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

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Reminders and Payments
Inter-School Athletic Sports: Grades 3-6: $10.00 due by TOMORROW.
P-2 Excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens: $24:00 due by Friday 22nd April
Scholastic Book Club orders due by Friday 22nd April.

WELCOME BACK!
I trust everyone had a fantastic Easter and a great holiday time!
This week is the beginning of an eleven week Term which will be filled with many exciting events and activities.
Some of the major ones are –
- Interschool Athletics
- Interschool Cross Country
- Botanic Gardens Excursion (Preps - 2)
- Golf Clinic (Grs 5/6)
- NAPLAN (Grs 3 & 5)
- School Disco
- Life Cycle Incursion (Grs 3 / 4)
- Education Week
- Imax & ScienceWorks Excursion (Grs 5/6)
- Clubs (whole School)
- Interschool Winter Sports
HOMEWORK CHANGES:
At the end of last year, following discussions at School Council and with other parents, the staff revisited the concept and practice of giving homework to students.

Various models were explored throughout Term One this year. The purpose was to identify in what areas of the curriculum students would benefit by doing tasks at home with the help and support of parents.
As Term Two commences the expectations of work undertaken out of school hours will be different for each area of the school.

Preps –
- Nightly Reading.
- Magic 100 Words
- Other activities increasing throughout the year.

Grs 1 & 2 –
- Nightly Reading
- Spelling and Maths rubrics
- Associated speaking and listening tasks

Grs 3 & 4
- Nightly Reading
- Maths timetables and completing Maths based tasks
- Regular Speaking and Listening tasks.

Grs 5 & 6
- Home Work (completing work not finished at school) – as required.
- Home Learning – Weekly Reading tasks and Multiplication Tables.
- Passion Projects! – one per Term

The staff encourages parents to support their children at every opportunity.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR 2017 PREPS:
And so the cycle continues! This year’s Preps are just getting familiar with school and it is time to start the process for next year!
Individual tours for next year have already begun. Information sessions have been planned. There are 23 siblings of current students who will be joining us next year. Please share the following dates with neighbours or friends who may be interested in finding a school for their children.

Information sessions and tours of the school will be held on Tuesday 3rd May AND Thursday 5th May commencing at 9.30am and 7.00pm

As part of Education Week there will be an Open Morning and Tours on Monday 16th May.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS UPDATE:
Uniform Shop at school is still in operation.
The current arrangement is that a range of school uniforms will be available from the Primary School Wear shop in Gap Road close to Aldi commencing in a few weeks.

The only current issue is PSW is having trouble obtaining the material for the summer dresses. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.

The stock we still have at school will continue to be sold from school until it is all sold. The stock will begin to dwindle fairly rapidly.

Items available at school include –

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If the item you require is not on the list, then you will need to visit the PSW shop in the near future.
SCHOOL PHOTOS:
Photographers from Advanced Life Photography were at school yesterday. Photos were taken of all classes, every student individually, family photos where requested, a Grade Six Graduation photo and a whole school photo. The school was very impressed with the operations of the photographers. All photos were in digital format and checked at the time of being taken. We trust that parents will be happy with the quality of the photos when they arrive.

MRS REILLY’S REPLACEMENT:
With the retirement of Mrs Reilly at the end of last Term a number of other staff members have offered to take on additional roles in the interim. The Assistant Principal position will be advertised State wide later on this year. If Mrs Reilly was assisting you in anyway, please contact the office to be directed to another staff member.

NEW AIR CONDITIONERS IN MORE CLASSROOMS:
All classrooms in the original school building now have air conditioning split systems installed. 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.

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.

IT’S DISCO TIME:
Parents and Friends are organising a whole school disco, which will be held in the school gym on Friday 13th May. Please keep this evening free! More details will be provided at a later date.

CONGRATULATIONS Hamish for being selected as one of three Super Kid finalists from Sunbury in The Good Guys Competition.

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.

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? Inform the office.

BOOK CLUB:
A reminder to all parents that Scholastic Book Club orders for Term 2 are due back by Friday 22nd April. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Lavars.

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

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