



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



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
TOMORROW Assembly 3.00PM					2 nd	3 rd
4 th March Preps start full time	5 th	6 th Preps Western Water Incursion	7 th	8 th Assembly	9 th	10 th
11 th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	12 th	13 th Grades 1-2 Grandparents Morning 9am-11am	14 th Easter Raffle tickets go home.	15 th Life Ed Van Assembly National Day Against Bullying and Violence	16 th	17 th
18 th Life Ed Van Parent Information Session – Life Ed 9-9.30am	19 th Life Ed Van House Athletics at Boardman Reserve, Sunbury	20 th Life Ed Van	21 st Life Ed Van	22 nd Life Ed Van House Athletics Backup Day Preps Grandparents Morning 9am-11am	23 rd	24 th
25 th Life Ed Van	26 th	27 th	28 th OUT OF UNIFORM DAY - Gold coin donation to Good Friday Appeal	29 th Sunbury Schools Athletics at Boardman Stadium	30 th	31 st
1 st April School Council AGM	2 nd Grades 1-2 World Dance Incursion	3 rd	4 th	5 th Easter Hat Parade Easter Raffle Drawn 2:30 DISMISSAL	6 th	7 th
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
22 nd April Easter Monday Holiday	23 rd TERM 2 COMMENCES	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th

STUDENT LATE & ABSENCE PROCESSES:

The Updat-ed School App is no longer available for recording student absences.

Please use the Compass Parent Portal to monitor your child's attendance and enter in explanations for late arrivals and absences.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require assistance.

Payment & Reminders:

Whole School: Life Education: \$15 - due by Friday 8th March.

Grades 3-6: House Athletic Sports: \$10 - due by Friday 15th March.

STREET PARKING SIGNS:

The time for the restricted parking time (2 minutes) in the drop off area at the front of the school has been extended by the Council.

Parents are only able to park for a two minute period between 8.00am and 9.15am.

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

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.

KISS AND FLY (DROP) BAYS:

The area mentioned above is between the In and OUT driveways of the staff carpark in Gullane Drive.

It is designed to provide short term parking spaces so that parents can KISS and FLY (Drop off) their children at the busiest time of the school day when parking is hard to find. If you do not need to walk your children into school, then this is the perfect area for you to drop off your children in a safe spot.

Cars that overstay the two minutes time limit, block the area for those needing it.

Please respect the needs of others. If you need to walk your children into school, then please find other places to park.

Parking Officers patrol this area on a regular basis and the fines are hefty.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Last Friday was our Out Of Uniform Day. These days are a lot of fun, but also raise funds for needy charities. Through our gold coin donations, we raised \$400 to give to the important work of HeartKids. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Our next Out of Uniform Day will be Thursday 29th March. Funds raised will go towards the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Start saving now!

PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP:

The first P & F event for the year is the Easter Raffle.

Families are asked to donate an Easter gift / chocolates / egg that will be put together to form Easter baskets and individual prizes.

Tickets will be sent home on Thursday 14th March. Raffle drawn on the Friday 5th April

This year funds will be directed towards updating Take Home Readers for students and commencing the upgrade of the Grade 3/4 playground equipment.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

The School Council is the governing body of the school. Many areas of school operation pass through School Council for discussion or approval.

There are currently seven parent positions on School Council. Each position is a two year appointment.

There are three (3) positions that need to be filled this year. The other four (4) have one year to go.

Please read the attached explanation sheet for more information.

If you would like to be nominated, or nominate yourself (self-nomination) to one of these vacant positions, please obtain a Nomination Form from the office.

All Nomination Forms need to be returned by 4pm next Friday 8th March.

SUNBURY SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

Congratulations to all our students for their great participation at the Sunbury School's Swimming Carnival last week. Many thanks to all the families who came and supported our students.

Successful students have been invited to compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival.

STAFF CARPARK:

For the safety of your own children, please do not put them at risk by walking through the staff carpark.

NAMED PAVERS - LAST DAY TO ORDER - TOMORROW:

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, an 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.

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

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

Alan Fairweather

Principal

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Term Dates 2019

Term 1 2019: 30th January to 5th April

Term 2 2019: 23rd April to 28th June

Term 3 2019: 15th July to 20th September

Term 4 2019: 7th October to 20th December

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 1 st March	Nicole Huybers, Judy Cawthorn, Tricia Smillie
Monday 4 th March	Nicole Huybers
Friday 8 th March	Nicole Huybers, Regina Reid, Fiona Holder
Monday 11 th March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY



CALLING ALL NEW THUNDERS East Sunbury Football Club WANTS YOU!!

COME AND TRY JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING
at Tulsa Reserve next to Goonawarra Primary School
(whilst it's still cricket season)

UNDER 11's (Grade 4 & 5 born 2008 & 2009)
Wednesdays 5-6pm

UNDER 9's (Grade 2 & 3 born 2010 & 2011)
Fridays 4.30 - 5.30pm

BYO a water bottle
wear a hat and sunscreen
runners only (no footy boots until cricket is finished)

FURTHER INFORMATION:
chat to the coaches after the training session
www.eastsunbury.org.au
<https://www.facebook.com/eastsunburyfc/>
Junior Vice President - Michelle McCredie
esfcjvp@eastsunbury.org.au - 0411 400 417
Junior Development Officer - Andrew Pizaro
coachpiza@gmail.com - 0415 053 552



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Gaming: Keep calm and continue parenting

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Video games are more enticing to young people than ever before. There are thousands of games vying for their attention, and they can play them anywhere, anytime.

Help your children navigate the gaming world in a positive way

Join us at this free workshop to gain a better understanding of gaming and what you need to be aware of as a parent.

DATE: 27 MARCH AT 7PM

LOCATION: SUNBURY COLLEGE

HOW TO REGISTER: EMAIL: hoey.cecilia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
OR call 9744-1066



Life Skills
Creative Time
New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Join in the fun at our OSHC program, your first session is FREE!*

We are excited to announce that your child can now come and try their first day of Outside School Hours Care for **FREE!** This is a great chance for families and children to see what our Camp Australia program is like.

First Day Free is available to all new parents who register an account with us from Monday 25th February until the end of Term 1, 2019. Don't forget to use your session as First Day Free is only valid in Term 1, 2019.

Note it's also **free to register**. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like. We encourage you to register now and to always book in advance. You can register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree.

Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!
From the Team at Camp Australia

*Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care for parents who register from the 25th of February 2019. Offer ends conclusion of Term 1 2019.

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