



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
School Choir State School Spectacular rehearsal - Hisense Arena 9am-5pm					15 th State School Spec. Performance	16 th
17 th	18 th Keyboard Parent Day 10am-3.30pm	19 th	20 th	21 st END OF TERM\ 2.30PM DISMISSAL CANTEEN CLOSED	22 nd	23 rd
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
8 th October TERM 4 COMMENCES	9 th	10 th	11 th CLUBS - WEEK 1	12 th Grade 5-6 Billy Slater Shield Gala Day at Langama Park, Sunbury	13 th	14 th
15 th Grades 3-4 Camp Arrabri	16 th Grades 3-4 Camp Arrabri	17 th Grades 3-4 Camp Arrabri	18 th CLUBS - WEEK 2	19 th	20 th	21 st
22 nd	23 rd Grades 3-4 T20 Milo Cricket at Dixon Field, Gisborne.	24 th	25 th CLUBS - WEEK 3	26 th	27 th	28 th

Payment Reminders and Permission Forms:

Grade 3-4 Camp Arrabri: Discipline Plan and Medical Information:

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

DAD'S BIG DAY OUT!

Last Monday, nearly 100 Dads, Grandparents and other significant role models came to school to spend time with their young family members.

There was a lot of fun and learning throughout the morning!

Thank you to all those who were able to attend this special morning.

HELPING FARMERS:

Last Friday was an Out of School Uniform Day. Funds raised on the day from student contributions will be sent to the 'Need for Feed - Disaster Relief' appeal to help farmers during the current drought.

We raised \$312 on the day.

A big thank you to everyone for the support shown.

RECOGNITION OF A 'GNOME' WELL DONE!

At a recent Hume City Council event, Mrs Heidi Saffery (a school parent) was presented with an award in recognition of her involvement in the very successful Gnome Hunts and their positive impact on the wider community.

Heidi accepted this award in recognition of her work, along with other members of the Parents and Friends Group, in the organisation and management of the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt.

Congratulations!



Heidi Saffery in recognition of your organisation of the successful Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt, which is an initiative that promotes local businesses and recognises their community involvement, as well as providing families with a fun and enjoyable day of seeking out gnomes! It is also a fund raising opportunity with all of the schools involved being able to raise valuable funds that contribute to school improvements.

The event, which originally commenced in 2010, has grown significantly over the years. 25 businesses are directly involved by hiding a gnome in their business for children to find, and many other businesses make a contribution on the day.

The initiative gives children and their families an opportunity to visit potentially unknown and new areas of the community. As a leading contributor to this unique event, you have donated a large amount of time and effort, which you are commended for.

You are an outstanding citizen and a valued member of the Hume community, and Council honours and thanks you for your contribution.

*CR Geoff Porter
Mayor*



SCHOOL BEGINS AT?

As I stand out the front before school and as the music plays and the bell rings, it is interesting as well as disappointing to see how many students arrive after the bell. Let's all make a big effort next term!

DROP OFF ZONE:

Another observation from the front of the school, is the number of parents who park in the two minute drop off zone, between the staff carpark in and out gates, for longer periods than allowed.

When cars are left in this restricted area, it denies others from using this area correctly.

Please be aware that the Council Bylaws Officers patrol the area at the front of the school on a regular basis, taking photos of illegally parked cars and sending hefty fines to the registered car owners.

POPPING INTO SCHOOL?

It is important for everyone's safety and peace of mind, that all people who do not work at the school or attend the school as a student, report to the office first before heading off to a classroom or playground.

You will be handed a yellow 'Visitors Pass' to give to the classroom teacher which indicates that you have first reported to the office.

ACTIVITY AFTERNOON FOR GRADES 1 / 2:

Last Friday, the Grade 1 / 2 students participated in a very successful event after school. There were games, a dance session and a barbeque.

All students had a lot of fun and enjoyed each other's company.

WHAT DO GUNS, FOOD, CAVES, DOGS AND THE EIFFEL TOWER HAVE IN COMMON?

A very interesting combination indeed!

These were some of the areas on display at the Grade 5/6 Personal Project Presentation Night last Tuesday.

All 116 students presented a well researched project on their chosen topics. Several hundred parents and others asked questions, tasted food and were informed on many and varied topics.

It was a very informative evening.

Congratulations to all!

2019 PREP TRANSITION ACTIVITY:

This week the second Prep Transition session was conducted. There were nearly 70 young and very keen future students in attendance. They participated in physical education, art and literacy activities conducted by our specialist staff and classroom teachers.

It was a very successful activity.

The next Transition Day will be held on Wednesday 24th October.

DIVISION ATHLETIC SPORTS:

Congratulations to Erin and Tahlia who represented our school at the Sunbury School Sports Association Athletic Sports earlier this week. A fantastic result: Erin 4th in triple jump and Tahlia 2nd in long jump. Well done!

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR!

This Saturday, 16 of our students are performing at the State School Spectacular at the Hisense Arena.

The students and Sonja will be joining 1,000's of students from across Victoria to be part of this amazing spectacular.

We wish them all the best for this unique experience.

2019 ENROLMENTS:

Plans for next year are well underway. This includes possible grade structures, required number of rooms, the use of available rooms, possible need for additional portables, advertising for new staff etc.

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

THE NEXT PROJECTS:

Over the next few weeks there are five new developments for our school:

- The poles for a new shade sail to be constructed outside Rooms 2 and 3 (Prep Ireland and Gr 1 Lori) covering the synthetic grass area, have been installed. The sail will be fitted shortly.
- The post foundations for a 20m X 10m colourbond steel structure to be constructed in the area of the old amphitheatre – outside the Library, Art Room and Canteen, have been installed. The posts and roof structure will be constructed early next Term.
- A LED sign board will be constructed at the front entrance to the school early next Term.
- A new concrete path will be laid at the front entrance to the school during the school holidays.
- The named pavers will be laid on pathways at the front of the school at the beginning of next Term. Another opportunity for families to purchase a paver will be announced next Term.

These new developments are all designed to continue to improve the facilities for all students and to make the school grounds safe and attractive.

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

A reminder: The canteen will be closed next Friday 21st as it is the last day of term.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 14 th September	Nicole Huybers, Tricia Smillie, Melissa Keith
Monday 17 th September	Nicole Huybers, Vanessa Radclyffe
Frida 21 st September	CANTEEN CLOSED

Camp Australia at Goonawarra Primary School:

Good news parents: Before school care at Goonawarra has changed the opening time to 6.45 am.

We are now licensed from 6.45 – 8.45 am.

Please be advised that, on the last day of school (21st of Sep 2018) after school care will be running from 2.30 pm.



At Camp Australia we believe that healthy kids are happy kids. So we can spring into the holidays, we have put together some fresh activities for the upcoming school holidays that promote wellness inside and out.

Some of the featured activities include:

Jamie Oliver's Learn Your Fruit and Veg Program aims to inspire and teach children what seasonal food is, how to prepare it, and importantly, what it can do for their bodies.

Catch the breeze when you build, decorate and fly your very own working kite. We're off to the movies to see the cool new flick Smallfoot.

To view what's on these school holidays and to make a booking, visit: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayfun. Or you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on **1300 105 343** - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Goonawarra Classifieds



**HUME CITY COUNCIL
LIVE GREEN
FREE WORKSHOP**

Sunbury Rings Tour

Come and join members of the Aboriginal community who will share their cultural history of the Sunbury Indigenous Ceremonial Rings. Supported by the Local Aboriginal Network (LAN) and Sunbury Community Health. A bus will depart from Craigieburn. Please call 9205 2845 for details.

When:	11.00am - 2.00pm, Saturday 15 September, 2018
Where:	Meet at the end of Wirilda Court, Sunbury

FREE LUNCH. Bring water and walking shoes.

Call 9205 2845 or email environment@hume.vic.gov.au



