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
- FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER at 1:30pm.

Dear Parents, Teachers & Students,

GRADUATION:
Last night the 45 Grade six students of 2012 held their graduation ceremony. It was a fantastic night of celebrating the wonderful achievements of all these students.
The students performed a special dance routine, sang a specially written song and made speeches about their earliest memories of school and what they would like to be doing in the future.
There were many proud parents and staff listening intently as the students articulated their dreams.

The following students received specific awards –
Hume City Council Award –
Caelum Gibbs

Joanne Duncan Award –
Tasma Nikolic
Masonic Lodge Awards –
Jacob Penticoss & Jessie-Lee Walker
Citizenship Awards –
Jordyn Moore and Matthew Camilleri
Academic Awards –
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Sports Awards -
Felicity Dunmill and Jerry Ieremia
English Awards –
Aaron Gornalle, Adam Mohamud, Amy Magri, Brodie Wilson, Chris Collins, Clare Grover, Dakota Ninnes, Daniel Bryant, Erin Stannard, Jasmine Burton, Matthew Fox, Nathan Daniels, and Ruth Hicks.
Mathematics Awards –
Aaron Gornalle, Alec Boorsma, Amy Magri, Brodie Wilson, Chris Collins, Dakota Ninnes, Daniel Bryant, Hannah McIntyre, Jasmine Burton, Matthew Camilleri, Matthew Fox, Nathan Daniels, Ruth Hicks and Michael Medus.
A special thank you to the Hume City Council, State Member of Parliament Joanne Duncan, Sunbury Masonic Lodge and Goonawarra Pharmacy for making financial awards available to some of the students listed above.
School Council also presented books to several students.
We wish all our Grade Six students all the best for their future educational pathway.
**PREP – GRADE 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**
Today we were all treated to a very special end of year concert by the junior school. A large number of parents attended to share this great occasion. Well done to everyone!

**DISCO MADNESS!!**
Nearly 200 students danced the night away at the school disco last Friday night! It was a huge success! A special thank you to Chris Teuma for supplying the music for the night. The P & F arranged a wonderful spread of food for the students. A great activity, which we will repeat in 2013.

**PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA:**
Yesterday many parents attended a special morning tea at school. This event was put on by the staff to thank and recognise the large number of parents who assist the school, staff and students in a large number of ways throughout any given week.

I would encourage all parents to find an avenue, be it in classrooms, specialist areas, on committees, working bees, P & F events and functions etc, to be involved in the life of the school. Your assistance will greatly be appreciated and your children would love to see you involved helping their school.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS:**
Thank you to everyone for supporting the P & F throughout the year.
Congratulations to the members of the P & F for arranging functions, stalls and other fundraising ventures. Through all these activities the P & F has raised nearly $13,000 during this year! This is an excellent result! These funds will be used to support educational and structural items that are not included in the school budget. The first item to be addressed will be a new shade sail covering over the Prep – Grade 2 adventure playground.

Finally, I want to thank everyone in the school community for making 2012 a very successful year. There have been many great achievements, wonderful results, increased community interest and overwhelming support. I encourage all students, staff and families to do as much as possible to make 2013 even greater!

I wish everyone a very special Merry Christmas. Enjoy the break and try and find some quality time to spend together with those close to you!

I look forward to working with you all and the wider Goonawarra community again next year.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
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**STUDENT REPORTS & OTHER DATES:**
**Friday, 21st December - School finishes at 1.30pm.** An Assembly will be held at 1.00pm weather permitting in the rotunda outside the library. Students will be taken back to their room for dismissal at 1.30pm.

**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.

**TERM DATES FOR 2013:**
Term 1: 29th January to 28th March
**Students will commence on Wednesday, 30th January.**
Term 2: 15th April to 28th June
Term 3: 15th July to 20th September
Term 4: 7th October to 20th December

**STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013:**
The next opportunity to purchase student supplies for 2013 is Tuesday, 29th January from 9:00am – 4:00pm. The UNIFORM SHOP will also be open on this day from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

**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.
A message from the Team Leader:
“From all of us here at Extend I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break. I hope that all the children and families who use OSHC have had an enjoyable term with us as I know Cristin and I have.
This week you will notice a considerable difference with our room, we are packing up everything in order to move to our new room which is currently classroom 7. Our current room will become the new science room, which sounds like an exciting introduction to the school.” Amber

STAR of the week… Noah L. for getting along well with others and sharing.

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 21 December from 1.30pm.
Book now for this Early Release session 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 Head Office on 1300 366 437.

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!

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.

HOOP SMART BASKETBALL CAMP
Damien Ryan former Sunbury Jets Junior, NBL, European and Australian Boomer player will be conducting an innovative and fun HOOPS M ART basketball camp.
Where: Sunbury Boardman Stadium
Date: Monday, 21st & Tuesday, 22nd January
Time: 9:30am – 3:00pm.
Players: All levels – Boys/Girls 6 – 14 years.
Cost: $95 ‘early bird price’ (free NBA ball!!)
Registration closes 20th January.
Walk in on the day welcome (subject to availability).
NBL player & coach attending!!
Register at: hoopsmart.com.au

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year