



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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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
10 th QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	11 th Keyboard Parent Day	12 th Book Club Orders due	13 th	14 th Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership-Boardman Stadium	15 th	16 th
17 th School Council 6.30pm	18 th Pyjama Day -Junior School Council Fundraising Event - gold coin donation Grades 5/6 Personal Projects Evening 5-6pm in Gym	19 th	20 th	21 st Sunbury Schools Winter Lightning Premiership-Backup Day	22 nd	23 rd
24 th Student Mid Year Reports go home	25 th	26 th	27 th Students dismissed at 1.30pm Parent/Teachers Discussions 2.00pm - 7.30pm	28 th LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM DISMISSAL CANTEEN CLOSED Casual Clothes Day - coin donation to Royal Flying Doctor Service	GNOME HUNT BEGINS!	
CAMP AUSTRALIA- 2 WEEK HOLIDAY PROGRAM & GNOME HUNT						
15 th July TERM 3 COMMENCES	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st

Queen's Birthday Holiday next Monday - No School

PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's development and progress at the Parent & Teacher Discussions to be held on Thursday 27th June.

Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on this day.

Camp Australia will offer After School Care from 1.30pm.

Parents are now able to book in a suitable time between 2pm and 7.30pm. All discussions will last 10 minutes. If additional time is required, this can be arranged with the relevant staff member for a different time.

We encourage all families to make these valuable discussions a priority and book a time.

To book in an interview time go to Compass, click on the 'Book Parent Teacher Conferences' link next to your child's photo.

MID YEAR REPORTS:

Staff have commenced the process of compiling reports which will summarise the progress of all students throughout the first half of this year. These reports will be sent home with students on Monday 24th June. Parents are encouraged to read the reports thoroughly and bring any thoughts and questions to the Parent and Teacher Discussions which will be held a few days later.

THE GNOMES ARE COMING!

The Parents & Friends 'Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt' is only a few weeks away!

During the next school holidays everyone will have the opportunity to search Sunbury shops and businesses for the special Gnomes!

It is a great holiday experience for everyone- children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends - it's for everyone!

The Gnome Passports will be available as from next week.

Every time a Gnome is found in a shop or business, children write its name in the Passport and receive a stamp.

All completed Passports that are returned to school will go in a draw for many major prizes which will be supplied by the participating shops.

Passports can be ordered at school or through the QKR app for \$10.00.

Passports will be distributed in the last week of Term (saves them getting lost!)

QKR APP:

Through the QKR app, families can now order and pay for:

- Canteen lunch orders up to two weeks in advance – please make sure the date is correct.
- Gnome Passports (\$10 each)

Contact the office if you require details about how to access QKR.

WELFARE & WELLBEING:

We are very fortunate at school to have the resources of a full time Wellbeing staff member in Mrs Michele Pinti. She is available to all students and parents who would like to discuss matters relating to home or school life.

Mrs Pinti has been in this position for several years and has many strategies and helpful hints as well as various useful community contacts.

If you have a concern or question or need some advice or clarification on any matters, please see your child's teacher or Mrs Pinti for assistance with any wellbeing issues.

READING:

How is the reading with your child at home going?

Are you enjoying it?

Does your child love it?

Is reading valued in your home?

Are books visible in your home?

Does your child see you reading for work and pleasure?

Do you take family visits to the local library?

Are books part of birthday and Christmas presents in your home?

Will there be books in the school Book Fair next Term that interest your child?

Have you ever tried to make a book with your child?

Create your own characters, set the scene, develop the plot, build the tension and add a fantastic, surprise ending! Add some drawings and pictures, a front cover, staple it together and you have A special book that will be read over and over and over again!

If you take on this task over the holidays, I would love to see your finished product.

Come and read it to me in my office!

PYJAMA DAY!

The Junior School Council are committed to supporting the Parents & Friends efforts in raising funds to purchase additional take home books for all students.

To do this they are having a Pyjama Day on Tuesday 18th June.

Students and teachers are encouraged to wear pyjamas to school on this day (probably over other clothes!)

A gold coin from each student as a donation is requested.

From the donations, the JSC will purchase a popcorn-making machine.

Each fortnight, possibly on a Wednesday, the JSC will make popcorn available to students to purchase. Funds generated will be used to purchase more books.

So get out the 'Onesies' and have a fun day on the 18th June!

STUDENT ABSENCES:

As winter commences and days get colder, students are coming down with colds and other illnesses. It is important that students are healthy when they are at school so as to maximise their learning.

If your child is going to be away from school, please remember to use the COMPASS app to record their absence or phone the school office on 9744 7137.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

Can all families make sure that all items of school uniform are labelled with your child's name. The pile of un-named items grows every week. Named items will be given back to your child. Items without names will be offered free to other families at the end of each Term.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY RESULT:

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Redkite Foundation last week by coming out of uniform and donating a gold coin. Together we raised \$364.



Our next Casual Clothes Day is on Friday 28th June. We will be supporting the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

2020 PREP SIBLINGS:

All the families, who we believe have another child to commence Preps next year, have been sent an enrolment form. If our information is correct, please return the form as soon as possible.

If our information is incorrect, please contact the office so that your name can be removed from the list.

2020 PREPS -SCHOOL TOURS:

Individual School Tours are currently being offered to families seeking a suitable school for their child next year. If you are aware of families with a 2020 Prep child please ask them to contact the office on 9744 7137 to arrange a personal tour.

VACATION CARE:

Commencing from the school holidays at the end of this Term, Camp Australia will be offering all day care from 6.30am to 6.30pm on each weekday, both weeks. Ideally, 18 students per day are required for the program to operate. Camp Australia has assured us that the program will operate right through the holidays no matter how many students are attending.

We trust this will be of great assistance for families requiring this care.

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Term Dates 2019

Term 2 2019: Tuesday 23rd April to 28th June

Term 3 2019: 15th July to 20th September

Term 4 2019: 7th October to 20th December

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 7 th June	Katrina Scicluna Alison Rae, Tricia Smillie
Monday 10 th June	CANTEEN CLOSED - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 14 th June	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna, Ann-Mare Morgan

Payment & Reminders:

Grade 5/6 Camp Wilkin: \$230.00 (final payment): due by Friday 23rd August.

Book Club: Order form and payment due by Wednesday 12th June