Goonawarra is G.R.E.A.T!
At Goonawarra we all aim to be -
Generous    Responsible    Enthusiastic    Ambitious    Trustworthy

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ON YOUR BIKE!!!!

Dear Parents, Teachers & Students,

‘Creating Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.’

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY:
Get ready! Yes, it is on tomorrow!

All students and parents are encouraged to ride a bike or peddle a scooter to school tomorrow.

Last year when we participated in the Bicycle Victoria ‘Ride2School Day’, we had a massive 120 students accompanied by 20 exhausted parents come to school by peddle power.

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Helmets are essential and compulsory for everyone. Riding on the footpath is allowed.

Remember to bring a chain and padlock to secure your bike to the fence. Scooters can be placed inside near the office.


WALKING FOR A PURPOSE:
Congratulations to one of our Prep mums – Terri Smerdon for participating in, and completing the 10 Km walk as part of the Sunfest event last weekend. Terri was able to obtain sponsorship from family members, friends and several local businesses. For her efforts, she raised $1,400! Terri has generously given this fundraising effort to the school. School Council in consultation with Terri have decided that this generous gift will go towards a special larger fundraising effort, which will be launched at the start of next Term. Watch out for the details.

WHERE ARE WE HEADING?
As discussed at the recent Annual General Meeting of the school, the 2013 Implementation Plan, which forms part of the three year Strategic Plan (2012 – 2015) focuses on the key areas of ‘Student Learning’, Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transition.

The goals for each of these areas are -

- Student Learning:
To improve student outcomes in English, Mathematics and the broader curriculum.

- **Student Engagement and Wellbeing:**
  To improve the levels of student engagement in their learning and feelings of wellbeing as reflected in their attitudes to school, their positive behaviours and their learning outcomes.

- **Student Pathways and Transitions:**
  To improve student outcomes relating to the various forms of transition that the students experience during their primary schooling. The 2013 Implementation Plan will be posted on the school website for you to view shortly.

**PARENT FORUM:**
`'Bullying - Our School’s Approach' - Whole school invitation - Monday, 25th March, 7pm at school. At this forum there will be an explanation of our Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy. – see school website for details and reply slip.

**BULLYING – NO WAY!!**
On Friday, 15th March our school participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This day was organised through the Safe and Supportive School Community Project. Have you sat with your child/ren and discussed what they did on the day and why bullying, in any form, is not acceptable?
I would encourage all families to explore the extremely helpful parents and students information which is outlined at [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

**ANY PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS?**
Question to parents – What activities do you think your child would like to do over the Term holidays? Ask them!
In next week’s newsletter, we will feature the top five responses from each area of the school. Can you guess what they will be? Find out next week!

**FEEDBACK PLEASE:**
I would be interested to find out what response families would have to the option of receiving the weekly newsletter in electronic form – by email. Some initial thoughts are -
- **Pluses** – it would be in colour on your screen, it could contain more photos, it could contain video clips of school activities, it wouldn’t get lost in the school bag, it would save a lot of photocopying etc.
- **Minuses** – you can’t sit and relax with a hard copy while enjoying a coffee, you can’t read it while the children are at footy training, you need to print it off if there are any return slips on it etc.
Please email me / write a note with your thoughts. I would be very interested.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
fairweather.alan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

**REMINDEERS TO PARENTS:**
The staff carpark is **NOT** to be used to drop off or pick up children. Parents and children **MUST** not walk through the staff carpark as this is a dangerous practice.
Problems with parking at the front of the school in Gullane Drive seem to have eased slightly however, we still have people parking in the **NO STANDING and BUS ZONES**. These areas are designated as no parking areas in order to make sure that the children and parents who use our school crossing can do so safely. Please observe the signs and help us keep our children safe.

**ATHLETIC SPORTS:**
Congratulations to the students who represented the school at the Sunbury District Athletic Sports yesterday. It was a great success. All students performed admirably and their enthusiasm and behaviour was exemplary. Some students won their district events and will go to the next level. Goonawarra finished second overall in the small schools division. A brilliant effort!! Lorraine Howard.

**SUNFEST PERFORMANCE:**
Congratulations to the school choir for their wonderful performance at last weekend’s Sunbury Sunfest event. They were great ambassadors for the school.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL**
**- EASTER EGG SPECIAL EFFORT:** Tickets are available from the office for $1.00 each

**THE WANTED COLUMN:**
Currently there are several tasks needing attention –
- Sweeping leaves out of the staff carpark - blower or broom.
- Someone with a bob cat to spread piles of mulch
- Painting some external doors.
- Scraping paint off some windows.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:**
A reminder to parents, that it is a requirement for all volunteers working with children, to have a ‘Working with Children’ check. Forms are available from the post office or can be downloaded from the internet. There is no cost associated with this for volunteers.

**VISITORS:**
A reminder also that ALL visitors to the school **MUST** sign in at the office. This is an OH&S requirement in case of an emergency. Please ensure that once signed in you also **sign out** when you leave the school.

**DONATION:**
If anyone has a working vacuum cleaner that they are no longer using the Goonawarra Primary School Community Playgroup can take it off your hands. Please see Karen Reilly if you can help us out with this.

**NEW VISITOR:**
Please ensure that you have a current ‘Working with Children’ check, which is outlined at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

**BULLETS:**
- Scraping paint off some doors.
- *DO NOT* scraping paint off some windows.
- Sweeping leaves out of the staff carpark - blower or broom.
- Painting some external doors.
- Scraping paint off some windows.

**MINUSES:**
- Sweeping leaves with an electric blower and being blowed by the wind.
- Scraping paint off wooden doors.
- Painting some external doors.
- Scraping paint off some windows.
- Levelling (grinding) some uneven concrete paths
- Gardening and mowing are ongoing requests.
- Painting notice boards within some classrooms.

NEW WEBSITE!
You are encouraged to log on to www.goona warra.vic.edu.au and view our website.

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HEADLINE:
We have had a couple of cases of headlice reported this week in grade Prep C. Please check your child’s hair on a regular basis using the method frequently listed in past Newsletters. Please note that no treatment kills all of the eggs, so treatment must involve two applications, 7 days apart.

Happy Birthday
Birthday celebrations for the week of 19th March - 23rd March. Congratulations to: Alissa Magri, Jasmine Klaramenes, Glenn Smith, Zaine Pham.

Extend OSHC at Goonawarra Primary School
Our weekly recap
Last week the children and I filled the touch tank with water and engaged with float or sink experiment. Everyone was given a piece of foil to design a boat and see how much weight it could hold. We used Lego as weights and learnt about buoyancy, surface area, weight and testing a hypothesis, all whilst having fun. Stay tuned for more science activities. Much fun was had with the children designing, creating, experimenting and redesigning. Thanks to Mrs Fry for lending us marine creatures to live in our touch tank, it's much more lively in there now.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Tremayne, Grace’s father, who put up our new curtain wire and hooks. - Amber

Our Extend Superstar is… Sienna W for being organised and packing up at lightning speed.

Next week’s activities:
Monday, 25th March: Redecorating the Board Games cupboard
Tuesday, 26th March: Construction using Lego & Mobilo
Wednesday, 27th March: Easter paper crafts
Thursday, 28th March: Board Games & Dress up’s
Friday, 29th March: Good Friday – No service

Please note After School Care WILL be available on the last day of term, Thursday, 28th March from 2.30pm. Book now for these Early Release sessions by contacting our office on 1300 366 437. This will be charged as a separate session to the regular After School Care session, so parents have the option to book their child(ren) in for the Early Release session ONLY, or both the Early Release session and regular After School Care session.

If you would like to know what your out of pocket expense will be please contact our office.

ONLINE BOOKINGS:
extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 43

CAFE ROSTER:
Friday, 22nd March: Pat Oliver, Alison Rae, Sharon McRae and Hanaa Arafa.
Wednesday, 27th March: Pat Oliver and Donna Pasternak.

If you unable to make it on your rostered day, you MUST ring one of the numbers on the roster to swap your day. Thank you.

THE ARTS NEWS:
Thank you from the ARTS room to John Vicary-Lovegrove for installing our fittings in the props and costume room. Everything now has a special place. Sonja.
HOLIDAY EXCITEMENT AND FUN!!
AT JETS GYMNASTICS GISBORNE

NEED SOME FUN AND EXCITING THINGS FOR THE KIDS TO DO DURING THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Then we have the answer for you!
Enrol your child into our School Holiday Program and let us entertain them in our action packed program.
We now have new extended hours of operation from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Simply jump onto our website www.jetsgym.com.au to view all the themed based activities.

The process is easy. You can simply enrol and pay online to enable your child to participate in this great program.
Remember we can take the stress out of finding somewhere and something for your children to do during these school holidays.
Please note that the first Monday of the School Holidays is a public holiday and is therefore not included in our program.

ALSO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON ALL THE OTHER FUN PROGRAMS WE OFFER FROM GENERAL GYMNASTICS, TO TUMBLING AND TRAMPOLINING AND EVEN PARTIES!!!!!!!

If you have any queries please give us a call on 54 288 255.

SUNBURY ROTARY CLUB
Family & Craft Market
Sunbury Neighbourhood House & Community Centre
Saturday, 6th April from 9am – 2pm

There will be more than 60 stalls on the day with various NationalPet Register discounted micro-chipping.
Dogs & cats for the discounted rate of $25.
Bookings essential by phoning 1300 734 738