Goonawarra is G.R.E.A.T!
At Goonawarra we all aim to be -
Generous  Responsible  Enthusiastic  Ambitious  Trustworthy

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‘Creating, Nurturing & Expanding Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.’

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Notice and payment reminders
Grade 6 2016 Jackets: forms due back by: TOMORROW---$50.00 DUE BY 1/3/2016
House swimming sports: $7.00 and permission form due by TOMORROW.
Grade 3-4 Kids Tennis Foundation: $2.50 due by 12/2/16

FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR:
Welcome to everyone to the 2016 school year.
All classes have commenced extremely well.
There is a total of 362 students spread across 17 classes.
There are 52 Preps as well as 17 new students in other classes – a total of 69 new students. There are 45 new families. A warm welcome to everyone!

It has been an extremely smooth start to the school year. All staff are well prepared, rooms are fully resourced and all students seem very keen on their learning. The year promises to be a very successful one.
I encourage everyone to become involved in the life of the school in any way possible.

Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools
Dear parents,
I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.
Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.
Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.
The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.
If you have any questions please contact Alan Fairweather.
STAFF FOR 2016:
Below is the class organisation and specialist teacher roles for 2016.
We welcome Mrs Kathleen Kelly (Gr 5/6), Miss Stephanie Ireland (Preps), Miss Tahlia Dwyer (Gr 3 / 4) and Miss Breanna Thomas (Gr 1) to our teaching staff.

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Staff Member | Specialist Area
Sonja Procek | Visual & Performing Arts (P-6)
Michael Fitzclarence | Physical Education (P-6) + Sport
Liz Hornby | LOTE (Preps-Gr-2)
Pirjo Hargrave | Class Support + Rainbow Reading
Michele Pinti | Welfare + Support
Ben Smith | School Chaplain

2016 HOUSE CAPTAINS:
Congratulations to the following House Captains and Vice Captains. Thank you to all the other students who tried out for the positions.
GOLD: Olivia D & Nicholas I (C)
 Madeline H & Xavier B (VC)
GREEN: Hollee M & Jack W (C)
 Ruby C & Preston B (V.C)
BLUE: Victoria B & Josh C (C)
 Olivia G & Dillon M (V.C)
RED: Jessica T & Daniel O (C)
 Rachel G & Jai B (V.C)

Badges will be awarded to House and Vice Captains on Monday at Assembly.

UNIFORM SHOP CHANGES:
From the time the school opened, nearly 30 years ago, the school has operated its own Uniform Shop. A parent from those early days, Mrs Jacinta Noble took on the operations of the shop. Even though her children have now passed through the school (and secondary school and university and are now working!), Jacinta still faithfully serves the uniform needs of all families.

With the changing styles of uniforms and greater items now available, the current supplier (who also has served the school from the early days) is no longer able to meet all our requirements.

As from the 1st March there will be a change.

The school Uniform Shop will be closed down. All uniform requirements from the 1st March will be available from Primary School Wear (PSW) near Aldi in Gap Road, Sunbury. Their shop is open from Wednesday to Saturday.
From the 1st March there will be an increase in the price of items.
Our current school Uniform Shop is fully stocked with all the summer uniform and jackets. Can I suggest that all families consider purchasing additional items eg the next size polo shirt, a bigger jacket etc which your children can use in the next year or so when they grow. It will be the same items you purchase from PSW in the future, but you can get it a bit cheaper now.

**PARENT & TEACHER DISCUSSIONS:**
Each year at this time we offer parents the opportunity to meet individually with their child’s teacher. The purpose of these meetings is to give parents a chance to talk about their child – likes, dislikes, social connectedness, attitude to school, areas for improvement etc.
Staff will be able to inform parents about how their child has commenced the year. These meetings are not designed to be an academic report of your child’s progress.

These meetings have been planned for Tuesday, 16th February between 2.00pm and 7.30pm. All students will finish school at 1.30pm on this day.

To facilitate these meetings parents need to log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and put in the password: BFB73 - Follow the instructions to select your child’s teacher and any specialist staff you would like to see and then select a time from those available which suits you. An email confirmation will be sent to you.

**POSITIVE START TO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS:**
Today we all celebrated the unit of work undertaken in all classes which has focused on the core values of the school – Generous, Responsible, Enthusiastic, Ambitious & Trustworthy. (G.R.E.A.T.)
All students participated in many varied outdoor activities. Chalk drawings of the Care Values were very popular. Thankyou to the many parents who came to the event and then enjoyed morning tea with their children.

**GIRLS CIRCLE PROGRAM:**
A program for girls in Grades 5 and 6 will begin next Thursday, 11th February at the Goonawarra Neighbourhood House. It will be from 4:00-5:30pm. The program is funded through Sunbury Helping Hand and the Sunbury Hume Lion’s Club. A youth worker will run activities aimed at increasing positive connections and recognising strengths in girls. The group will also participate in activities like jewellery making and pom pom making. Contact: 9740 6627 for more information and bookings.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:**
The School Council plays a vital role in the governance of the school. School Councils consist of elected parent representatives and staff members.
Nomination forms will be available in a few weeks’ time.
Please consider your possible involvement at this level of leadership and management.
Contact Alan Fairweather for further details.

The Annual General Meeting of the School Council will be held on Monday, 21st March at 6.30pm in the Staff Room to which all members of the school community are invited to attend.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS:**
The Parents & Friends Group has two major functions. One is to build a strong and supportive network for members of the school community. The second is to raise additional financial support for ‘non funded projects’ around the school. Over recent times the P & F has raised over $10,000 per year.
The Annual General Meeting of the P & F is on Tuesday, 23rd February at 9.15am in the Staff Room. All members of the school community are invited to attend.
As the year progresses there will be various fundraising events advertised. All families are encouraged to participate. All funds raised support projects around the school.

**STUDENT BANKING:**
Student school banking will commence this coming Tuesday, 9th February. This year’s program is themed the “Outback Savers”.
Children will receive information on the new rewards next week with their deposits. If you would like your child to join the School Banking Program please contact the School Office for more details.
CAN YOU ASSIST US?
The school receives free garden mulch from a tree lopper (The Tree Feller – Greg – Mobile: 0408 507 145). The mulch needs to be spread on the garden beds. If you can assist with this task it would be greatly appreciated. If you have access to a bob cat it would make the job a whole lot easier. Otherwise we have wheel barrows, shovels and racks available.

The Junior School Council has raised funds for another basketball ring and backboard to be put up in the gym. The board will arrive next week. It will need to be secured to the brick wall. If you can assist please contact the office.

There are garden beds around the front of the school and between the main building and the senior building that need weeding. Does that sound like a task you could handle? A great family experience?

Prep Conn has a shoe trolley that needs a coat of paint – two pieces of chipboard. Paint and rollers are available.

There are several drain pits around the school that need to be cleaned out. Some pits are shallow while others are about 50cm square and about a metre deep. Once cleaned out, water will not pool on the paths around the school.

The staff car park is surrounded by gum trees which drop many leaves. If someone has a petrol driven blower who could use it to clean the car park, it would be greatly appreciated. Preferably after hours or on the weekend when the car park is empty.

I would be interested in discussing ideas I have with a landscape designer in regard to the front entrance area of the school – around the main front entrance doors. Please see Mr Fairweather if you may be able to help think through this process.

The Senior building has attracted many cobwebs on the exterior walls. A broom would clean them off. Can you help? No spiders visible.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
fairweather.alan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Term Dates for 2016:
Term 1: 28th January to 24 March.
   Easter is the first weekend of the Term holidays.
Term 2: 11th April to 24th June
Term 3: 11th July to 16th September
Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

Please keep up with school events by reading the newsletter each week. It is also available in colour each Thursday afternoon on the school website at www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au

ART ROOM:
If you have recycled wool, Christmas wrapping and cards, please send them to the art room. They would be greatly appreciated. Thanks Sonja.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 5th February  Nicole Huybers & Andrew Ouston
Monday 8th February Nicole Huybers & Heidi Saffrey

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE
Instrumental Music Lessons - Small Group And Private Lessons

Keyboard Lessons At Your School
- Enrol TODAY – via PMI’s website or enrolment form available from the school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only $13.50 per child per small group lesson (typically 3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available ($32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for lessons (students bring only PMI Stars workbook)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement
- Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces are available so please enrol ASAP

ART CLASSES AT GOONAWARRA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

**Adult Art classes** commencing 1st February 2016
Mondays 7pm-9pm
$10 per session or $70 per term.

**Children's Art Classes** commencing 1st February 2016
Mondays 4pm-5:30pm
$70 per term.
CONTACT: 9740 6627

BMX NATIONALS SIGN ON DAY
Sunbury BMX Club – Cornish Street, SUNBURY.
February 20th at 9:30.
Contact: secretary@sunburybmxclub.com.au

Sunbury Market has an eclectic mix of goods on offer on Sat Feb 6th at the Community Centre, Elizabeth Dr, Sunbury. Mel ref 382 A4 9am-2pm.
Fabulous Valentine’s Day gifts from craft stalls, plants, picture framing and, for the children, face painting. Car boot and sewing machine repairs also. 0400 907 793.

The Sunbury Swimming club is offering two “Come and Try” free sessions.
Training sessions are available during the following times
Tuesday 6:00am-7:30am (2 Lanes)
Wednesday evening 6:30-8:00pm (3 lanes)
Friday evening 7:00-8:30pm (Full pool) PH 0491012704

Meditation in the Park @ The Nook
Starting This Sunday 7th February 2016 9:30am Every Sunday in February we will explore meditation techniques and styles in a fun relaxed environment within beautiful parkland surroundings. Bring a towel or yoga mat, wear comfy clothes and don’t forget a water bottle! Just $10 per person per session. You Can Book your place here http://eternalembrace.gettimely.com See You Sunday

Chinese Language Classes at the Goonawarra Neighbourhood Centre
Chinese Storytime (Preschoolers) on Tuesdays: 4.15-5.15pm.
Chinese language classes (school age) on Fridays 4.15-5.15pm
Goonawarra Neighbourhood House, 8 Gullane Drive, Sunbury. Please call Christina Ying Meng for more information.
Phone: 9740 6627.

Twilight Movie
**FREE**
On the Green
Sat 20th February
6pm
Featuring
**PAPER PLANES**
Food available from 6pm
Locally produced short films 7.45pm
Main Feature 8pm
BYO Bean bags, picnic rugs.
Supported by: Hume Council
This is an alcohol and smoke free event.
HUME CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS
LEISURE CENTRE
ZUMBA FOR KIDS

TERM 1 PROGRAM STARTS
THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2016

Zumba Kids classes feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba choreography.

Where: Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Studio 1
When: Thursday 4.30pm—5.20pm for children 4—7 years
Thursday 5.30pm—6.20pm for children 7—12 years
Cost: $6 payable on the day
Instructor: Marcelle

No bookings required. Please bring a personal towel to class. For more information call 9760 9766.

*Children must be at kindergarten or of kindergarten age that year to participate.