Goonawarra Primary School Newsletter

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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 3-4 Kids Tennis Foundation: $2.50 due by TOMORROW

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 book in for one of 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 the those available which suits you. An email to confirm the chosen times will be sent to you.
UNIFORM SHOP CHANGES:
Currently as from the 1st March there will be a change to the supply of uniforms to families.

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 most week days and on weekends.

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 e.g. 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.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS:
Today our Grade 3 – 6 students went to the Sunbury Aquatic Centre to participate in the House Swimming Sports. Many of the students who are successful today will go on to represent the school at the Interschool Swimming Sports which will be held at the same venue on Wednesday 17th February as a Twilight event commencing around 4.30pm.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN:
Each Term the whole school undertake an emergency evacuation drill. These drills can sometimes be in the form of a ‘lockdown’ where everyone remains inside.

These drills are in preparation for an unforeseeable event outside our control such as a fire, wild dogs, bomb hoax, threatening behaviour from an individual etc.

Our Plan puts the safety of all students, staff and parents as the first priority.

Everyone will be moved to a safe area, either inside or outside, depending on the circumstances.

Police and emergency services will be immediately notified.

Due to the fact that there are now 256 families at school, it would be impossible to phone everyone individually to explain the situation. Some schools have purchased the ability to send SMS messages to families when required. This is a service that is being investigated.

In the event of an incident, the police and emergency services would be in control of the situation. Parents removing students from the safe area would only be possible with permission from the group in charge.

Be reassured that student safety is always our first concern.

Families would be informed of the situation as early as possible.

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.

PUPIL FREE DAYS:
Each year schools are granted four Pupil Free Days to undertake professional development of staff.
The first one is always the day before students commence at the beginning of the year. The other three are at the discretion of the staff. Sometimes the availability of guest speakers determine when the days can be held.
One of the topics for further exploration this year is the content and understanding of what students write. A guest presenter will take the staff through the ‘Seven Steps to Writing Success’.
The next two Pupil Free Days, on Monday 7th March and Monday 30th May will focus on this area.
The fourth and final Pupil Free Day will be determined later in the year as other professional development opportunities present themselves.

An all day care program will be offered on these days by Camp Australia.

CAN YOU ASSIST US?

✔ An additional basketball backboard for the gym has arrived, purchased by the Junior School Council. Installation has been arranged. THANK YOU!

✔ Painting Prep Conn shoe trolley has been arranged. THANK YOU.

✔ Drain pits around the school have been cleaned out. THANK YOU!

The Senior Building has attracted many cobwebs on the exterior colourbond walls. A broom or a gerni spray gun would do a great job! No spiders, just webs!

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 staff carpark is surrounded by gum trees which drop many leaves. If someone has a petrol driven blower who could use it to clean the carpark, it would be greatly appreciated.

The new Prep garden beds need mulch spread around the plants. Mulch, wheelbarrows and shovels are all available.

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?

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.

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Alan Fairweather  
Principal  
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Term Dates for 2016:

Term 1: 28th January to Thursday 24th 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

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ART ROOM:

If you have recycled Christmas wrapping and cards, please send them to the art room. Wool is also an item we can use. They would be greatly appreciated. Thanks Sonja.

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

This year Goonawarra Primary School will participate in the Redgum Book Cub. Each term Book Club brochures are sent home, giving parents the opportunity to purchase books, computer software and other items, often at well below retail costs. The school is awarded bonus points for purchases made and these points are used to buy extra resources for the school.

We will still continue with Scholastic Book Club throughout the year.

Each family would have received the first Book Club brochure by the end of this week. If you would like to place an order, please complete the form on the back, ensuring that your child’s name and grade is included.

Cheques can be made payable to Redgum Book Club.

Please return the order form and payment to the school Office no later than Tuesday 1st March.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Lavars.

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Registration Day
Sunday 21st February, 2016
9.30am - 11.30am
Boardman Oval #2 (our home ground)

2016 REGISTRATION FEES

Registrations are now open to all new members and we are attempting to field a 2nd U16 side. Be sure to register to be part of our on-field success in 2016.

1st Child: $200.00
2nd Child: $150.00
3rd Child: $50.00

Jnr Netball: $120.00 + $49 Netball Vic fee (if not already purchased elsewhere)

Auskick: $85.00 (TBC)

Auskick/Under 10 Deal: $200.00- includes Auskick pack

Website: www.sunburyfc.com.au

For all registration enquiries contact registrar@sunburyfc.com.au

Season commences on Sunday 17th April 2016