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.’

LAST DAY OF TERM
THURSDAY 24TH MARCH EARLY DISMISSAL 2:30PM

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21st
School Council AGM 6:30pm

22nd
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24th
End of Term Dismissal at 2:30pm
Easter Hat Parade 9:15am
Out of Uniform Day

25th
Good Friday

26th
19th

27th

21st
Interschool Athletics

22nd
Interschool Athletics backup day.

11th April
Term 2 Commences

12th
13th
School Photos
See flyer for ordering details.

14th
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Interschool Athletics

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25th
ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

26th
27th
28th
Cross Country
P-2 excursion Botanical Gardens

29th

30th
1st

May

CONGRATULATIONS MRS REILLY!
As Mrs Reilly prepares for her last week of school next week, her first grandchild, Connor Reilly was born on Tuesday! Mrs Reilly will be spending a lot of time baby sitting in the future!
UNIFORM SHOP CHANGES:
The Uniform Shop at school will be open next Tuesday. The current arrangement is that a full range of school uniforms will be available from the Primary School Wear shop in Gap Road close to Aldi as from the first day of Term Two.

The stock we still have at school will continue to be sold from school – even into Term Two, until it is all sold. The stock will begin to dwindle fairly rapidly. A list of items available at school will be published at the start of Term Two.

If the item you require is not on the list, then you will need to visit the PSW shop.

NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
On Friday 18th March (tomorrow) our school will be participating in activities to celebrate the National Day against Bullying and Violence. All students will receive a wristband with the words “Take a stand together” on it. There is a lot of interesting information for parents on the website of the group organising the day www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

The preps will be reading the Rainbow Fish and looking at the concept of what being a good friend looks like, including sharing with your friends.

The grade 1s will be looking at some videos from the Bully No Way website (Allan's adventure). They are then transforming themselves into superheroes and creating a special super power to combat bullying.

The grade 2s are also watching "Allan's Adventure" and are completing a postcard where they will write and draw how they would approach different situations that involve bullying.

They will also play "Okay Bingo" to learn positive ways of playing with others.

The grade 3 and 4's will be linking Seven Steps writing to a situation where the student is a bystander observing their friend being a bully. This links to the Sticky situation in the writing process.

The grade 5 / 6 students will be involved in either a drama activity titled “The Bullying Movie: Stars, Support Cast and Crew or activities centred on Put downs.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:
The Annual General Meeting of School Council will be held next Monday 21st March, commencing at 6.30pm in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.

NEW AIR CONDITIONERS IN MORE CLASSROOMS:
All classrooms in the original school building will have air conditioning split systems installed in them over the holidays. This will allow individual teachers to control the temperature in their classrooms to suit the student’s needs. A huge thank you to School Council for this great initiative.

LAPTOPS & IPADS:
School Council has also approved the purchasing of class sets of laptops and ipads to assist students across the school. These will be of tremendous educational value to students. Thank you to School Council for another wonderful improvement for all students.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS COMPETITION:
Students from Grades 3 to 6 participated in the House athletics at Boardman Reserve last Friday 11th March. The winner on the day was Blue House. The successful students that will go on to represent Goonawarra at the Sunbury District Athletic Carnival will be announced next week.

All competitors had a fantastic day last Friday.

EASTER HAT PARADE:
The annual Easter Hat parade will be held in the school gym on Thursday 24th March. All are welcome to come along and see a fantastic display of Easter hats made by our Prep, grades 1 and 2 students. The parade will commence at 9:15am.

CHARLOTTE LOSES THE LOT!
Last weekend Charlotte in Grade 5 had her hair cut off in an effort to raise funds to support the Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave.

So far, through donations she has raised over $1,000. More tax deductible donations can be made at www.Worldsgreatestshave.com or simply donate at the school office before next Tuesday.

CHAPLAINCY CONSENT FORMS:
Attached to a previous newsletter was a letter from our School Chaplain Ben outlining his role within the school.

In order for Ben to spend meaningful time with students, a Department of Education Parental Consent Form is required. A copy of this form was also included along with a Frequently Asked Questions document.

Please complete the Consent Form and return it to school by the end of this Term.

EASTER RAFFLE:
Each year the Parents & Friends organise an Easter Raffle. Families are encouraged to send an Easter Egg, a rabbit or a basket to the office as a donation. These Easter items are made up in to hampers of various sizes.

Raffle tickets are then sold throughout our community. The winning tickets for the Easter Egg hampers (of which there could
be ten or more) will be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade at school on the last day of this Term. Winners who are not present will be called. Please put a phone number on your ticket. The funds from every ticket that is purchased will help the P & F with their fundraising efforts for our students.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:
The school is currently involved with two new community partners. Check out what they can offer you as well!

**TJM EQUIPPED:**
This 4WD business is in Horne St Sunbury. They provided the school with a very large bull bar cardboard box. The challenge was to convert this into a 4WD vehicle! A group of students have been busy this week making it into a ‘Anti Bullying Van’ to fit in with the Anti Bullying Day on Friday 18th March. It finished up looking like a hippie combi van from the 60’s! It is now on display at the TJM shop to help them celebrate their 2nd birthday. Prize money of $500 is available for the best looking 4WD which gets the most votes! Please call in over the weekend, have a look at the displays AND VOTE FOR THE HIPPIE VAN!

**FIRST NATIONAL REAL ESTATE – LJ WHORLOW** in Evans St Sunbury. Their Goonawarra & Rolling Meadows specialist is Shantelle. They have developed an Easter colouring sheet competition for all students at school. Enjoy the fun!

If your child wants to enter it in a competition to win an Easter Hamper from First National, then return the completed sheet to school by Monday 21st March. The winners will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade at school on the last day of Term.

**DATES FOR PREPS 2017:**
Please pass the dates for the Prep 2017 Information Sessions on to anyone you know who may be interested.

- **Tuesday 3rd May at 9:30am and 7:00pm**
- **Thursday 5th May at 9:30am and 7:00pm**

**CAN YOU ASSIST US?**
The four backboards on the Grade 3 / 4 basketball courts need painting. Please see Alan if you could assist with this much needed task.

The pathways around the school have overhanging branches that need to be trimmed. If you have access to a trimmer (electric, motor or hand) and some free time, please contact the office.

The school receives free garden mulch from a local 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. **Lucy (a Prep parent) is endeavouring to do as much as she can, but there are still more areas to go. Can you help her?**

The school is about to commence constructing a large community vegetable garden area in the spot where the old portable classrooms once stood. The concept is to construct about 12 above the ground garden beds and enclose the area with a cyclone fence. Western Water has already provided funds for a water tank. **What is required to make it all happen is – 12 raised garden beds (colour bond type or wooden sleepers), a small tool shed, a watering system, soil and about 30 metres of cyclone fencing approximately 3metres high.** If you have any contacts who may be able to assist with this project, please direct them to the office. **This has the potential to be a valuable learning environment for all students and the community!**

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.

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

**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](http://www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au)

**SUNFEST:**
All the best to the 38 Goonawarra Choir members singing on stage at Sunfest this Saturday 19th March from 9:30am. The Choir will be singing two songs and representing the school in the Grand Parade.
Out of Uniform Day will be held on the last day of term which is Thursday 24th March. For a gold coin donation students can come to school out of uniform. All money raised will go to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday appeal.

CSEF PAYMENT:
For those families who were eligible to receive the CSEF Funding, please be sure to use it towards camps, sporting events and excursions for your child.

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Goonawarra Classifieds

African Children’s Choir – Ubuntu
April 9th 2016.
Sunbury Baptist Church: Free concert
Donations can be made at the door
April 12th 2016
Salesian College
Tickets are available on:
www.TryBooking.com

AFL Victoria Holiday Programs
Be quick and don’t miss out!
AFL Victoria’s holiday programs are back in 2016!
Programs run from 9am to 3pm $73
Term 1 holiday locations include:
Wednesday 30th March Brunswick – Gillon Oval, Brunswick
Thursday 31st March Moorabbin – Moorabbin Oval
Friday 1st April Essendon Football Club – True Value Solar Centre, Melbourne Airport
Monday 4th April Box Hill – Whitehorse Reserve, Box Hill
Tuesday 5th April Footscray – Merv Hughes Oval, Footscray
PLUS MANY MORE!!
To register visit – aflholidayprograms.com.au

Sunbury College 2016 Open Night Tuesday 19th April
Sunbury College
30 Racecourse Road, Sunbury 3429
Phone: 9744 1000  Fax: 9744 7695
Email: sunburycol@waverley.vic.edu.au
Web: www.sunburycvic.edu.au

EXPLORE the College facilities  VIEW presentations and displays from all subject areas  DISCOVER a wealth of resources  SHARE the experience with the Principal, staff and student leaders.

The evening commences at 7pm with an information session in the ECA, followed by a guided tour of the College at 7:30pm. We look forward to welcoming you to Sunbury College.
Dear parents and students,

Goonawarra Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 13/04/2016
School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child’s school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

**4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING**
- Step 1: Easy Access Link: Click on this link if you are using a supported device: [Click Here]
- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [AEP FTZ 71P]
- Step 2: Enter your student’s details
- Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)
- Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS** No envelope required if ordering online

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- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [AEP FTZ 71P]
- [Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 11/04/16]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

**ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE**

**ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE**

- Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.
  - Please use black or blue pen.
- Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
- Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.
  - Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
  - Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances
  - Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque
  - Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a $25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child’s school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team