Dear Parents, Teachers & Students

REMEMBRANCE DAY:
Thank you to the students who represented the school at the Sunbury RSL Remembrance Day service on Sunday. They laid a wreath on behalf of the Goonawarra community.

CHESS TOURNAMENT:
Sixteen students from Goonawarra participated in a chess tournament at Diggers Rest Primary School on Tuesday. Read their report, which was sent out with this newsletter.

STUDENT REPORTS:
The December student reports will be sent home with students on Friday, 7th December. Students will be informed of their class placement for 2013 on their Transition Day on Tuesday, 11th December.

PUPIL FREE DAY:
School Council have given permission for a Pupil Free Day to be held on Thursday, 13th December. On this day, Parent / Teacher interviews will be held. Due to prolonged award negotiations between the Education Department (DEECD) and the teachers’ union (AEU), the AEU has advised members not to write comments on the end of year reports. Therefore parents will receive a report containing only the progression points (dots). This will affect the majority of Goonawarra classes. The Goonawarra staff, while supporting the AEU action, would also like the opportunity to communicate with parents the many other developmental areas of student report.

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 no later than next Monday, 19th November. Classes will be formed after this date and changes will not be possible.
students in their care. The staff is willing to deliver this information in a verbal form to parents. Therefore School Council has approved a Pupil Free Day to allow these discussions to be undertaken. The interviews will take place within the normal working hours of staff, being 9am - 5pm. I appreciated that the 9am - 5pm time slot for interviews will not suit everyone, but I commend the staff for their willingness to make time available and the School Council for supporting the move. The online booking process will be used again for these interviews. To arrange an interview time go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code Z8ZU2.

Student Book & Material Requisites & School Development Contributions for 2013:
Costs for these supplies are $120 per child and $35 per family for School Development Contributions.

Selling Dates are:
Tuesday, 11\textsuperscript{th} December - 2013
Preps (only) from 9:00 - 11:00am
and Years 1 - 6 from 2:00 - 4:00pm.
Pupil Free Day, Thursday, 13\textsuperscript{th}
December.

Tuesday, 29\textsuperscript{th} January - All year levels from 9:00 - 4:00pm.

**BETTER BUDDIES PROGRAM:**
We have just been informed that our application to become a ‘Better Buddies School’ has been successful! The Better Buddies Program is designed to support students’ orientation and transition during their first year of school. More information will be shared at a later date.

**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 **Wednesday, 21\textsuperscript{st} November from 9:15 - 10:15am.** This session will focus on gymnastics activities. Please contact the office if you 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.

**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.

**LAWN MOWING:**
The school grounds look fantastic when they have been mowed. It gives a very good ‘first impression’ and tells the community that we pride ourselves on maintaining the area. Several neighbours have recently come to school especially to tell us that ‘the place is looking great.’

Currently the majority of the mowing work is undertaken by a parent, Gary Hoiles. Gary does a magnificent job, but the task is too big for one volunteer. Please contact me, or Gary if you are able to give him a hand. I know he would say a huge ‘THANK YOU!’

**THE MULCH BRIGADE:**
A group of energetic, enthusiastic and hardworking students, mainly Grade 5, have decided that they will undertake to spread mulch around the garden beds, under the guidance of Mr Bronchinetti. A local mulching contractor ‘That Tree Feller’ is providing us with free mulch. Every time he does …… the team goes to work! Well done and thank you for taking a pride in your school grounds.

**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.

**ST. JOHN’S FIRST AID TRAINING:**
Today all students spent time with a St John’s trainer, learning about first aid and other safety issues appropriate to their understanding.

**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.

**PLAY GROUP INITIATIVE:**
A planning gathering has been arranged for Monday, 10\textsuperscript{th} December at 9.30am in the staffroom to gauge the interest from the area in regard to establishing a Community Play Group at school, catering for 0 – 5 year old children. We have a fully equipped large room, close to toilets and a hall available and we would love to see it used for this purpose. Contact Karen Reilly via the office for additional information.

**STARTING DATES 2013:**
Monday, 28\textsuperscript{th} January is the Australia Day public holiday.
Tuesday, 29\textsuperscript{th} January is when Staff will officially begin.
Wednesday, 30\textsuperscript{th} January is the first day of school for all students.

**TERM DATES FOR 2013:**

\textbf{Term 1:}
- 29\textsuperscript{th} January to 28\textsuperscript{th} March
- 15\textsuperscript{th} April to 28\textsuperscript{th} June

\textbf{Term 2:}
- 15\textsuperscript{th} July to 20\textsuperscript{th} September
- 7\textsuperscript{th} October to 20\textsuperscript{th} December

**WORKING BEE:**
In order to get the school grounds looking great for the 25\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary fete celebrations, a whole school working bee has been organised for Thursday, 6\textsuperscript{th} December from 2.30pm – 6.00pm. We would love to see as many parents as possible assist with this event. BYO tools. Tasks will include mowing, weeding, pruning, painting, sorting out equipment etc.

**25\textsuperscript{th} ANNIVERSARY FETE:**
Goonawarra PS is turning 25 and we are celebrating with a large fete on Saturday, 8\textsuperscript{th} December between 9am & 3pm. 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.’ There is also a link off the school webpage.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
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Extend OSHC at
A message from the Team Leader:
"Here at Extend we are always looking for new ways to entertain and amuse the children. We have started to include a weekly cooking activity and implemented a suggestion box open to both children and parents to submit ideas. We would like to say a great, big happy birthday to Will C. who had his birthday on the weekend. He turned the ripe old age of 7, not long until double digits Will! We also would like to welcome a new staff member who you will see in the OSHC room occasionally. Banu is a Team Leader at our other programs and will replace Cristin or I in the afternoons when required. Have a great week! - Amber.

STAR of the week… Ailish C. for completing a detailed painting and getting along well with all the members of the OSHC community.

What's on next week…
Monday, 19th November: Beading bracelets, making paper chains, felt puppets and more crafting craziness
Tuesday, 20th November: Making play dough and sculpting
Wednesday, 21st November: This day in history-1942 - Tweety Bird, debuts in "Tale of Two Kitties" & Make your own cartoon character using 2D or 3D mediums
Thursday, 22nd November: Cooking
Friday, 23rd November: Finishing off Friday- puzzles and ball games

Kids Club Competition
NOW OPEN FOR ONLINE VOTING! Visit extend.com.au to vote!

A big thank you to all the children who entered and put in so much hard work into their impressive Kids Club entries. Judging each entry was extremely tough but we’ve narrowed it down to the shortlisted winning entries. Make sure you head to our website to vote!

Voting ends: Monday, 26th November at 12pm.

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CANTEEN - ROSTER:
Friday, 16th November: Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton and Gwenda Griggs.
Wednesday, 21st November: Pat Oliver and Lynn Paton.
Friday, 23rd November: Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton, Hanaa Arafa and Tracey Edwards.

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WE NEED MORE MYSTERY JARS!!
To celebrate the school fete on the 8th December, 1B are holding a Mystery Jar stall, but we are in need of a lot more mystery jars! We are hoping to have close to 1 jar for each student. If all families in the school could please donate a jar filled with goodies, such as lollies, bouncy balls, marbles or stationary, it would be very much appreciated! A big thank you to those families who have already donated filled jars, especially the families who have donated more than one! Many Thanks, Danielle Brown.
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.

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

IGNITE Personal Training
- One on One Training
- Group Training
- Boot Camp / Fitness Challenges

Benefits of participating in personal training:
Weight loss and management, build and tone muscle, improve general health, stability training, increase overall fitness, boost strength and stamina, relieve stress, improve confidence and wellbeing, boxing fit, injury rehabilitation, sports specific training.

Contact Trainer Danny on 0409 754 077.

Sunbury Youth Choir Open Day
Do you love to sing, have fun and make new friends?
If you are aged between 8 and 13, come along to the Sunbury Youth Choir* Open Day on Monday 12th November from 4.30-6pm. Parents are most welcome to stay and watch.
Sunbury Youth Choir is directed by Adam Przewlocki, music and singing teacher, retired concert pianist and founder of the Divine Divas of Sunbury. The Youth Choir is part of the Sunbury Choral Association which includes the award-winning Divine Divas and SunVOX choirs, and the newly formed Vocafellas.
We sing lots of different songs, from Disney movie soundtracks and Broadway hits, to Pink, Delta Goodrem, One Direction, ABBA, and loads more. We will also be singing Christmas carols around Sunbury during December.
We rehearse on Mondays during school terms from 4.30-6pm during school terms at the Salvation Army Hall, 27-37 Anderson Rd, Sunbury.
For more information, please contact the Sunbury Choral Association Secretary on 0431 323 734 or email sunburychoral@gmail.com
*Formerly known as Sunbury Kidz Choir

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, 17th November from 8am – onwards
At 3 Kelbourne Grove (Sunbury).
Bikes, Golf Clubs, toys, books, designer clothes, house hold goods.

Christmas Tree Sales
Freshly cut Christmas Trees from $35
Miller St Scout Hall on 1st & 2nd Dec and 8th & 9th Dec
Delivery available.
To pre order trees contact Mike 0419 810 727 or Liz 0419 887 648
Hi Folks,

Below is the list of activities that each class will be involved in for the upcoming anniversary celebrations.

As you are aware, your child may be required to bring items to supplement their class fundraising efforts, however many of you may have items at home that may benefit other classes as well such as second hand books for the Grade 6 stall or you may have some seedlings that you would like to donate to the Grade 3/4 stall for example.

Please feel free to do so as all profits from the day assist our school.

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