER DAY	3 rd Student Support Group Meetings	4 th	5 th
6 th	7 th	8 th Grades 3-4 Around Australia Activity Day	9 th 2019 Preps PMP Sessions 9.15am-10am 10.15am-11am	10 th PUPIL FREE DAY	11 th	12 th
13 th First Aid in Schools Program	14 th Grades 5/6 Western Water Incursion	15 th Book Fair Preview Sunbury Library Visit to Prep Grades	16 th Book Fair 8.30am-9am NEWSLETTER DAY	17 th Book Fair 8.30am-9am	18 th	19 th
20 th	21 st	22 nd School Choir State School Spectacular rehearsal Melb. Town Hall 9am-3pm	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th

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

Welcome to Term 3!

A special welcome to our seven new students who commenced this week.

NEWSLETTER CHANGE:

As from today, the 'weekly' Newsletter will become the 'fortnightly' Newsletter.

We will be disseminating more regular information to parents through the 'Updat-ed' app and the school website.

- If you haven't already signed up for the app, please do so soon.
- The fortnightly Newsletter will contain all the required information and articles.

- The app will provide families with up to date information, notices and reminders.
- Forms for excursions and other events will be handed out in class and will also be available on the website.

Between the Newsletter, the Updat-ed app and the website we hope that all families will be fully informed of all school activities on a regular basis.

THE GNOMES!

- THEY WENT, WE SEARCHED, WE FOUND!

After two weeks of holidaying in shops and businesses around Sunbury, the Gnomes have returned safely to school!

Hundreds of students from six local schools spent some of their holidays trying to find the Gnomes.

From all accounts, it was an amazing experience!

A special thank you to all the businesses and shops who participated in this adventure and to the members of our Parents & Friends who made it all possible.

To be eligible for one of the 30 great prizes, all Passports need to be returned to school by Friday morning next week.

Prizes will be distributed at Assembly.

PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. Contact details

Parent/carers- have you moved recently or changed your phone number? Let us know and we will update your details so we can keep you up-to-date?

2. Notify the school of your child's absence



Please remember that it is your responsibility to notify the school if your child is going to be late or away from school. You can register your child's absence in the following ways:

Call the office on: 9744 7137

Send an email to: goonawarra.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

School website: <http://www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au/>

Logging the absence through Updat-ed app

Logging on to compass: <http://goonawarra-vic.compass.education> (more information about Compass will go home tomorrow)

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The mid- year Student Support Group meetings will be held on Wednesday 1st August and Friday 3rd August between 8.30am and 4pm. Parents of students who have an Individual Learning Plan are able to book an interview time for an appointment on either of those days through the online system we use for our other Parent and Teacher Discussions.

To access the site you need to log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au.

The logon code is qexk7

You will be able to make bookings until 3.30pm on Tuesday 31st July.

Please see Michele Pinti if you have any questions about the process.

2019 PREP TOURS & ENROLMENT FORMS:

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.

2019 PREP TRANSITION ACTIVITIES:

A letter will be sent home shortly to all families who have enrolled a child in Preps for next year. It will outline the Transition activities for the rest of this year.

Due to the anticipated larger number of Preps (somewhere between 70 - 80), the Transition process will need to operate in a different format.

If the anticipated numbers become a reality, there will be four Prep classes.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY:

Next week, a randomly selected 30% of our school families will receive an invitation to participate in the annual Parent Opinion Survey. This is an online survey conducted by the Education Department throughout every school.

It is extremely important that if you receive an invitation that you spend a few minutes responding to it. Improvement comes from constructive feedback.

TERM THREE AND BEYOND:

Term 3 promises to be full of many events and activities.

- Grade 3 / 4 'Around Australia' Activity Day.
- Student First Aid course
- Grade 5/6 Western Water incursion
- Whole school Book Fair
- Large shade structure constructed in the old Amphitheatre area
- An additional shade sail constructed outside Rooms 2 & 3
- Oval irrigation and seeding
- Additional new classroom furniture
- An LED light display board at the front of the school
- State School Spectacular
- 2019 Prep Transition sessions commence (5 sessions before the end of the year)

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

We will be having the July Casual Clothes day next Friday the 27th July. This month we are supporting the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. This foundation does a lot of work in the community assisting children and families in traumatic situations. They also work with schools and have developed the Better Buddies Framework which our grade 6 and Prep buddies use. They support schools to become eSmart which means schools have developed policies and programs to teach students how to be safe on line.

The Alannah and Madeline use purple to represent their Foundation so it would be great to see our students wearing something purple on Friday, even if it is just a headband. Of course you can still wear casual clothes which are not purple.

Please bring a gold coin donation to support the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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Term Dates 2018

Term 3: 16th July to 21st September

Term 4: 8th October to 21st December

Term 1 2019: 30th January to 5th April

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 20 th July	Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid
Monday 23 rd July	Nicole Huybers, Meaghan Hindmarsh
Friday 27 th July	Nicole Huybers, Janine Fisher, Tricia Smillie

You're invited to our Scholastic
BOOK FAIR!

Reading Is Out of This World!



DATE: Thursday 16th August
Friday 17 August

TIME: 8.30am-9.00am

WHERE: LIBRARY

**TO THE
BOOK FAIR
AND BEYOND!**



