



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
Casual Clothes Day – TOMORROW Gold coin donation to State Schools Relief Gnome Passport prize draw - 10am						
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
5 th	6 th 2020 Prep Transition 9.15am-10am	7 th	8 th Grades 1&2 Inflatable Planetarium Incursion	9 th	10 th	11 th
12 th	13 th	14 th Book Fair Preview	15 th Book Fair 8.30am-9am/	16 th Book Fair 8.30am-9am	17 th	18 th
19 th Book Week Dress Up Day & Parade 9.15am-10am	20 th	21 st State School Spectacular Rehearsal - Melb. Town Hall	22 nd Keyboard make up Lessons	23 rd Prep Breakfast 8.15am	24 th	25 th

Payment Reminders:

Grade 5/6 Camp Wilkin: Final Payment due by Friday 23rd August.

Grade 1/2: Planetarium Incursion: \$8.00 due by Wednesday 6th August - **Payments can be made on the QKR App for this incursion.**

PUPIL FREE DAY ON MONDAY - NO SCHOOL
CAMP AUSTRALIA WILL BE OPERATING
AN ALL DAY CARE PROGRAM - 6.30AM - 6.15PM

STUDENTS MUST BE BOOKED INTO THE PROGRAM THROUGH CAMP AUSTRALIA

REVIEW:

Policies:

As part of the current School Review process, many policies and procedures have been updated. A list of the policies that will be available to the community will be included in next week's Newsletter. They will soon be available on the school website for everyone to become familiar with, and refer to when needed.

Child Safe Standards:

Another section of the Review is the Child Safe Standards which are a framework to ensure that all schools have measures in place to create a culture of child safety and protect students from the risk of abuse and neglect.

The Standards synthesise the steps that schools are taking to discharge their duty of care and promote a safe environment for students.

There are seven standards that all Victorian government schools must consider and implement. These are:

1. **Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety**
2. **A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety**
3. **A child safety code of conduct**
4. **Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse**
5. **Procedures for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse**
6. **Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse**
7. **Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment.**

OUR STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Goonawarra PS is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Goonawarra PS has zero tolerance towards child abuse.

Goonawarra PS is committed to providing a child safe environment where children are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in Goonawarra PS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

In our planning, decision-making and operations we will:

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development;
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues;
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities;
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk; and
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

2019 PARENT OPINION SURVEY:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents have been randomly invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**.

The survey is conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please speak to the office if you would like more information.

ITALIAN PASTA MAKING DAY!

This week our Preps - Grade 5 students participate in a pasta making experience! Everyone had a wonderful time. All students were able to take home a container of delicious pasta. We trust it made a beautiful dinner!

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:

Our next casual clothes day will be held **TOMORROW**.

Your gold coin donation will go toward supporting "State Schools Relief" This organisation supports those children with basic schooling needs such as book/stationery supplies and uniform.

GNOME PRIZES!

Tomorrow all the 25 prizes for the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt will be drawn. A huge thankyou to all the businesses who participated in the Hunt and donated prizes.

To have a chance of winning, make sure your Passport (completed or not) is returned by 9am tomorrow.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK!

Children's Book Week will be celebrated at school from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August.

As part of our celebrations there will be a whole school 'Dress Up Day & Parade' on Monday.

All students are invited to dress up as their favourite story book character and participate in the Book Week Parade which will take place in the gym between 9.15am - 10am.

All parents and friends are most welcome to attend.



The Scholastic Book Fair is on again!

- Students will preview the books on sale on Wednesday 14th August with their grades where they will make up a wish list.
- All parents have the opportunity to buy **Wednesday 14th August** from **9am** through to **2pm** and on **Thursday 15th August** from **2pm** to **3.30pm**. These will be backorder sales only, as we need to keep the shelves stocked for the student sales.
- Book sales will be in the library on -
-Thursday 15th: August 8.30am - 9.00am
-Friday 16th: August 8.30am-9am
- The Book Fair will be available to the Kindergarten on Thursday 15th August between 9.30am and 2pm.

ICT USER FORM:

An Acceptable Use Agreement needs to be signed for all students in the school. Many parents signed the form at the recent Parent & Teacher Discussion meetings.

Due to the importance of this document, students may be restricted in their access to digital technology eg laptops, ipads etc until the form is returned. Your child's teacher or the office can provide additional forms if required.

NEW PLAYGROUND & COVERED AREAS:

As a result of a recent grant application, the school received \$200,000 to develop grounds and facilities with a focus on inclusiveness.

Three areas will be developed:

- An additional child friendly playground in the Prep – Gr 2 Area with a shade sail and a soft fall rubberised ground cover.
- An additional metal shade cover area in the old amphitheatre area outside the Library and Art room.
- A shade sail over the area between the three portable classrooms with a synthetic grass surface and outdoor furniture.

These three improvements will greatly enhance the facilities for students across the school.

The construction work is due to commence during the September school holidays.

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.

PAVERS:

The next group of named pavers has arrived and will be laid on the pathway at the front of the school next week. There will be one more opportunity to purchase a personalised named paver next Term.

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Term Dates 2019

Term 3: 15th July to 20th September

Term 4: 7th October to 20th December

Term Dates 2020

Term 1: Grades: 1-6: 29th January to 27th March

Preps: 30th January to 27th March

Term 2: 14th April to 26th June

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 26th July	Nicole Huybers, Katrina Scicluna
Monday 29th July	PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 2nd August	Nicole Huybers, Allison Rae, Melissa Keith