Dear Parents, Teachers & Students,

25th Anniversary Fete!
A G.R.E.A.T Success!

What a day! The fete, despite the heat and wind, was a wonderful event which was enjoyed by many members of the local community. A huge thank you to the members of the Parents & Friends for their dedicated work in organising the whole day and to the staff for arranging stalls, choirs and many other activities. It was a great community day! All who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

Community exposure and support = Priceless
Financial profit = $5,500

The former Premier of Victoria Mr John Cain, who formally opened the school 25 years ago, attended, along with Mr Rob Mitchell, the Federal Member for McEwen. Together they planted a tree to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the school.

On Monday, at Assembly, the grade six students celebrated the many components that make up the school and its’ rich history. 25 balloons were presented, each representing a significant part of the life of the school. They are listed on the next page:
The balloons represent -
- all of the students at Goonawarra PS.
- all of the teachers at our school.
- Judy and Janine, the Office staff, for all their help.
- the Integration Aides who help our students.
- the members of School Council who help to run our school.
- the Parents and Friends Association for all that they do to raise money for our school.
- every parent that has helped us at school.
- all of the mums and dads who have gone on camps and excursions.
- all of the parents, teachers and principals who have helped out at our working bees.
- everyone who helped to make our 25th Celebrations so successful.
- our Prep / Gr 6 Buddy program.
- all of the house captains and vice captains.
- all of the students who have represented our school in sport.
- all of the students who have been Junior School Council members.
- Pat, Lyn and all of the helpers in the canteen.
- Jacinta and all of the helpers in the uniform shop.
- the replacement teachers who come to our school.
- everyone who has donated something to make our school so great.
- every visitor that has come to our school to help with our learning.
- for the people who built our BER building.
- everyone who has helped with the technology in our school.
- all of the past students and teachers of Goonawarra PS.
- Mr Bouch and Ms Kleine our first two Principals.
- Mrs Reilly and all the work she does as our Assistant Principal.
- Mr Fairweather and all the great things he has done to make our school GREAT!!!!!
TODAY between 5 - 7 pm in
the hall.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING
TEA:
In recognition of the wonderful
support the school receives from
the school community, a special
morning tea has been arranged for
next Wednesday, 19th December in the
staff room.
If you have assisted the school in
anyway during this year, a BIG
THANK YOU and please
endeavour to make this event.

FAREWELLS:
During next week we will be
saying goodbye to several of the
teaching staff:

Mrs Sandra Gill – After an
outstanding career as a teacher (17
years at Goonawarra) Sandra has
decided it is time to explore the
world outside of the classroom.
Throughout her career at
Goonawarra, Sandra has been
involved in activities across the
whole school. She has worked
tirelessly at providing a sound
learning environment for the many
students who have had the
privilege to be in her care. Sandra’s
last teaching day will be next
Wednesday.
We thank Ms Kate Hayesom (Grade
4), Mrs Vanessa Draper (Phys. Ed
and Grade 3M) and Ms Megan
Willan (Visual Arts and choir) for
their input and involvement in the
school during 2012. We wish Sandra, Kate, Vanessa
and Megan all the best as they
commence new and exciting
adventures next year.

STUDENT REPORTS & OTHER
DATES:
Fri 14th Dec
- Choir to Sunbury Square and
retirement villages.
- Whole school Disco 5 – 7pm in
hall.
Mon 17th – Thurs 20th Dec –
Planning Week for staff – normal
timetable arrangements will be
changed.
Wed 19th Dec
- Parent Helpers Morning
Tea at 11am
- Grade 6 Graduation
Thurs 20th Dec

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
2013:
The next opportunity to purchase
student supplies for 2103 is
Tuesday, 29th January from 9:00am
– 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
debit/credit cards.
Please note that no money can be
given out through this process.

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.
Also Tuesday, 5th February – School
House Swimming Sports.

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
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HEADLINE: We have had a couple
of cases of head lice reported this week
in Grade 1B and 3/4HH. Please
check your child’s hair on a regular
basis using the method listed in
previous newsletters.
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.
I ask all parents to carry out weekly
checks and to treat any infestations
promptly. Please note that unless
treatment is carried out effectively
the head lice will reappear. Regular
checks prompt and repeated
treatment and notification to the
school will assist us to control the
spread of head lice in our school.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Birthday celebrations for the week of
(3rd - 5th December). Congratulations
to: Madison Banfield,
Taryn Davidson, Cara
Delacey, Breanna Carter-
Osborne, Isaac Swito, Riley
Delaney and Abigail
Lumsden.
A message from the Team Leader:
“Can you believe we have less than two weeks left of school?! That means less than 14 sleeps till Christmas! And Hanukkah has already started on Saturday which coincided with the celebration of Bodhi Day (a Buddhist celebration) - what a busy time of year!
As you would know the Goonawarra school fete was also on last Saturday, did you see our Extend stall or Cristin getting dunked by Nate D? What an exciting day it was for the school and it was great to see such a great turn out. I got a temporary tattoo while hanging out with Will C. in the arts and crafts area. I also brought a heap of books from the book stall, bracelets from the car boot sale and petted some really cute little ponies!
Our room got a major tidy up and is looking super festive with all the decorations which have been added to the room. Feel free to drop by and have a look around, all are welcome!” Amber.

STAR of the week… Riley B. for being a kind and caring member of the Extend community.

What’s on next week…
Monday, 17th December: Butterfly footprints
Tuesday, 18th December: Sock snowmen
Wednesday, 19th December: Hand reindeer.
Thursday, 20th December: CD decorations
Friday, 21st December: Paper plate garlands

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

Please note After School Care WILL be available on the last day of Term 4, Friday, 21st December from 1.30pm. Book now for this Early Release session by contacting our office on 1300 366 437.

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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.

School Holiday Program bookings open at Sunbury Primary School!

Monday, 14th January – Wednesday 30th January

Enjoy our special Summer discounted rates! Call 1300 366 437 to calculate your out of pocket expense!

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

Bookings close: Monday, 17th December. Book now to avoid disappointment!

CANTEEN - ROSTER:
Friday, 14th December: Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton and Gwenda Griggs.
Wednesday, 19th December: Pat Oliver, Lynn Paton and Hanaa Arafa.
Friday, 21st December: CANTEEN CLOSED.

Goonawarra Classifieds

Sunbury Cricket Camp
Ages 5 – 16
Fun, safe environment. Coaching since 1990! Video analysis, ex-Australian Stars Coaching.
January 17 & 18th at Langama Park
For a Free Brochure FREECALL 1800 35 1415 or visit www.cricketcoaching.com.au for more information.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

We will be having a morning tea on Wednesday, 19th December at 11:00am in the staffroom for parent helpers. If you would like to join us, for catering purposes, please fill in this tear off slip and return to the school’s office by Monday, 17th December.

Name: ___________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________ Grade: _____________