



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
CASUAL CLOTHES DAY TOMORROW - All donations go to Care Works Support Services.					27 th	28 th
29 th School Council 6.30pm	30 th	31 st	1 st November CLUBS - WEEK 4	2 nd Grade 5-6 T20 Cricket Competition at Dixon Field, Gisborne	3 rd	4 th
5 th Normal school day.	6 th CUP DAY HOLIDAY	7 th	8 th	9 th GOON-A-WARRIOR & SAUSAGE SIZZLE No Canteen	10 th	11 th
12 th	13 th	14 th Grades 1 -2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion	15 th	16 th 2019 Prep Transition Program 9:15am - 10:45am	17 th	18 th
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd GOON- A-WARRIOR PRIZES ANNOUNCED AT ASSEMBLY	24 th State Election	25 th

Payment Reminders and Permission Forms:

Grades 5-6 Dancesport Course: \$10 (Grade5) / \$24 (Grade 6): due by TOMORROW

Grade 6 Graduation: \$40.00 due by Thursday 29th November.

Grades 1-2: Melbourne Zoo Excursion: \$33.00 due by 10am Tuesday 30th October.

Goon -A-Warrior Sausage Sizzle: Order and payment due by Friday 2nd November.

Zoo Excursion

As part of the excursion to the zoo we need to take parent helpers to support us. If you are interested in being a parent helper on the excursion, please see your child's classroom teacher by **Tuesday 30th of October.**

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY:

On this Casual Clothes Day the gold coin donations the students bring will be given to Care Works support services. Care Works is a local service which assists individuals, families, youth or aged people living in our area. They are located in Macedon St, Sunbury.

Some of the services that Care Works provide are the provision of food hampers, food vouchers, Christmas hampers and prepared meals for emergency situations. They provide a helping hand to people needing support during a financial emergency, support youth to link into services within the area. They provide and deliver fresh produce and bread to the elderly and infirm or those who have difficulty getting to shops. There are also staff at Care Works who will listen and allow people to be heard.

Please bring your gold coin to support Care Works.

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

THREE GREAT ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Yesterday we received news of three initiatives which will greatly assist the school!

The local State member for Sunbury, Josh Bull visited the school and announced that we were successful in obtaining a grant for \$200,000 from the Inclusive Schools Fund.

The money will allow us to upgrade outside facilities, hopefully including the playground equipment.

More details of the scope of the work permitted will be available later this year.

The second announcement was that, due to our student growth, we will be receiving a new two classroom portable building. The building will be installed before the end of the year and will be fully operational for the start of next year.

The additional rooms will permit the number of classrooms to be increased to 21, thus keeping the class sizes down to around 22.

The new building will be constructed between the end of the main building and the Grade 5/6 Basketball courts.

The third piece of news involves the commencement of the construction of the 20m x 10m colourbond steel structure in the old amphitheatre area. If all goes well, it will be completed next week. It will provide a large undercover area where students can play, where classes can use for multiple activities, where Assemblies or concerts could be held etc.



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.

The Goon - A - Warrior is Back!

On Friday 9th November, all students will be participating in our fourth Goon - A - Warrior event!

Students can come out of uniform and wear Warrior outfits of their choice.

There will be obstacles and challenges for them to climb over, crawl under, run around and so on!

It will be a great day of fun and activity.

The Parents and Friends Group use this event as a major fundraiser for the year through students seeking sponsorship for their efforts.

This year the focus will be on providing funds for literacy resources within the school.

Please see the flyer attached to today's newsletter for more details.

There are prizes for the students in each Area of the school who raise the most amount of sponsorship.

Mark the day in your calendar!

Parents are most welcome to come to watch and participate!

RUGBY GALA DAY:

Last Friday selected students from Grade 5/6 participated in a Rugby Clinic at Langama Park, Sunbury.

The clinic, which was conducted by the Melbourne Storm Rugby League Club promoted important values such as teamwork, good sportsmanship.

Results:

The Grade 5/6 Girls Tackle Team won their competition and will now advance to a State level event.

T 20 CRICKET:

Selected Grade 3/4 students recently participated in a T 20 Cricket Competition with other local schools. It was a great day of fun and skill development.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP!

Last week, many of the Grade 3 / 4 students, their teachers and some parents spent three days at Arrabri Lodge at Warburton.

Here are some of the student's reports on the camp:

I went on the giant swing and I was pulled up all the way to the top. We had to put on special gear with a harness, helmet and safety goggles. It was scary when you dropped but it was all worth it! Sharleigh 3/4D

At night, we all went on a fantastic night walk. We needed to walk around and try to find letters to crack a code. When we finished we arrived at a burning hot campfire to have some yummy marshmallows. Indigo 3/4D

I liked the flying fox because it was up high and it went zipping really fast. It was really fun having a big sleepover with all my friends in my cabin. Jayda 3/4P

I really liked the giant swing because it was fun and scary at the same time. You didn't know exactly when you were going to drop from the 18 metre fall!

Also the food was great, the best meal was the lasagne and chips! Zac 3/4P

The ropes course was really fun because there were all sorts of different obstacles that you had to climb through. It was challenging to try and balance and jump through each obstacle. The Tarzan was hardest but the best! Danielle 3/4BC

The Giant Swing was super fun because you have to go up to the very top. Sometimes it was really scary but I challenged myself and went all the way up to the top with the encouragement from my group. When I was dropped I felt really shocked but it was still fun.

Jett 3/4BC

I really enjoyed making damper with Mrs BC because it was something I have never done before. The process of making it was really cool but it did not taste very good. Ivy 3/4L

I found the ropes course really exciting because you got to balance on the ropes all the way around a big circle. It was awesome because I felt like a Ninja Warrior! Austin 3/4L

Thank you parents and staff for helping set up at the camp. The 3/4 classes enjoyed it a lot! The best things were the food and all the activities. And a big thank you to Miss Lo Bosco. Josh P 3/4B.

I had a really good time at camp and my favourite thing was the giant swing because it was lots of fun and if you went to the top, it was a sudden fall down. Riley 3/4B.



2019 PREP TRANSITION ACTIVITY:

Yesterday the third Prep Transition session was conducted. We have seventy Preps enrolled for next year which is the highest intake since my records go back to 1992.

NAMED PAVERS:

Now that the concrete base has been poured, the pavers purchased earlier in the year with names on them, will be laid shortly.

A new order form is attached to today's Newsletter for the next round of pavers. They will be placed on the pathway at the front of the school behind the new LED signboard.

NORTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION ATHLETICS:

On the 17th of October, Tahlia N represented our region in Long Jump. She competed against other competitors from the region and finished a very well deserved sixth. Well done Tahlia.

A BIG DAY OUT:

Last week a few of our students took the opportunity to meet royalty! Daniella V and Jasmine K were fortunate to meet Meghan Markle and see Prince Harry.

They were very happy girls!



STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR 2019:

Attached to today's Newsletter is a template which parents can use to inform the school of information which would assist in placing students in to classes for next year.

If you have notified the school in the past of an issue, which is still relevant, please use this form to make sure your request is still considered.

The forms need to be returned to school by Monday 5th November.

**There will be a Pupil Free Day this Term on Monday 3rd December.
Camp Australia is considering conducting a full day program.**

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Term Dates 2018
Term 4: 8th October to 21st December
Term 1 2019: 30th January to 5th April

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 26 th October.	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna, Monica Ivan
Monday 29 th October	Nicole Huybers
Friday 3 rd November	Nicole Huybers, Tricia Smillie, Janine Fisher, Alison Rae
Monday 5 th November	CUP DAY HOLIDAY - CANTEEN CLOSED

Camp Australia at Goonawarra Primary School:

Our timetable for next week will look something like this:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Movie	Halloween decorations made from recycled materials	Halloween party	Cooking session (Nachos)	Outside activities

Ensuring Safety and Preparedness at OSHC

We know that we sit alongside our parents as we are there when they can't be. Therefore, safe care is the most important pillar in what we do every day. To ensure that we are fully prepared and equipped to give care to the kids, especially to those who have medically diagnosed condition or allergy. We will require our parents to submit fully completed medical forms or if you have submitted the forms previously, you will need to have it updated if there are changes with your child's condition or medication.

The following medical forms is required to help our staffs take better care of your child as per his/her needs;

- **Authorisation for Management Plans to be Followed** - This form must be completed by the Parent and attached the Medical Management Action Plans provided by their family doctor.
- **Medical Authorisation Form** - it needs to be submitted and signed by the Parent if his/her child requires medication to be administered while attending the program.
- **Medical Management Forms** - 1 form should be completed by your Doctor per diagnosed medical condition.

Our new LED sign!

