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

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Reminders and Payments
Parents & Friends School Disco: $6.00 entry fee due by Tuesday 10th May.
P-2 Italian Incursion: $5.00 due by 16th May.
3-4 Hands on Science: Life Cycle Incursion: $14.00 due by Wednesday 11th May.
Grades 5-6 Planetarium/IMAX Theatre Excursion: $25.00 due by Friday 13th May.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL:
The annual Parents & Friends Mother’s Day Stall was held today. Many students took advantage of this opportunity to secure a gift for someone special in their lives.
Thank you to the members of the P & F for their great efforts in obtaining all the items for sale and then presenting them so well.

Happy Mother’s Day!
**MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE!!!!**
Thank you to the many local businesses who donated items for the Mother’s Day Raffle Hamper. The winner is Taryn D. from 34C.

**NAPLAN:**
The NAPLAN assessment will be held next week. NAPLAN stands for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy and involves students in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9. The areas that will be assessed include –

- Numeracy
- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions

The assessment will be undertaken next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The NAPLAN assessment is a snapshot of the understanding our students have of the curriculum at this point in time.

The specific content of the assessment is not known beforehand to anyone at school. This means that there could be areas assessed that have not yet been explored in the classroom.

The correction of the NAPLAN assessment is undertaken by external organisations arranged by the Education Department. The school has no part to play in assessing the student’s work.

The results of the assessment will be made available to the school and to parents later in the year.

The school will use the information to assist individual and groups of students with their development as well as investigate areas across the curriculum where a more intentional focus can be directed.

The results for the school will be included in the School Annual Report for 2016.

**ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY:**
All Grade 5 & 6 students have recently undertaken the annual 1. The same survey is given to all students from Grade 5 to Year 12.

The survey contains 32 statements to which the students individually rate on a scale from ‘Not at All’ to ‘All the Time.’

The areas explored include –

**Wellbeing**

- **Student Morale:** The extent to which students feel positive at school
- **Student Distress:** The extent to which students feel negative at school

**Teaching & Learning**

- **Teacher Effectiveness:** The extent to which teachers deliver their teaching in a planned and energetic manner
- **Teacher Empathy:** The extent to which teachers listen and understand student needs, and assist with student learning
- **Stimulating Learning:** The extent to which teachers make learning interesting, enjoyable and inspiring
- **School Connectedness:** The extent to which students feel they belong and enjoy attending school
- **Student Motivation:** The extent to which students are motivated to achieve and learn
- **Learning Confidence:** The extent to which students have a positive perception of their ability as a student

**Student Relationships**

- **Connectedness to Peers:** The extent to which students feel socially connected and get along with their peers
- **Classroom Behaviour:** The extent to which other students are not disruptive in class
- **Student Safety:** The extent to which students feel they are safe from bullying and harassment

As with NAPLAN, the collection of this data is undertaken by external organisations arranged by the Education Department. The school has no part to play in collating the student’s responses.
The **Attitudes to School Survey** is undertaken anonymously – the students do not put their name on the survey.

The results of the survey will be made available to the school later in the year.

The school will use the information to assist and improve all the areas mentioned above. Trend data over many years is also helpful to track our progress.

Similar to NAPLAN, parents will be able to compare our results with those from various schools throughout the State and Australia.

The results for the school will be included in the School Annual Report for 2016.

Later in the year 15% of the parent population of the school will be randomly selected by Education Department software to participate in a **Parent Opinion Survey**. Again it is anonymous, the data is collected externally and the results provided to the school. Opportunities for improvement are then investigated and implemented where appropriate.

Staff also participate in the **Staff Satisfaction Survey**. It is implemented in the same manner as the other surveys.

Through the process of collecting all this data from the three surveys (students, staff and parents) and NAPLAN (Grades 3 & 5) the school has a wonderful opportunity to celebrate successes and to explore areas to develop and improve. The yearly Annual Implementation Plan (available on the school website) is guided and shaped by all this data.

Some of the data from previous years is accessible on the *myschool* website - [https://www.myschool.edu.au/](https://www.myschool.edu.au/)

Many of the families who are currently having Prep Tours have used the *myschool* website to select the possible school for their child.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS UPDATE:**
The Primary School Wear shop in Sunbury is now selling our school uniform.

The current stock that is available at the PSW shop includes –
- Track pants
- Skorts
- Box pleated tunics (winter dress)
- Shorts (gabardine)
- Long sleeve polo shirts
- Raincoats

The shop is located near Aldi in Gap Road. It is across the carpark from Aldi and in the lower shops underneath Chemist Warehouse. Enter from the lower carpark.

The shop is open on Wednesdays – Fridays between 10am – 4pm and Saturdays between 10am-1pm.

There are still uniform items of various sizes available from the school based uniform shop. See the list below for items still at school.

Items available at school include –

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**INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT:**
Tomorrow 40 students from our school will represent us at the Sunbury Interschool Cross Country event. This event will be held at the East Sunbury Sporting Ground in Rolling Meadows.

Any students who are successful at this level will go on to District, Regional and possibly State competitions.

Congratulations to our competitors and all the best for tomorrow!
PICKING YOUR CHILDREN UP EARLY?
There are many occasions when parents need to collect their children from school before the 3.30pm dismissal time. Please report to the office to sign out your children. In an attempt to reduce the number of classroom interruptions throughout the day by announcements, you will be directed to their classroom to collect them. If heading to an appointment, please allow time to go to the rooms.

LIBRARY:
Our school is participating in the twelfth annual **Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge**. For over a decade, the Challenge has helped inspire children to read more widely, more often and to develop a love of reading. For children from Prep to Year 2 the Challenge is to read or experience 30 books and for students in Years 2 to 6, the Challenge is to read 15 books. Children who complete the challenge will be rewarded with a certificate signed by The Hon. Daniel Andrews – Premier of Victoria. For more information about the Challenge parents can visit the official website at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc). The school library has over 2100 Victoria Premier’s Reading Challenge books available to all students. For any questions about the Challenge you can contact Alison or Sue at the school.

STUDENT BANKING:
Rachel from the Commonwealth Bank – Sunbury will be visiting the school from 8:30am on Monday 9th May to give parents the opportunity to discuss student banking and assist with opening up new accounts. Rachel will also be speaking with our students at Assembly. **Tuesdays** are student banking days!

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR 2017 PREPS:
Information sessions and tours of the school have been occurring during this week. The final group information session will be held tonight at 7pm in the school staffroom. Individual tours can be arranged at a suitable time by contacting the office.

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

If you have received an enrolment form please endeavour to return it to the office during this Term.

EDUCATION WEEK - OPEN MORNING:
To celebrate Education Week, the school will have an Open Morning on Monday 16th May. All families, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend Assembly in the gym between 9 – 9.30am.

Following this, all visitors will be welcome to move throughout the school and view and participate in classroom and specialist subject activities.
At 11.00am visitors will be invited to bring some morning tea and spend time with their children in the yard or come back to the gym and share a cuppa with the staff.

A PLANTING EXTRAVAGANZA!
The Hume City Council has donated hundreds of various healthy plants to the school. Our intention is to have an ‘Ongoing Planting Bee’ to put the plants in the ground. All the holes will be ‘pre’ dug by a posthole digger (any offers?) so planting the plants will be a fun and easy activity.

During the week of Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May parents are invited to come to the office with their child(ren) collect a plant, check the map for where it is to be planted and go and plant it!

If we run out of plants …….we will have fulfilled our goal!!!!

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.

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Principal  
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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](http://www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au)
CAMP AUSTRALIA:
Come and join the fun with us at our upcoming Pupil Free Day
When: Monday 30th May 2016
Time: 07:00 to 18:00
Where: The Before and After School Care Room at Goonawarra Primary School
Fees: $53.88*
Out of Pocket guide (with rebates)*: $8.29 to $26.94
Bookings: Must be made by Monday 23rd May 2016
There’s lots to do and lots of fun to be had with your friends and the Camp Australia Team at the upcoming Goonawarra Primary School.
To book visit www.campaustralia.com.au or call our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.
We look forward to seeing you soon!
Goonawarra Primary School Camp Australia Team.