



# Goonawarra Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## 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
Assembly in Gym tomorrow - 3pm.						
23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> <b>ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> CLUBS - WEEK 2	27 <sup>th</sup> Casual Clothes Day for the Story Dogs Program	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
30 <sup>th</sup> Ubuntu Whole School Workshop Ubuntu Choir Master Class 2pm-2.30pm School Council 6.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> May Ubuntu Classroom Visit 9am-1.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> CLUBS - WEEK 3 2019 Prep Information Session 9.30am-11.00am 7pm-8.30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Goonawarra PS Cross Country	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup> 2019 Prep Information Session 9.30am-11.00am 7pm-8.30pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Hands on Science Incursion	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> CLUBS - WEEK 4 Mother's Day Stall	11 <sup>th</sup> Preps - Mum's Pampering Session 9am-10am	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Grades 1/2 Billy Cart Incursion	15 <sup>th</sup> NAPLAN	16 <sup>th</sup> NAPLAN Preps Excursion to Diggers Rest Animal Farm	17 <sup>th</sup> NAPLAN	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunbury Cross Country	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>

### Payments & Reminders:

Grade 3-4 Camp Arrabri Lodge Deposit: \$50 due by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Whole School Workshop - Ubuntu: \$5.00 due by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Grade 6: Hands on Science: \$15.00 due by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

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

Welcome to everyone to Term Two!

We also welcome our five new students (from 3 families) who commenced on Monday.

There are many events and activities planned for this Term for all levels of the school. Some of these are:

- School photos - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April
- ANZAC Day - Public holiday - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- Ubuntu African Choir visit - 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Prep 2019 Tours and Information Sessions - see notice below
- Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May
- Education Week Open Morning - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Pupil Free Day - No school - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

- Queen's Birthday – Public holiday – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Parent & Teacher Discussions – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June

### SCHOOL COUNCIL - *Helping shape and guide the future of Goonawarra.*

Following the recent Annual General Meeting of the School Council, I am pleased to inform you that the following members of our school community have been elected to help shape and guide the future of our school:

**Parents**  
 Shawn Hindmarsh (President)  
 Kate Gleeson  
 Ryan Montgomery  
 Renee Cek  
 Peta Hoiles  
 Regina Reid  
 Farrah Maskell

**Staff**  
 Carla Cropley  
 Liz Hornby  
 Lori Nichols  
 Alan Fairweather

**P & F Rep –Katrina Scicluna**

### THANK YOU BEN!

After four years as School Chaplain at Goonawarra, Ben Smith will be leaving us at the end of next week. Ben, who has been working here for two days a week and three days a week at another school, has accepted a full time position at the other school, which is much closer to his home. During his time at Goonawarra, Ben has been of tremendous support to many students, parents and staff through his one on one discussions, group sessions and the various programs he has planned and conducted. His quiet and thoughtful personality and approach to all situations has been greatly appreciated by everyone. Ben's concern and compassion for each individual he has been involved with is a true reflection of his mature character. It has been extremely beneficial having Ben on staff and he will be greatly missed. Ben's last day at school will be Friday next week. You may like to attend Assembly at 3.00pm and say farewell to him in person or write a note of appreciation using the school email address.

A decision will be made soon as to whether we advertise for another Chaplain / Welfare position.

### THINK U KNOW:

This week our Grade Six students had the opportunity to hear a presentation from a member of the Sunbury Police in regard to social media and its effects on young people. This was a very informative discussion which, we hope, will have an impact on how these students approach social media in the future.

**A very useful site for parents which contains helpful information is:**

<http://thinkuknow.org.au>

**It is highly recommended to all families.**

### ANZAC DAY:

Next Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> April is ANZAC Day. The day is a public holiday so there will be no school. Can I encourage all families to take the opportunity to attend the Sunbury RSL ANZAC Day Service which will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am at the Sunbury War Memorial Hall. A wreath will be laid on behalf of the Goonawarra School community by all students who would like to be involved. If your children are interested in participating in the march, please meet outside the Post Office just before 10.00am. A staff member will be there to provide directions.

### LONE PINE:

The school has been presented with a Lone Pine seedling by The Australian War Memorial and the National Trust. The Lone Pine seedling will hopefully grow into a tree over time.

### The history and significance of the tree is as follows:

*On 6 August 1915 the 1st Australian Infantry Division launched a major offensive at Plateau 400 on Gallipoli. The ridges, once covered with the Aleppo pine, had been cleared to provide cover for the Turkish trenches, leaving just one, solitary pine. The area became known as Lone Pine Ridge.*

*After three days of brutal fighting the Anzacs succeeded in capturing the enemy trenches, but this action cost the Australians 2,000 men. The Turks' losses were estimated at 7,000.*

*After the battle, Lance Corporal Benjamin Charles Smith, 3rd Battalion AIF, collected several pine cones from the branches used to cover the Turkish trenches. He sent the cones home to his mother, Jane McMullin, in remembrance of his brother Mark, who had died in the fighting on 6 August. From one of these cones Mrs McMullin sowed several seeds, and successfully raised two seedlings. One was planted in Inverell, where both her sons had enlisted. The other was presented to the Australian War Memorial, to be planted in the grounds in honour of all the sons who fell at Lone Pine.*



It is intended to plant the tree between the flag poles at the front of the school.  
In the future the area can be used for commemorative services for ANZAC Day in April and Remembrance Day in November.

#### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS:**

The P & F Group are currently working towards their next two events – the Mother’s Day Stall and the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt.

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May and the Gnome Hunt during the next school holidays.

Watch out for more information about these events. Please offer your assistance in any way you can. It will be greatly appreciated.

#### **2019 PREP TOURS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

Based on the information available to us, there are around 40 siblings (brothers and sisters of current students) who will be joining us next year in Preps. We are expecting around 60 – 70 Preps in total for 2019.

If you know of families who are exploring school options for their children (at any grade level), please pass on the following Information Sessions and School Tours dates to them.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** at 9.30am – 11.00am and 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at 9.30am – 11.00am and 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May** at 9.30am – 11.00am as part of an Open Morning for Education Week.

**Personal tours have already commenced and are always available. Contact the office on 9744 7137 to make a suitable time.**

#### **NEW FENCES AND GATES:**

The majority of the new high fences and gates around the playground areas of the school have been constructed.

The remaining section across the back of the school will be completed soon.

#### **LOCKED GATES:**

With the addition of the new fences, the playground area for the students has been increased. Students can now play up to the fence line.

As an added security, several gates will be locked between 9.30am and 3.00pm. The gates involved are the one near the Pre School carpark and the one that leads on to Tulsa Drive (near the Grade 3 / 4 Basket Ball courts).

Other external gates will remain open during the day.

#### **SCHOOL UPGRADE:**

The last items of the Planned Maintenance Program have been completed over the recent holidays. The grant of \$330,000 has been used to improve the facilities across many areas of the school buildings and grounds.

The school has been greatly improved due to this work.

#### **STUDENT ABSENCE & LATE PROCESSES:**

**Thank you to all families who have contacted the school on the days their children have not been at school.**

**If your child is absent from school, on the same day, you need to either:**

- **Phone the school on 9744 7137**
- **Use the absent function on the ‘Updat-ed’ school app. Download from the App Store.**
- **Email the school on [www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au](http://www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au)**

**If your child is late to school, they must report to the office to obtain a late pass before going to their classroom.**

#### **BOOK PACKS:**

For those families who have requested to pay the \$170 by instalments, please, where possible, finalise payments as soon as possible.

#### **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. Phone: 9768 0384

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

Sat: 10am - 1pm

**Alan Fairweather**

**Principal**

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#### **Term Dates 2018**

**Term 2:** 16<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 16<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Term 4:** 8<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> December

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Nicole Huybers, Nicole Brown
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Nicole Brown
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Alison Rae, Regina Reid & Megan Kerr

## Goonawarra Classifieds

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Ocasional Childcare

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
9am - 12pm \$25.00 per session

Busy Bees

3 - 4 years old activity group  
Mondays 9am - 12pm or 12.45pm - 3.45pm  
\$250 per term



\*Maximum 13 children per session  
\*Qualified & Experienced Staff  
\*Safe, Caring & Fun environment to enhance your child's development  
\*Program tailored for individual needs

### UBUNTU AFRICA

**VENUE:**

Sunbury Baptist Church  
205 Gap Road, SUNBURY  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019  
7pm

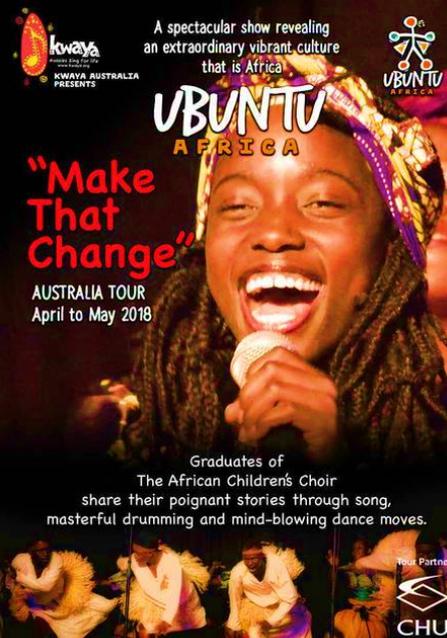
**Tickets:**

Adults - \$15  
Child/Concession - \$10  
Family (4) \$45

You can book online at: [www.kwaya.org](http://www.kwaya.org) or go to  
<https://www.trybooking.com/TOCX>

and follow the prompts.

**TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR.**



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"Make  
That  
Change"

AUSTRALIA TOUR  
April to May 2018

Graduates of  
The African Childrens Choir  
share their poignant stories through song,  
masterful drumming and mind-blowing dance moves.

