



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
Prep Breakfast – TOMORROW 8:15am					4 th	5 th
Student Support Group Meetings - TOMORROW						
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th 2019 Preps PMP Sessions 9.00am-10am	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
27 th	28 th	29 th Grades 3-4 Around Australia Activity Day Prep Grades – Responsible Pets Incursion	30 th Father's Day Stall NEWSLETTER DAY	31 st Sunbury Schools Summer Lightning Premiership	1 st	2 nd Father's Day
3 rd September School Council 6.30pm	4 th Keyboard Parent Day 10am-3.30pm	5 th	6 th	7 th CASUAL CLOTHES DAY Grades 1-2 Activity Night 3.30pm-5.30pm	8 th	9 th

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

PUPIL FREE DAY NEXT FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST

There will be no students required at school next Friday due to the staff undertaking professional learning. Camp Australia will not be offering all day care on this day.

Payment Reminders:

Grade 3-4: Camp Arrabri: \$217: Due by Friday 7th September

NEWSLETTER CHANGE:

The 'weekly' Newsletter has become the 'fortnightly' Newsletter.

We will be disseminating more regular information to parents through the 'Updat-ed' app, Compass 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.
- Make sure the office has your current contact details (mobile and home numbers).

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

PARENT OPINION SURVEY:

If you received a notice informing you that your family had been randomly selected to respond to the Parent Opinion Survey, it is extremely important that you do so.

It is an online survey. The login details were in the letter you would have received.

If families do not respond, then our understanding of what the community is thinking is very limited.

So far 9 families out of the random sample size of 82 (14%) have responded to the survey.

We are endeavouring to achieve 100% response rate.

THE GNOMES!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Gnome Hunt over the holidays! It was a great success.

Last Friday 30 prizes were distributed to lucky winners across the six participating schools.

Our winners were:

Tyson, Trinity, Matilda, Dexter, Jessica, Grant and the Snook family.

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>

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 final mid-year Student Support Group meetings will be held tomorrow, Friday 3rd August between 8.30am and 4pm. Parents of students who have an Individual Learning Plan have had an opportunity to book in for an interview.

MRS CROPLEY:

For the next four weeks, Mrs Cropley will not be at school. She has been asked to assist at the Regional Office. She will be visiting many schools and will be involved in lots of professional learning sessions. Mrs Cropley will resume her role here on Monday 3rd September.

2019 PREP TRANSITION ACTIVITIES:

A letter was sent home recently to all families who have enrolled a child in Preps for next year. It outlined 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.

Our first Transition Day is next Thursday 9th August between 9am - 10am. Please contact the office (9744 7137) to book in a place for your child.

STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY:

The Student Attitude to School Survey gathers data to support student wellbeing, engagement, school improvement and planning in schools.

The survey is conducted in Term 2 with students from Years 4 to 12 attending Victorian government schools.

The survey captures students' attitudes and experiences at school and is aligned with the Department's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO). The survey measures are based on the best available evidence about what influences student outcomes.

Below are the broad survey headings with a percentage of approval rating based on the responses from our students. Each heading has about four statements. I have included one statement for each heading to give you a sense of the areas being explored.

At this stage, we do not have the data to compare with Region and State schools.

We are extremely pleased with the high levels of approval across all areas.

Survey Area	Overall Approval (Grs 4 - 6)
Effective Teaching Time eg. My teacher asks questions to make sure we understand.	88%
Differentiated Learning Challenge My teacher helps me do my best.	89%
Stimulated learning eg. My teacher makes work we do interesting.	80%
Classroom Behaviour (Behaviour from students is good) eg. My teacher expects students to pay attention.	83%
High Expectations for Success eg. My teacher expects me to do my best.	99%
Effort eg. I enjoy doing my work in class.	86%
Teacher Concern eg. I can talk to my teacher if something is worrying me.	82%
Learning Confidence eg. I am good at learning.	83%
Resilience eg. I try again when I don't succeed.	79%
Motivation and Interest eg. I want to learn new things.	83%
Self-Regulation and Goal Setting eg. I try very hard at school.	87%
Attitudes to Attendance eg. I always try to attend school.	90%
School Connectedness (Sense of Belonging) eg. I feel proud about being a student at this school.	83%
Student Voice and Agency eg. I am encouraged to share my ideas.	69%
Sense of Inclusion eg. My teacher makes sure all students feel included.	90%
Transition - New Students to School eg. I have found it easy to make friends at this school.	88%
Advocate at School eg. At this school, there is a teacher or another adult who cares about me.	91%
Managing Bullying eg. This school deals fairly with bullying problems.	89%
Respect for Diversity eg. All students are treated fairly at this school.	85%

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.

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 3 rd August	Alison Rae, Regina Reid, Melissa Keith
Monday 6 th August	Nicole Huybers, Emma Newton
Friday 10 th August	Nicole Huybers, Kayleen Lockwood, Jessica Camilleri
Monday 13 th August	Nicole Huybers

Camp Australia at Goonawarra Primary School

What we've been doing in OSHC at Camp Australia!

We've been trying heaps of activities at Camp Australia recently, including working with pattern blocks, dead fish and Yoga (Tree pose) Our students have led the way in exploring these activities, having lots of fun and sharing ideas along the way. It was so enjoyable doing the **pattern blocks challenge** in afterschool care. We were having so much fun exploring our creativity, making patterns from the blocks. The children were using their imagination and creative skills to create some amazing patterns in the challenge. They were having a great time together and played along well with their friends, developing their fine motor and social skills at the same time.

We played **DEAD FISH** for the children to practice their physical movement along with their friends as a group activity. Also, the game was run by the children for the other children, they were taking turns to check on their friends. The children were participating so well and had lots of fun with this game.

We were doing **Yoga, focusing on the Tree Pose for National Tree Day**, and encouraged the children to participate in this activity to practice their mindset and physical movement. Staff were engaged in the activity and demonstrating how to do the tree pose. The children were enjoying doing yoga and had a fantastic day.

*Please note: At after school care we also had a simulated lockdown drill for 15 mins and the children were cooperating well and showed a good understanding of the procedures.

We've got more great activities planned **next week** – as well as a lot of fun we don't even know about yet! Our timetable looks like this:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Outdoor group games.	Cooking lessons	Mindfulness program	Art and Craft special project	Spelling Bees.

Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

[Before School Care and After School Care Goonawarra Service.](#)

Mobile: 0429 086 349

Email: goonawarra@oshccampaustralia.com.au

Hours of operation

[Before School Care](#) 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

[After School Care](#) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

What to do if your child is absent from After School Care:

Please remember parents if your children are going to be absent from the service or have gone home sick please call or text us on **0429 086 349** or notify the customer experience team on 1300 105 343.

Nana and OSHC Team

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!



