



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
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
22 nd	23 rd Preps - Grade 5 Italian Pasta Workshop	24 th State School Spectacular Rehearsal - Melb. Town Hall	25 th Grade 5/6 Western Water Incursion	26 th	27 th	28 th
29 th PUPIL FREE DAY School Council 6.30pm	30 th	31 st Preps 100 Days Of School	1 st August	2 nd	3 rd	4 th

Payment & Reminders:

Gnome Passports: \$10 each: payment due by Wednesday 26th June (QKR) **OR CASH ONLY** due by Thursday 27th June.

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

Grades Prep - 5: Italian Incursion: \$15.50 due by Tuesday 16th July - through the Office - not QKR.

Book Packs - Outstanding payments: final payment due TOMORROW.

Art Room: Donations of small-flattened boxes.

PUPIL FREE DAY:

Please note that a Pupil Free Day will be held on Monday 29th July. Camp Australia will offer an all day care program on this day.

PYJAMA DAY SUCCESS!

The Junior School Council 'Pyjama Day' on Tuesday was a great success with many students and staff dressing up for the event.

It created quite a lot of fun and the games at lunchtime were enjoyed by all.



Money raised from the donations will go towards purchasing popcorn making machines which the JSC will use throughout the year to make popcorn which students will be able to buy at lunchtimes.

Together \$446.00 was raised and this will be used to support the efforts of the Parents & Friends in purchasing additional take home books for students to use.

PERSONAL PROJECTS PRESENTATION:

To culminate the research that the Grade 5 & 6 students have been undertaking on a topic of their choice, a presentation Night was held this week so that they could display their creations and projects to a large gathering of parents and other family members and friends.

Some of the research topics included:

World War 2 history and events

Countries around the world

Various sports and venues

Food from around the world

The Golden Triangle

Singers and Dancers

Dog Breeds

Bearded Dragons

Plus another 100!!

Through the completion of this task, students gained new skills, knowledge and understanding about something that was important to them and were able to share their knowledge with their peers and teachers in class and parents and families on the presentation evening.



The Grade 5/6 Teachers are all very proud of the efforts that were put into the projects and presentations!

WINTER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP:

Congratulations to our Grade 5 / 6 students who competed in the Winter Lightning Premiership against the other Sunbury schools last week.

Results were:

T Ball: Girls - 2nd overall/Boys - 1st overall

Football: 1st Small Schools and 2nd overall.

Soccer: Both teams won 1 game.

Netball: Girls - 2nd overall / Mixed - Competed very well.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS:

Congratulations to Indigo and Joshua who competed in the Northern Metropolitan Region Event yesterday. A fantastic effort with Josh finishing 30th and Indigo 44th.

MID YEAR REPORTS:

Student mid year reports will be sent home with students next Monday the 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.

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.

Please book in before next Thursday.

If you need to book in an interview on Thursday morning, you will need to do it through the office. Do not do it online through Compass.

STUDENT ABSENCES:

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.

When student Mid Year reports are sent home soon, you will notice that the number of days your child has been absent from school so far this year will be listed.

Across Victoria, the average number of student absences for the year is 12 days. For half the year the figure is six.

Across the school population the number of student absences, when divided into four categories, reveal that:

58.1% of students were absent 0 – 6 days for the first half of this year

20.5% of students were absent 7 - 10 for the first half of this year

15.2% of students were absent 11-20 for the first half of this year

6.2% of students were absent 20+ days for the first half of this year

Which category does your child fit in to?

Throughout the second half of the year, we will be encouraging all families to try and move their child into the lowest category, so that they attend school as often as possible, which will greatly assist their learning opportunities.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY:

Our next Casual Clothes Day is on Friday 28th June, the last day of term. A gold coin donation will support the Royal Flying Doctors Service, who are responsible for providing 24-hour medical emergency and primary health services to Australia's remote and very remote areas.

THE GNOMES ARE NEARLY HERE! ORDER YOUR PASSPORT NOW!

The Parents & Friends 'Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt' begins in one weeks time!

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

All the other State primary schools in Sunbury will be participating as well.

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

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. See the list for the great prizes to be won!

Passports can now 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!)

If you miss the opportunity to purchase a Gnome Passport before school ends, they can be obtained at the Goonawarra General Store (Betty's Shop), Information Centre – Macedon Street and the Sunbury Neighbourhood House – Elizabeth Drive throughout the holidays.



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.

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.

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 before the end of this Term.

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.

ROAD SAFETY:

Information was passed on to me this week that scared me. Several of our older students rode their bikes straight across the road and right in front of a car in Frances Boulevard. The driver braked to avoid a collision. The students did not even look up or pay any attention to the car, they just kept riding!

It only takes one collision to ruin many lives – the bike rider who was hit and injured, the car driver who will be constantly reminded of the accident every time they get into a car, the passengers, possibly children, who witnessed it all. Is it worth it?

Please spend time with your children going over road rules and your expectations of them, especially if they ride their bikes without supervision.

DOGS WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:

For safety reasons, new signs will be placed around the school fences next week informing everyone that dogs are not permitted within the school premises. The school grounds need to be a safe place for everyone. It may surprise you that not everyone is a dog lover. Some people, children and adults, are petrified of them, no matter how friendly the dog may seem to the owners.

Therapy dogs, Reading dogs and seeing eye dogs are exceptions to this policy.

LAST DAY OF TERM:

Please note that students will be dismissed from school at 2.30pm on Friday 28th June, the last day of Term.

There will be an Assembly at 2pm in the gym.

Camp Australia will provide an After School Care Program commencing at 2.30pm.

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. Camp Australia has assured us that the program will operate right through the holidays no matter how many students are attending.

Students must be booked into the program through Camp Australia at www.campastralia.com.au or phone 1300 105 343.

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	
Monday 24 th June	Nicole Huybers, Vanessa Radclyffe
Friday 28 th June	CANTEEN CLOSED - LAST DAY OF TERM.

