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

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EARLY DISMISSAL – TOMORROW
THURSDAY, 28th MARCH at 2:30pm.

Dear Parents, Teachers & Students,

‘Creating Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.’

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY:
What a great success this day was! There was great excitement and cheering as each bike arrived and the tally grew on the notice board. Thank you to everyone for your participation. Students are very welcome to ride their bikes and scooters to school on a regular basis. Please remember that you must wear a helmet when riding and provide a chain and lock to secure your bike/scooter to the fence. It is extremely important that all students are familiar with road rules and safe bike riding skills.

The final figures for the day included -
120 students rode a bike or scooter to school.
24 parents rode with their children
11 prams were pushed to school.

THE TIME HAS COME!
Following a long, long hot summer, the School Council has decided that the classrooms in the new building require air conditioning. The staff and students whole heartedly agree with this decision!

Due to the fact that this is an unbudgeted expense, in order for the project to proceed, the funds will need to come from other sources. Unfortunately no government grants are available for this project.

To install air conditioning in the six classrooms will cost $17,500. Our goal is to have them installed in September / October during the Term 3 / Term 4 holiday period.

Our Canteen is OPEN on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Uniform Shop is NOW OPEN on Tuesdays from 8:45 – 9:30am.

- Thursday, 28th March: Prep – 2 Easter Hat Parade in Gym at 9:15am.
  Easter Raffle drawn at 2:10pm.

EARLY DISMISSAL at 2:30pm.

- Monday, 15th April: Term 2 begins.

- Thursday, 25th April: ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

- Friday, 10th May: Whole School LAP-A-THON.

IMPORTANT DATES!
We will need the funds before we can proceed.

The Parents & Friends group has put their support behind this project and will be targeting the installation with profits from various fundraising events throughout the year.

To assist with raising funds, the school has arranged a Tax Deductible Fund through the ATO. This means that individuals, families, businesses, groups etc can donate money to the school and receive a Tax Receipt, which can be included in their next Tax Return.

For the donation to count in this year’s Return, the school would require the gift before 30th June.

‘I believe the need is real and I believe we can make it happen!’

The fund has had a great start with the $1,400 raised last weekend by Terri Smerdon at the Sunbury Sunfest walk commencing the appeal (only $16,100 to go!) The profits from the upcoming LAP-A-THON will also help the cause. Your tax deductible gift to the school will help us in reaching our financial goal and the objective of providing a comfortable working environment for our current Grade 4 – 6 students and those who will follow well into the future.

**WHOLE COMMUNITY LAP-A-THON:**
Get ready for the biggest event of the year!!

On Friday, 10th May (4 weeks into next Term) the whole school community will have the opportunity to participate in a LAP-A-THON. This will be the major fundraising event of the year. The goal is to raise over $5,000, which will go towards air conditioning classrooms in the new building.

All students are encouraged to use the LAP-A-THON forms to obtain sponsorship to see how many laps they can complete in a set time. Use family gatherings over Easter to seek support.

**Why should the kids have all the fun?** As an added incentive to gain fitness and funds, all parents are encouraged to seek their own sponsorship and join in the day. They can use one of the student forms. These forms are available from the office or off the schools webpage. Parents can accompany their child or walk / run their own laps. Use Easter family gatherings and school holiday times to gain as much sponsorship as possible. See the LAP-A-THON forms for instructions.

**A GREAT SUCCESS!**
Thank you to the large number of parents and staff who assisted at the Parents & Friends barbeque at Bunnings last Saturday. It was a very successful activity which raised $1,200 for the school. This amount will also go towards the air conditioning fund. A special thank you to the extended family connections such as Mrs Fry’s father who thoroughly enjoyed assisting with the sausages on the day.

**ANY PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS?**
During the week, we surveyed students to determine their top five responses to the question of ‘what they would like to do on the holidays’.

Here are some answers –

**Prep – Gr 2**
- Going on a family holiday; Going swimming at the beach or pool;
- Going to the Zoo; Visiting family and friends and Going to the movies.

**Grades 3 – 4**
- Go on a holiday; Go to the movies; Visit friends; Eat Easter eggs and Play on the computer

**Grades 5 – 6**
- Playing with electronic games; Going to the pool; Having a sleep over; Watching TV and Playing with animals.

**FEED BACK 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.

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very meaningful time over Easter and a safe and happy holiday period.**

- [Image]

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM: It’s on again!**

In 2011 we raised 8,500 points which provided us with much needed resources for the library. In 2012 we raised 54,600 points! With these we were able to provide fantastic equipment for the Preps and our new playgroup. This year we are hoping to raise 70,000 points, which will go towards supplying equipment for students across the school.

The collection program will run between Monday, 8th April (during the holidays) to Sunday, 9th June. Every $10 spent at Woolworths is worth one Earn & Learn point. These points (stickers) can be placed on a Points Sheet and returned to the school. A points sheet was sent home today with this newsletter.

**THE WANTED COLUMN:**
Currently there are several tasks needing attention -

- Sweeping leaves out of the staff carpark - blower or broom.
Extend OSHC at Goonawarra Primary School

Our weekly recap

Last week the children experimented with water and using a water dropper, they counted how many water droplets they could fit onto a coin before it over flowed. The children enjoyed guessing and testing their predictions and we discussed why different people have different number of water droplets on their coins. We concluded that it is to do with how big the droplets are, what smart cookies they are!

We will be have a practice evacuation drill this week, as it is policy to do this once a term it is good to refresh our memories and introduce the preps to this procedure. – Amber

Our Extend Superstar is…

Zarah B. for not being afraid of catching a ball when a grade 6 throws it.

Activities after the holidays:

Monday, 15th April: Board Games and straw construction
Tuesday, 16th April: Construction using Lego & Mobilo
Wednesday, 17th April: New colouring in pages
Thursday, 18th April: Chalk drawings & Dress up’s
Friday, 19th April: Finishing off Friday and ball games in the gym.

Early Release session 28th March

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

Canteen Roster:

Wednesday, 17th April: Pat Oliver, Louise Callaghan and Anneliese Gujer.
Friday, 19th March: Pat Olive, Hanna Arafa, Donna Pasternak and Tammy Jackson.

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.

TENNIS Coaching at Goonawarra Primary School

My name is Matthew Todd. I am a Tennis Australia Fully Qualified Advanced Tennis coach, who has been running Kids Tennis Foundation tenni9s lessons at Goonawarra Primary School for the past 8 years.

I am very pleased to announce that commencing next term on Tuesday, 23rd April I will be offering regular group tennis lessons in the school hall. The lessons will be held before school from 8am – 8:45am on Tuesday mornings and fess will be $110 per term. For further details pick up a tennis form from the office and phone me on 0414 628 633 to book your place.
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.

Brings to you a FREE Single Parent Family Fun Day
Sunday, 7th April, 2013
12noon – 5pm
The wonderful Logan reserve in Altona has plenty to offer, melways reference is 54 H11.
Free BBQ and drinks. Free kids activities and games.
Free face painting, membership specials + so much more!!
ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL!!
Please RSVP to Moush on 0430 504 119 or info@singleparentsactivekids.org.