Dear Parents, Teachers & Students

REMEMBERANCE DAY:
This Sunday is known as Remembrance Day, which is always held on the 11th of November. RSL groups usually hold a special service at 11am (11am on the 11th day of the 11th month).

(11th November) marks the anniversary of the end of the First World War in 1918. Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11am on the 11th of November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Research task for the whole family – What is the history of the one minute silence? Why are red poppies used? What do the tunes that the trumpet plays mean? What does this saying (Ode) that is read out at services mean? – “They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.”

I would be interested in your findings.

The Junior School Council members have been invited to attend the Sunbury RSL service at the Memorial Hall in Barkly Street. They will lay a wreath on behalf of the Goonawarra school community. Other families are encouraged to attend this special and meaningful service.

STUDENTS LEAVING:
In order for class structures to be finalised for next year, could any families who are leaving the school (other than Grade 6 students), please contact the office in person or by note. Given this information we will have a clearer picture of the student numbers for 2013 and we can arrange the staff accordingly.

STUDENT PLACEMENT FORMS:
In order to inform the staff of any areas of concern you may have in relation to your child’s grade placement for 2013, a ‘Student Placement form for 2013’ is available from the office or classroom teachers. Please note...
that this form is not to be used to select your child’s friendship groups or their teacher. If you feel it necessary to use the form, then please collect it, complete it, discuss it with your child’s current teacher and then return it to me for consideration.

CHESS TOURNAMENT:
In an attempt to connect like-minded students from across Sunbury, a chess tournament is being held at Diggers Rest PS next Tuesday, 13th November. Sixteen students from Goonawarra will be participating in this event. We will ‘check’ in next week to see if their pawns were turned into Kings and Queens!

PREP 2013 TRANSITION DAY:
Following the great success of the previous three Transition Days, a fourth day for the 2013 Preps has been organised for the morning of Wednesday, 21st November. This session will focus on gymnastics activities. Please let the office know if your child can attend.

Enrolments are still being accepted at all grade levels for next year. Please pass this information on to your friends or neighbours who may be looking for a suitable school for their children.

BIKES AT SCHOOL:
The BIKES are coming! Students are encouraged (along with their parents) to ride to school. Bikes and scooters, with a safety chain, can be secured along the fence in the Prep – 2 playground area. Parents please remind your children about the safety of riding on the footpath and road, using school crossings, wearing helmets and being sensible at all times.

NEW WEBSITE!
The school has been working with Sponsor-Ed to create a new website. The new, revised and updated website will go ‘online’ very soon! You are encouraged to log on to www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au and check it out.

EFTPOS FACILITIES:
Eftpos facilities are now available at 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.

HATS FOR SALE:
A reminder to all students that hats are required to be worn during the warmer months starting from the commencement of Term 4. Hats can be purchased for $10.00 from the Uniform Shop on a Thursday morning or from the office at any time.

A DATE FOR THE DIARY:
Goonawarra PS is turning 25 and we are celebrating with a large fete on Saturday, 8th December between 9am & 2pm. Keep the day free to join in the celebrations! Invite friends, neighbours, family etc.

The day will include food stalls, car boot sales, spinning wheel with great prizes, laughing clowns, dunk tank, book stall, Devonshire teas, cake stall, BBQ, handball competition, rides, choir, Preps singing, displays from the fire brigade and other community service groups plus lots more!

The Parents & Friends Group has opened a Face Book page to advertise and inform the community about the 25th Celebrations events. Check it out! Look up ‘Goonawarra parents and friends’

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Extend OSHC at Goonawarra Primary School
A message from the Team Leader:
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“Our Halloween week was full of fun with chilling choices which included frightening Frankenstein puppets. We also made our own gruesome green dip with pita bread ghosts. The decorations will stay for another week since they were so well received and enjoyed by the children. We will see some additional decorations with the children’s pom-pom spiders suspended from the ceiling. This week we will have a racing focus and the children will get a chance to design jockey silks and make their own hat.” Amber

STAR of the week… Gabriel L. for being persistent and determined to complete a task which included paper folding and gluing.

What’s on next week…
Monday, 12th November: Chicken soup for the soul and all.
Tuesday, 13th November: World Kindness Day – Creating our own kindness counts book.
Wednesday, 14th November: Bonkers for buttons.
Thursday, 15th November: Cooking
Friday 16 November: Puzzles & Ball games.
Monday, 19th December to Thursday, 31st January (*dates vary according to location)

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions. Come along and celebrate Australia Day and enjoy a party afternoon complete with themed games and activities! You can also join in our exciting science activities and make your own colourful kaleidoscopes.
or get your design off the ground when building your own mini parachute! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for locations, program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

December bookings close: Friday, 30th November
January bookings close: Monday, 17th December
Book now to avoid disappointment!


CANTEEN - ROSTER:
Friday, 9th November: Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton, Gwenda Griggs and Lisa Teuma.
Wednesday, 14th November: Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton and Hanaa Arafa.
Friday, 16th November: Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton and Gwenda Griggs.

PLEASE NOTE:
Our new price list went out two weeks ago and is available from the office or website.

School FETE “Second-hand Book Stall” – If you have any spare books at home and you don’t know what to do with them, please bring them to Room 18 and 19 for our class Book Stall run by 6P and 6R for our school’s 25th Anniversary School Fete. You can bring Children’s books, Young Adult books and Adult books. If you can donate books, that would be FANTASTIC!!

PLANT SALES @ School Fete: Our class 3/4HH would appreciate any donations of cuttings, seedlings or small pots, which you may have. This will be very helpful for our stall at the 25th anniversary Fete. Please drop them into Room 14. Thank you.

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER: Boys and the Girls the USB stick is now available to be ordered, all you need is 10 tokens. If you have 10 tokens you can swap them for any of the cool rewards including the very popular USB stick. Make sure you bring your banking in on your next banking day with a note or completed redemption card so your reward can be ordered. OPEN a youthsaver account to start banking.
If you already have a youthsaver account just bring in your book and start banking every week on your banking day which is every TUESDAY to receive your 1st token.

A Giant Car Boot Sale with craft stalls will be held by Sunbury Uniting Church on the Village Green and in the church hall, on Saturday, 17th November from 8.30am. There will be outside car sites (over 60 cars!!) and inside craft stalls. Site prices: cars $20, inside craft stalls $20. To book a site, ring Helen on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507.

FOR SALE
3 cute black baby rabbits in need of good homes. $30 each. Please phone 9744-3257.

FREE for you to pick up
Roll Top Desk with 8 drawers. Approximately 130cms Long x 122cms high x 60cms deep. Ring: 9740-170.