



# 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

Register to get your electronic copy of the school newsletter by clicking on subscribe on our school website: [www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au](http://www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au)



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

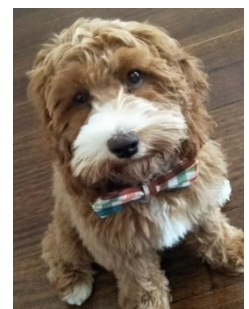
### 'Creating, Nurturing & Expanding Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.'

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>TOMORROW</b> Grade 6 Swimming Lessons 12-1pm Assembly in gym 3pm					16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup> Grades 3-6 Swimming Sports at Sunbury Aquatic Centre 10am-3.30pm	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Prep Student Testing Appointments Student Support Group Meetings	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunbury Sports Twilight Swimming Carnival 4.30pm-8pm Student Support Group Meetings	22 <sup>nd</sup> CASUAL CLOTHES DAY Cold coin donation to HeartKids  Assembly	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> Prep Student Testing Appointments	28 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> March Assembly	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> March Preps start full time	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Preps Western Water Incursion	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup> <b>LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> Grades 1-2 Grandparents Morning 9am-11am	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Life Ed Van Assembly	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup> Life Ed Van	19 <sup>th</sup> Life Ed Van House Athletics at Boardman Reserve, Sunbury	20 <sup>th</sup> Life Ed Van	21 <sup>st</sup> Life Ed Van	22 <sup>nd</sup> Life Ed Van House Athletics Backup Day Preps Grandparents Morning 9am-11am	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>

### Welcome Truffle!

You may have noticed a new addition to grade 6A this year. Truffle, a four month old Cavoodle, has joined the grade and will be coming to school regularly with Ms Kelly.

Like our new Preps, Truffle is attending part-time and will work his way up to full time attendance. He has an excellent temperament and a hypoallergenic, non-shedding coat to reduce the chances of allergic reactions.



The aim is to practise Truffle's socialisation and familiarisation within the school environment while working on his basic obedience training. The long term aim, when he is old enough, is for Truffle to complete his therapy dog training.

Having a dog at school has an extremely positive impact on the school community.

While Truffle will be at school to provide a general sense of wellbeing, his primary focus will be on students who need support in terms of student anxiety, low levels of engagement, school attendance and particularly challenging personal circumstances.

Truffle's work will be guided by our welfare officer, Mrs Pinti, and he will be happy to provide students and staff with a sense of companionship and ample opportunities for affection.

The Goonawarra staff and students have welcomed Truffle with open arms and hearts and he has loved the attention. We are all looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year working with Truffle and being part of his school journey.

#### **PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:**

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Parent & Teacher Discussions this week. The staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and learning about your child/ren. I trust that it was a valuable discussion for you as well.

#### **STREET PARKING SIGNS:**

**The time for the restricted parking time (2 minutes) in the drop off area at the front of the school will soon be extended by the Council.**

**Parents will soon be only able to park for a two minute period between 8.00am and 9.15am. (currently 8am - 9am)**

**The purpose behind this change, is to keep the traffic in the drop off area moving at the busiest time of the school morning. - 9am.**

**Council By Laws officers will frequently monitor this area and issues infringement notices if required. Please be warned.**

**There are no restrictions on parking in this area at any other time of the day.**

#### **PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP:**

**A group of parents met this morning and discussed events that the Parents & Friends will organise and conduct throughout this year. Last year the P & F raised approximately \$11,000. These funds went towards external seating and take home books. This year funds will be directed towards upgrading the Grade 3/4 playground equipment. Some of this year's events will be:**

- **Easter Raffle - Tickets sent home on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Raffle drawn on the Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Mother's Day Stall - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**
- **The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt - Term 2 holidays**
- **Father's Day Stall - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Goon A Warrior - Term 4**
- **Whole School Outdoor Concert - Term 4**

**The Group would really appreciate any assistance that can be offered. Even if it is only for one event.**

#### **GRADE SIX SWIMMING PROGRAM;**

Tomorrow, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb is the final day of the Grade Six Swimming Program. Most students have gained valuable knowledge and skills from this experience.

#### **SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS:**

The School Swimming Sports for Grades 3 - 6 will be held next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at Sunbury Aquatic Centre commencing at 10am. Parents are welcome to attend this school event.

#### **SUNBURY SWIMMING SPORTS:**

Students who are successful at our School Swimming Sports and qualify for the next level, will be invited to compete in the Sunbury Schools Swimming Sports on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb commencing at 4.30pm.

#### **STAFF CARPARK:**

You would be surprised with how many parents walk their children through the staff carpark before and after school. For the safety of your own children, please do not put them at risk.

**NAMED PAVERS - LAST DAY TO ORDER:**

The first section of a new path at the front entrance of the school has been completed using the named pavers which were ordered earlier last year.

If more families would like to see their name on a paver, a new order form is available at the front office and on the school website. Pavers are available for \$25.00 each.

New families may wish to take up this offer.

**Order forms need to be returned to school by tomorrow.**

The path will continue to be extended as more pavers are purchased.

The next paver order will be mid next year.

**CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEDICATION PROTOCOL:**

In line with the Department of Education guidelines, the school **will not be able** to administering some medications from 2019.

*Medication that will not be administered.*

**Antihistamine**

If your child suffers from hay fever, it is advised that this medication be given at home as it will not be administered at school.

**Paracetamol/analgesic**

If your child has a headache or migraine then you will be called to come and either administer medication (brought from home) or take your child home.

**General Information**

If your child requires antibiotics at a specific time then this can be arranged (please note that most antibiotics can be administered in the morning, after school and night time).

For medication to be administered at school a signed permission slip must be given to the school with the name of medication, date, dosage and what time to administer. Forms are located at the office or in sickbay.

Antibiotics are to be kept in their original packaging with the name of the student on the label.

Any medications currently kept at school (that will no longer be administered) can be picked up until the end of February. After this date, they will be disposed of.

*Medication that will be administered.*

If your child has an Action Plan for an Allergic reaction and/or Anaphylaxis then this medication will always be given in case of emergency.

If your child has an Action Plan for Asthma then this medication will always be administered.

If your child has a medical condition and requires ongoing medication this will be given at school.

**WHERE TO BUY SCHOOL UNIFORMS:**

The school uniform is available from Primary School Wear. Their shop in Sunbury is located across the carpark from Aldi and in the lower building. The address is Shop 6, 106-126 Gap Road, Sunbury..

Opening hours are: Wed to Fri: 10am - 4.00pm

Sat: 10am - 1pm

**STUDENT SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019:**

**Thank you to everyone who has purchased the 2019 School Packs for students.**

Could all families who have made arrangements to pay their Student Subject Contributions (\$175.00) by instalments, please endeavour to finalise them by the end of this Term.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:****Camps, sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Please obtain a CSEF application form from the school office or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**The Canteen will be open on this Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February for lunch orders only.  
There will be no counter sales on this day.**

## SCHOOL BANKING:

Get involved in the School Banking program.

**Goonawarra Primary School** is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. School Banking day is **TUESDAY**.

## BOOK CLUB:

**Goonawarra Primary School participates in the SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB. Each term Book Club brochures are sent home, giving parents the opportunity to purchase books, computer software and other items, often at well below retail costs. The school is awarded bonus points for purchases made and these points are used to buy extra resources for the school.**

**Each child would have received the first Book Club brochure. If you would like to place an order, please complete the form on the back, ensuring that your child's name and grade is included.**

**Cheques can be made payable to Scholastic Australia.**

**Please return the order form and payment to the school Office no later than TOMORROW, Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any questions please contact Jane Alexander.**

**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)

The Arts Program would appreciate donations of used Christmas cards (picture side only) and 8-ply yarn (no texture). Thank you!

**Alan Fairweather**

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## Term Dates 2019

**Term 1 2019:** 30<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2 2019:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3 2019:** 15<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4 2019:** 7<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> December

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Nicole Huybers



PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Instrumental Music Lessons  
On School Campus!



**Small Group & Private Lessons**

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$16 as per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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