Goonawarra is G.R.E.A.T!
At Goonawarra we all aim to be -

Generous  Responsible  Enthusiastic  Ambitious  Trustworthy

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25th Anniversary Fete this Saturday, 8th December from 9:00am.

Dear Parents, Teachers & Students

Only two more sleeps until the fun begins!
Rides, food, drinks, BBQ, fairy floss, dunking tank, entertainment, choirs, community displays, car boot sale plus much, much more!

The former Premier of Victoria Mr John Cain, who formally opened the school 25 years ago, will be in attendance. An official ceremony and tree planting event will take place at 10.30am beside the flag poles at the front of the school.

The Preps and the School Choir will be performing at noon in the area outside the Art Room.

The forecast is for a very hot day, so come early, bring a hat and enjoy all the fun that the fete has to offer and get some great bargains as well!

The Prepaid bands for UNLIMITED RIDES on some of the amusements can be collected from the Information Booth on the day. They can also be purchased on the day.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Canteen is open Wednesdays & Fridays for lunch orders and counter sales.

- Friday, 7th December: Student Reports go home.
  Grade 5/6 Excursion to Sunbury Aquatic Centre 10:15 - 2:00pm.
- Saturday, 8th December: Goonawarra’s 25th Birthday celebrations FETE/Car Boot 9:00am – 3:00pm.
- Monday, 10th December: Playgroup Meeting at 9:30am in the staffroom.
  Prep 2013 Parent Information Session at 7:00pm.
- Wednesday, 12th December: P & F Christmas Stall.
- Thursday, 13th December: PUPIL FREE DAY & Parent/Teacher Interviews.

PUPIL FREE DAY / PARENT & TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
**** Thursday 13th December ****
The online booking process is being used for these interviews. To arrange an interview time go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code Z8ZU2.
Please Note: No students will be required on this day and Extend will not be offering any day care programs.

STUDENT REPORTS & OTHER DATES:
Fri 7th Dec:
- The December student reports will be distributed, via students. Most of the reports will only contain the progression points, not comments, due to industrial bans in place by the AEU.
- Grade 5 / 6 to Sunbury Pool

Tues 11th Dec:
- Grade 6 Orientation Day at Secondary School
- Students will be informed of their class placement for 2013. They will spend time in their
Mrs Judy Toogood and Janine will continue in their administration roles.

Unfortunately Mrs Sandra Gill (retiring), Mrs Vanessa Draper, Ms Megan Willan and Ms Kate Haysom will be leaving the school at the end of this year.

Our three new staff members (see above) will be at school for Transition Day next Tuesday.

The new specialist area to be launched next year is Science & Technology. Mrs McEwen is very excited about lifting the profile of these areas of the curriculum across the whole school. A special room will be furnished and equipped to cater for this subject.

Additional funding has been granted to support a Primary Welfare Officer. Mrs Michele Pinti will take up this important role for two days per week. Mrs Amy Hughes will share a class with Mrs Pinti for the first two Terms. An evaluation process will occur at that stage.

*Miss Dinsdale will be getting married in January, therefore her new name will be Mrs Fry.*

**STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013:**
Costs for these supplies are $120 per child and $35 per family for School Development Contributions.

Selling Dates are:
- Tuesday, 11th December - Preps (only)
  - from 9:00 – 11:00am and Years 1 – 6 from 2:00 – 4:00pm.

Pupil Free Day, Thursday, 13th December.
- Tuesday, 29th January - All year levels from 9:00 – 4:00pm.

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

**PREP 2013 PARENT MEETING:**
Parents / carers of next year Prep’s will be attending a meeting next Monday 10th December at school commencing at 7.00pm to be informed about other aspects of school life.

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.goonaawarra.vic.edu.au and check it out.

**PLAY GROUP INITIATIVE:**
A planning meeting has been arranged for Monday, 10th 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.

**CHRISTMASSTALL:**
The P & F will be conducting the annual Christmas stall on Wednesday, 12th December. There will be a full range of gifts available for students to purchase.

**DISCO MADNESS!!**
The P & F has arranged a DISCO for all Goonaawarra students on Friday, 14th December between 5 – 7pm. More information will be sent home shortly.

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

**TERM DATES FOR 2013:**
- Term 1: 29 January to 28 March
- Term 2: 15 April to 28 June
- Term 3: 15 July to 20 September
- Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

Alan Fairweather
Principal
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**Step 1:** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair.

**Step 2:** Comb sections of the hair with a fine toothed, headlike comb.

**Step 3:** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 4:** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 5:** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

If lice or eggs are found please commence treatment immediately.

Children are able to return to school once treatment has commenced. It is also important to notify the school as soon as possible. The Department of Health and Family Services strongly recommends that treatments are reapplied 7 days later to prevent reinfection.

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**Book Marks:**
As part of the School Fete Grade 6P and 6R are having a book sale. We are selling both new and second-hand books. We are also selling beautiful bookmarks we have made. We are going to sell bookmarks each recess next week outside the library. There are two prices - .50 cents and $1.00. Please bring also some money to support our 25th Birthday Celebrations.

**End of Term 4 Early Release**
**Book now for After School Care**

*What’s on next week...*
**Monday, 10th December:** Wiggly fish & marble races
**Tuesday, 11th December:** Making moon rocks
**Wednesday, 12th December:** Bouncing Eggs
**Thursday, 13th December:** Testing our senses
**Friday, 14th December:** Making Flubber

**A message from the Team Leader:**
“Last week we spent it under the sea and finding out about the odd and interesting creatures which inhabit the ocean. We have started a mural on the wall, with the children colouring a wide range of creatures and gluing them on where they live - in the deep, middle or surface of the ocean. On Tuesday Kayla, Brooke and Ty set up the Xbox 360 and I would like to say how impressed I am with all the children getting long, negotiating sharing and taking turns. Well done everyone. I spent time talking to the children about making some terms of use in regard to the Xbox and I have written up our agreements and they are pinned on to the curtains where the Xbox 360 is played.

Cristin and I will be at the Fete on Saturday, we will have stickers, lollies and be holding two room tours during the day, we sure to come over and say Hi! Amber.

**STAR of the week... Kayla C.** for setting up the Xbox 360 in a safe and responsible manner.

**CANTEEN - ROSTER:**
**Friday, 7th December:** Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton, Hanaa Arafa and Andrew/Vanessa Ouston.
**Wednesday, 12th December:** Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton.
**Friday, 14th December:** Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton, Hanaa Arafa and Gwenda Griggs.

Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for locations, program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

**Bookings close:** Monday 17 December Book now to avoid disappointment!
FOR SALE:
Sunbury College Sports Uniform
New: Track top and pants XS purchased for $105 and selling for $80 ONO.
Girls Shoes for Graduation
Size 5, Clarice Black shoes finished in satin with small heel. Suitable for Graduation, Like New. Sell for $30 ONO.
Phone Lynda on 04078 006 059.

Bunnings Sunbury would like to remind you of our Free Christmas Family Night coming up tonight Thursday, 6th December 6pm – 8pm.

Fun for the whole family:
- Face painting
- Kids build a Christmas Tea Light Holder
- Jumping Castle
- Free sausage sizzle dinner
- Balloonist

We look forward to seeing you in store please remember to book for catering purposes. Ph 9744-0200
PS Don’t forget to checkout out Sunbury stores website for our latest Christmas Kids activities.

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