



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
BOOK FAIR LAST CHANCE TO BUY					17 th	18 th
Tomorrow from 8.30am – 9.00am						
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
26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th Father's Day Stall	30 th Casual Clothes Day Gold coin donation to Care Works Father's Day Raffle drawn at Assembly	31 st	1 st Father's Day
2 nd September School Council 6.30pm Dad's Big Day Out at School 9-11am	3 rd Grades 5/6 Personal Project Presentations 5pm-6pm	4 th	5 th 2020 Prep Transition No.2 9.15am-10am	6 th Summer Lightning Premiership Boardman Stadium	7 th	8 th
9 th	10 th	11 th Grades 5/6 Camp Wilkin at Anglesea	12 th Grades 5/6 Camp Wilkin at Anglesea School Choir State School Spectacular rehearsal - Hisense Arena 9am-5pm	13 th Grades 5/6 Camp Wilkin at Anglesea School Choir State School Spectacular rehearsal - Hisense Arena 9am-5pm	14 th State School Spectacular. Performance	15 th
16 th Summer Lightning Premiership Backup Day	17 th	18 th	19 th Grades Prep - 2 Athletics Day	20 th LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM DISMISSAL CANTEEN CLOSED	21 st	22 nd

BOOKFAIR:

WHAT A FANTASTIC RESPONSE TO OUR BOOKFAIR!

Final sales will be from 8:30am to 9:00am tomorrow morning in the library. This is your last chance to buy from the Book Fair before it is returned to Scholastic.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY:

This is your last chance to participate in the Department of Education 2019 Parent Opinion Survey. The survey will close at midnight on Sunday 18th August.

The information gained from this online Survey will assist the school in celebrating successes as well as provide information on areas for improvement.

We were hoping for 90 families to respond to obtain a good cross section of the school community. 60 responses (15% of school families) is the minimum to make the collected data valid.

Currently only 28 families have completed the survey.

Please don't leave it to others to do. The data collected from this survey and those in the future will be used to analysis community opinions over the next four years.

To complete the survey, go to <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> , select Goonawarra Primary School and use 613093 as the login.

Thank you in anticipation of your involvement.

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.

ICT USER FORM:

There are still Digital Technologies User forms that have not been returned to school. Students who have not returned them are now not able to use the ipads and laptops.

STUDENTS ABSENT OR LATE:

Following recent discussions and articles on the growing number of student absences, I thought it may be interesting to include in the Newsletter the total of how many students are absent from school each day as well as how many turn up after 9.00am.

Over the last five school days:

A total of 266 students were absent. This is a daily average of 53 (11.9 % absent each day)

A total of 91 students arrived at school after 9.00am. This is a daily average of 18 (4.07% late each day)

Our goal will be to reduce these figures in the future.

SCHOOL REVIEW:

Commencing next Tuesday, the school will be undergoing a two week review process involving a team of external reviewers, staff, students and our School Council President.

The process will involve reviewing all that has happened in the school over the last four years including data collected from Parent, Student and Staff Surveys, NAPLAN results, student progress, the implementation of many DET initiatives, teaching and learning strategies, many policies and procedures etc.

All Child Safe Standards Policies and Procedures will be examined.

As part of the Review, the school will also need to satisfy accreditation obligations.

I would like to thank the many staff, students and School Council who have assisted with providing, analysing and commenting on data and those who have written many policies and procedures.

Getting to this stage of the Review has taken months of work.

At the conclusion of the Review, a Strategic Plan will have been developed which will guide the direction of the school throughout the next four years.

NEW SCHOOL CROSSING:

The Hume Council has approved a new school crossing to be installed on Carnoustie Drive beside the back staff carpark driveway. This is the driveway near the skip and shipping containers. This should greatly assist students crossing the road safely.

2020 PREPS

SECOND TRANSITION SESSION

Following the very successful 1st Prep Transition Session held recently, the 2nd one will be held in a few weeks time on Thursday 5th September.

The format will be the same for the children except they will participate in a different activity.

During their session parents will have the opportunity to have a cuppa and listen to Felicity and Louise (Dept. of Education School Nurses) to speak about school readiness and the services they provide.

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, or another grade level please ask them to contact the office on 9744 7137 to arrange a personal tour.

Payment Reminders:

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

Payments can now be made on the QKR App for the following:

State School Spectacular Choir members: T Shirt: \$25.00 due by Monday 19th August.

Grades 3-6: Sunbury Schools Summer Lightning Premiership: \$7.00 due by Monday 2nd September.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FATHERS DAY RAFFLE:

The P & F have organised a raffle with some great prizes from: Goonawarra Golf Club, Sunbury City Electronics, Supercheap Auto, Readings Cinemas, The Local – Sunbury, Dagger & Rose Barbershop, Stan Cash, QI Designs and The Best Burger Bar. Tickets were sent home earlier this week and need to be returned by Friday 30th August.

Please support the P & F. All funds raised will be used to purchase new reading resources and outside playground equipment.

SCHOOL SORES:

We have been notified that School Sores (Impetigo) has been detected in the Prep grades.

Impetigo is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria. It is often called school sores because it is common among school children. Impetigo causes sores on the skin, which are usually itchy. The sores may start out as blisters that burst and become weepy, before being covered with a crust.

Impetigo is not a serious infection, and should clear up a few days after starting medical treatment. Children with impetigo are very infectious (contagious), but the spread of impetigo can be reduced by practicing good hygiene, covering the sores with dressings and keeping your child away from other children until they are no longer infectious.

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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 16 th August	Nicole Huybers, Tricia Smillie
Monday 19 th August	Nicole Huybers
Friday 23 rd August	Nicole Huybers, Allison Rae, Anne-Marie Morgan

Careworks

Winter Food Appeal

Please bring along packets of cereal and cans of Baked beans to help Careworks provide food for families in need.



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