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At Goonawarra we all aim to be -
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‘Creating, Nurturing & Expanding Learning Opportunities through Quality Education.’

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Goonawarra School Community for their generous messages of support on my retirement. I have truly enjoyed the time I have spent here and have had the opportunity to undertake a diverse number of roles, all of which I have found challenging and very rewarding. The support, encouragement and friendship I have received are genuinely appreciated and it is with both sadness and excitement that I leave. We can be justly proud of the students at our school, they have made my time here memorable as I have watched many groups progress from Prep to Year 6.

I wish everyone all the best for the future and know that the support I have received from staff, students and parents will continue and ensure the ongoing success of our G.R.E.A.T school.

Karen Reilly

FAREWELL MRS REILLY!
After a very fruitful and rewarding career in various locations and at different levels of teaching and leadership within schools, Mrs Karen Reilly is retiring today.

Mrs Reilly has been a pivotal person in the ongoing development of Goonawarra.

She is highly appreciated by all members of the school community for all that she has undertaken especially in the areas of supporting students with special needs and their families, providing professional development opportunities for staff and for curriculum development across the school.
Personally I have been greatly inspired by having Karen in my leadership team. Watching her interact with students, parents and staff as she offers thoughtfulness and compassion for their needs has been very encouraging indeed.

As Karen transitions through a time of long service leave before finally retiring later in the year she will continue to support the school with specific programs.

Numerous staff will be taking on sections of the work Karen has been doing until a new Assistant Principal position is advertised state-wide and filled later in the year.

**So, thank you Mrs Karen Reilly for everything – from a very appreciative Goonawarra school community.**

PS If any parents or families would like to send Karen a message of gratitude and well wishes for her retirement, the following email address can be used goonawarra.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

**UNIFORM SHOP CHANGES:**
Uniform Shop at school is still in operation.
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.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL:**
Following the AGM of the School Council this week, I am delighted to announce that the following parents have filled these important positions –

**President:** Shawn Hindmarsh  
**Vice President:** Michelle Bowerman  
**Treasurer:** Jing Li  
**Secretary:** Peta Hoiles

**SUNFEST SUCCESS:**
Congratulations to our school choir for being awarded second place at the ‘Battle of the Choirs’ at Sunfest last weekend! Well done to everyone involved. A huge thankyou to Sonja for organising our involvement in this event and for preparing our students so well. The $300 prize money from Bunnings has been donated to assist with the development of the new vegetable garden at school.

**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. This has been made possible through school funds.

**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. These purchases have been made possible through school funds.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS:**
Congratulations to all the Easter Raffle winners. Through the generosity of the families at this school we were able to raffle off 20 prizes and raised $550.00 for the Parents & Friends fundraising efforts for our students.

**EASTER HAT PARADE:**
This wonderful parade was held today with a very appreciative audience of parents and grandparents.
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 ASAP.

TJM EQUIPPED:
This 4WD business is in Horne St Sunbury.
Thank you to everyone who voted for the ‘Hippie Van’ in the competition at TJM last week.
Unfortunately we were just beaten by a small number of votes for another school.
TJM were so impressed that we were intending to spend the prize money to support our welfare programs that they have provided $200 to the school. A huge thank you to TJM! Do you need a part for your 4WD?

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.
The winners will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade today.

AFRICAN CHOIR:
If you enjoyed the African Children’s Choir visit to Goonawarra last year, you may be interested in attending a concert by the teenage African Ubuntu Choir at the Sunbury Baptist Church (205 Gap Rd, Sunbury) on Saturday 9th April at 7 pm. Admission is by donation.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:
Currently envelopes have been distributed outlining the various options available for school photos. The photographers will be at school on Wednesday 13th April - the first week of next Term.

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. Completed. Thank you!

If you can assist with moving mulch around and on to the garden beds over the holidays it would be greatly appreciated. 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?

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

Term Dates for 2016:
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

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
| Monday 11th April | Nicole Huybers |
| Friday 15th April | Nicole Huybers, Karen Biffin, Nicole Brown. |

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
Child Dental Benefit Scheme

Is your child eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme? If your family receives the Family Tax Benefit Part A, your child may be eligible. The Federal Government is offering $1000 of free dental treatment over a 2 year period to eligible children aged 2-17 (cosmetic & orthodontic dentistry not included). The Smile In Style Dental Practice is located at 9 Dornoch Drive Sunbury. We have a team of highly experienced dentists and support staff that are happy to care for your children in a friendly and supportive environment. We also bulk bill for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme, so there are no out of pocket expenses. Please book now for the school holidays.

Myths & Legends
Easter School Holiday
Magical Activities
Open Story-Time for the Tiny Tots
Visit the Fairy for Stories & Games in the Magical Forest…
Thurs 31st March & 7th April
10.30am-11.30am

3hrWorkshops for School aged Children
Creative Art/Craft, Games & Stories
With Afternoon Tea provided.
In the Magical Forest & Secret Garden.
Thurs 31st March & Thurs 7th April
1pm-4pm
Bookings Ph: 54 28 4802

SUNBURY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
FLIGHTPATH PROGRAM
Silver & Gold (U10 equivalent)
Tuesday 4:30pm - 6 pm
Bronze (U8 equivalent)
Wednesday 4:30pm - 6pm Register for the Winter season
www.sunburybasketball.com.au

SBA Aussie Hoops
Great for beginners aged between 5 and 10.
Build a solid skill set.
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