



# 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	SU N
15 <sup>th</sup> Grades 3-4 Camp Arrabri	16 <sup>th</sup> Grades 3-4 Camp Arrabri	17 <sup>th</sup> Grades 3-4 Camp Arrabri	18 <sup>th</sup> CLUBS - WEEK 2	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Grades 3-4 T20 Milo Cricket at Dixon Field, Gisborne.	24 <sup>th</sup> 2019 Preps Transition Program 9.00am-10am	25 <sup>th</sup> CLUBS - WEEK 3	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
29 <sup>th</sup> School Council 6.30pm	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> November CLUBS - WEEK 4	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> CUP DAY HOLIDAY	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> GOON-A-WARRIOR	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>

### Payment Reminders and Permission Forms:

Scholastic Book Club Orders: Due by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

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

## Welcome back for a very exciting Term Four!

I trust everyone had a wonderful school holiday break. On the whole, the weather was great, the Royal Melbourne Show offered many exciting experiences and the Grand Final result was .....(interesting!)

Around the school many tasks were undertaken.

- A new shade sail was installed outside Rooms 2 and 3 (Prep Ireland and Gr 1 Lori) covering the synthetic grass area. The shade sail will provide protection from the sun for many students.
- A large LED sign board was installed at the front entrance to the school. We are waiting for the operating instructions to be explained to us!
- A new concrete path was laid at the front entrance to the school. Hopefully this will remove the constant puddle on the main entrance to the school.
- The concrete base for the named pavers was also laid. The pavers will be put into place shortly. Another opportunity for families to purchase a paver will be provided shortly.

- All trees in the school grounds were checked for safety. Branches were trimmed and mulch was added to garden beds.
- All adventure playground areas, under the large blue shade sails, were topped up with soft fall mulch.
- New pathways were constructed across to the Grade 3 / 4 and Grade 5 / 6 adventure playgrounds.
- The back carpark surface was improved.
- Bag areas in various classrooms were painted bright colours.
- The front office is undergoing a facelift.
- In two weeks' time, the new 20m X 10m colourbond steel structure will be constructed in the area of the old amphitheatre - outside the Library, Art Room and Canteen.

All these new developments are designed to continue to improve the facilities for all students and to make the school grounds safer and more attractive.

**A special thank you to Scott, our Grounds Manager, for all the great work he undertakes around the school on a weekly basis. It is greatly appreciated by all!**

#### **GRADE 3 / 4 CAMP!**

Next week, many of the Grade 3 / 4 students and their teachers will be sending three days at Arrabri Lodge at Warburton.

It is a wonderful location for their camp and I am sure they will all have a fantastic time together. A report will be included in the next Newsletter.

#### **CLUBS:**

Today all students commenced our next four session / week CLUBS program.

There are 20 CLUBS offered to the students. All students look forward to these activities.

#### **RUGBY GALA DAY:**

Tomorrow selected students will be participating in a Rugby Clinic at Langama Park, Sunbury.

The clinic, which is run by the Melbourne Storm Rugby League Club promotes important values such as teamwork, good sportsmanship and various clinics will be held to teach students fun games using rugby skills.

For parents who are interested in attending, the clinics will commence at 10am and finish at approximately 2pm.

#### **2019 PREP TRANSITION ACTIVITY:**

The third Prep Transition session will be conducted on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October between 9 – 10am. The previous two have been very successful.

#### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING:**

Like all teaching professionals, continual improvement is essential in maintaining a high level of knowledge and skills of current trends and practises.

In order for staff to participate in these valuable professional learning programs, they need to be absent from their classrooms. Some programs are only for a day, while others may go over several days across the year.

The impact of their learning from these sessions will have positive results on their students and school wide improvement.

I am sure that every parent would prefer their child's teacher to be at school every day of the year. To enable staff professional development to occur, absences will be necessary.

I encourage parents to appreciate the opportunities staff have to improve their teaching knowledge when they are away from their class.

#### **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.

**There will be a Pupil Free Day this Term. Date to be advised.**

The Arts Program would appreciate donations of buttons, wool, 4 litre (clean) ice cream containers and used Christmas cards. Thank you.

#### 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 **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**.. Cheques can be made payable to Scholastic Australia. If you have any questions please contact Sue Lavars.

*Redgum Book Club catalogues are available from the school office for parents wishing to purchase books from this company.*

*How to place an order:*

*Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)*

*Email your order with your credit card details to: [orders@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto:orders@redgumbookclub.com.au)*

*Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and fax (02) 9997 5850*

*If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at [schools@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto:schools@redgumbookclub.com.au)*

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#### Term Dates 2018

**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

#### Camp Australia at Goonawarra Primary School

Welcome back – we hope you had a wonderful spring holiday and are ready to finish off the final stretch of the year with a bang.

We have heaps of fun activities planned this term for your Camp Australia service including <Arts & crafts, Lego, puzzles, pattern blocks, board games, craft sticks, sports, cooking, yoga, group games, Halloween and Christmas etc.>.

Our timetable for next week will look something like this:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The National Week of Deaf People is a celebration of Deaf individuals and the Deaf Australian community.	Cooking session (Honey joys)	Movie	Aboriginal dot painting	Emergency evacuation simulation (Fire)

We look forward to making new friends and learning new things through play and social experiences. As always there will also be a quiet time for homework, relaxation and reading.

#### Meet the Team

We're here to make OSHC the best experience possible. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens first hand in the program.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon,

From the Team at Camp Australia

#### Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and search for your school.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October.	Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Nicole Huybers
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Nicole Huybers, Jessica Camilleri & Judy Cawthorn
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Nicole Huybers

## Goonawarra Classifieds

#### Free Tennis Activity Club Open Day

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2018

Mt Carmel Tennis Club

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