Dear Parents, Teachers & Students,

WELCOME TO 2013!

What a GREAT start to the school year! There were lots of smiling faces and happy reunions as students met in the yard and then moved into their new classrooms.

Many parents and grandparents came to wish their children all the best. We even had a Great Grandmother fly over from South Australia to see her great grand daughter commence her first day at school as a Prep!

There was great excitement around the Prep rooms as we welcomed 47 ‘first timers’ to the school. There was also six other new students across the school.

For your information there are –

47 in Preps
43 in Grade 1
37 in Grade 2
49 in Grade 3
34 in Grade 4
43 in Grade 5
38 in Grade 6

A total of 291 students.

We also welcomed three new staff members –

Ms Simone Casey in Grade 1.
Ms Lauren Baird in Grade 3.
Mr Michael Fitz Clarence in Grade 5.

Also Ms Sonja Procek has returned following a year of leave. Sonja is our new Visual and Performing Arts teacher.

Mrs Deb McEwen has been busy establishing our new Science & Technology Room. Each class will spend time with her each week conducting experiments, classifying objects, constructing items etc.

For your information the staffing across the school this year is:

Prep C - Mrs Sue Conn
Prep F - Mrs Jessica Fry
Grade 1B - Ms Danielle Brown
Grade 1C - Ms Simone Casey
Grade 2MR - Mrs Barb Macey & Mrs Kerrie Romer
Grade 2/3S - Mrs Joanne Sullivan
Grade 3 B - Ms Lauren Baird
Grade 3/4 HH - Mrs Liz Hornby & Mrs Pirjo Hargrave
Grade 4 L - Mrs Lorraine Howard
Grade 5B - Mr Gerald Bronchinetti
Grade 5F - Mr Michael Fitz Clarence
Grade 6R - Ms Marita Ryan
Grade 6PH - Mrs Michele Pinti & Mrs Amy Hughes

Visual & Performing Arts:
Mrs Sonya Procek
Science & Technology:
Mrs Deb McEwen
Phy Ed for some classes:
Ms Rhiannon Smith
Chaplain: - Ms Asha Sebastian
Welfare Officer: Mrs Michele Pinti
(2 days per week)
Library Technician:
Mrs Sue Lavars

Please Note: Our Canteen is now OPEN on Wednesdays and Fridays for counter sales and lunch orders.

- Monday, 4th February: Parents & Friends Association Meeting at 9:30am.
- Tuesday, 5th February: Grades 3 – 6 House Swimming Sports (a note will go home on Wednesday, 30th January).
- UNIFORM SHOP open from 8:45am – 9:30am.
- Wednesday, 6th February: Canteen re-opens for counter sales & lunch orders.
- Friday, 8th February: Last day for Expressions of Interest for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.
- Monday, 18th February: School Council Meeting at 6:30pm.

Register to get your electronic copy of the newsletter via the ‘Document’ tab on our website. Make our webpage your homepage.
ICT Specialist: Mr Andy Pham
Integration Aides: Ange, Michelle, Alison and Sue.

Administration Staff: Mrs Judy Toogood and Janine.

CONGRATULATIONS:
A special congratulations to Mrs Karen Reilly who, following a statewide selection process, has been appointed as the Assistant Principal here at Goonawarra. Mrs Reilly had been in the Acting Assistant Principal role for the last two years.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:
The Parents & Friends Group is a vital part of the fabric of the school. Not only do they attempt to raise valuable funds for non-budgeted items to assist student learning and grounds development, they also act as a very strong avenue to connect members of our school community. All money raised by the P & F goes to support their projects – no money is used to pay school bills such as gas and electricity. The P & F meet on a regular basis throughout the year to plan fundraising and social activities. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the meetings and support the planned events. The first meeting of the P & F will be held following Assembly next Monday, 4th February at 9.30am in the Staff Room. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. Office bearers will be elected and the activities calendar for the year will be established. I look forward to seeing as many people as can make it to the meeting on Monday.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE:
This program is now operating in ROOM 7 – opposite the computer lab. The room can be accessed from its external door – see the ‘EXTEND’ signs on the door.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AT GOONAWARRA!
This year Science & Technology will be taught as a specialist subject to be taken by Mrs Deb McEwen. A special designated room has been established (the old Before & After School Care room – next to the Uniform Room). All students will have access to this subject on a weekly basis.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:
The first School Council meeting of this year will be held on Monday, 18th February at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. School Council meetings are open to the school community. The AGM and elections will be conducted in March.

UNIFORM SHOP:
The Uniform Shop will be open again tomorrow (Friday) between 8.45am – 9.30am.
ALSO – The new regular time for the Uniform Shop to be open will be TUESDAYS (currently Thursdays) between 8.45am – 9.30am.

THE WANTED COLUMN:
At various times throughout the year there are tasks that need to be undertaken around the school. In an attempt to increase parental support within the school, I encourage anyone who has time, to consider volunteering to help us out.

Currently there are several tasks needing attention –
- Painting some external doors.
- Scraping paint off some windows.
- Removing the brackets off the windows (they just pull off!)
- Spreading topsoil around the edge of some of the paths.
- Levelling some uneven concrete paths (trip hazards).
- Painting notice boards within some classrooms.
- Gardening and mowing are ongoing requests.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
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STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013:
Please contact the office as soon as possible if you still need to purchase student supplies for 2013. Most of the contribution is for the expense of the many consumables that students will use throughout the year. Also covered in the contribution is each student’s individual access to Mathletics (online computer program).

EFTPOS FACILITIES:
Eftpos facilities are now available in the office. This means families can now pay school accounts (camps, uniforms, excursions, subject contributions etc) by debit/credit cards.

Please note that no money can be given out through this process.

NEW WEBSITE!
The new, revised and updated website is now up and running! You are encouraged to log on to www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au and check it out.

TERM DATES FOR 2013:
Term 1: 29th Jan to 28th March
Term 2: 15th April to 28th June
Term 3: 15th July to 20th Sept
Term 4: 7th Oct to 20th Dec

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Birthday celebrations for the week of (2nd February - 10th February).
Congratulations to: Sarah Black, Mitchell DeHaan, Aden Buglar, Charmaine Hoctor, Cody Bramble.
A message from the Team Leader:

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Please don’t throw away used Christmas cards….simply tear off the back and deposit the front of the card into the red tub outside the art room passage door. Thank you – Sonja - Arts Teacher.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION:
The whole school production this year is “Outback”. I am on the lookout for a wooden bucket to assist in the scrubbing of the deck. Reward offered! Thank you, Sonja - Arts Teacher.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang for Grades 3 – 6 Students:
A form was sent home yesterday for expressions of interest for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang on Tuesday, 26th March. A $20.00 non-refundable deposit is due to be paid by Friday, 9th February for those on a first in serve basis. There are only 50 tickets available, so if you child is wishing to go, please get your form and $20 returned to school ASAP. Thanks, Sonja.

Welcome back to School Banking for 2013.

TUESDAY is our Banking Day.

Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child’s teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.
All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips MUST be completed.
Save from as little as 5c per week.
Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN this should be kept safe at home…..when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!
If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child’s birth certificate – too easy!

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Cancer and Natural Therapy Foundation – What’s on in February, 2013

Film Documentary and Discussion Night
Making a Killing - The Untold Story of Psychotropic Drugging. This documentary exposes the underlying political history behind the pharmaceutical industry in America worth $18 billion annually, raising many questions about the use of psychiatric drugs, such as Zoloft, Prozac, Ritalin and Lithium and their associated well known harmful effects. Thursday, 7th February at 7.30pm. Cost: $8 CNTF members & $10 non-members.

Self Development Course
EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) and ‘Access Consciousness’ Course. This 6 week, practical and interactive course will assist you in making new choices, create positive changes, and access your full creative potential. Gain ‘self acceptance’, build trust, confidence and a new vision of your life. Commencing Saturday 23rd February – 30th March from 10.30am – 12 noon. Cost $120 CNTF Members & $150 non-members.

Held at Neighbourhood House and Community Centre, Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury. Phone: 9740 3977 (Mon/Wed/Fri) or Sandra on 0411 100 947
See Website for further details: www.cancernaturaltherapyfoundation.org/ALL WELCOME!!
Sunbury United Junior Soccer Club Inc
2013 Season Registration / 'Come and Play' Day

Spread the word to interested friends, family and neighbours.

2013 playing opportunities exist for boy and girls, men and women.

- Sunday, 24th February 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  Langama Park, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury (Mel Ref 381 K6)
- Free BBQ
- Boys & girls 5-18 years interested in playing for SUJSC in 2013 are welcome. Juniors intending to play in the 2012 season must attend registration day and bring a copy of their birth certificate.
- Men 18 years plus invited to join senior men’s (Thirds Team).
- Women 18 years plus invited to join a new women’s team.
- SUJSC committee & coaches will be available on the day to answer any questions.
- Friendly ‘Small Sided Football’ Games played throughout the day.

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