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Notice and Payment Reminders
Gnome passports due: TOMORROW.
“Hairspray” at Sunbury Downs College: Grades 5/6: $5.00 due by Friday 22nd July.
Grades 3/4 Camp Arrabri Payments.

LET THE TERM BEGIN!

Even though it is very cold outside at present, the Term has commenced with lots of ‘hot’ topics and ‘sizzling’ learning intentions in all classrooms! There are many exciting events and activities planned across the whole school during this Term! Even in the first week of the Term it is very gratifying to see the large number of parents involved in the life of the school – working in classrooms, sitting in the corridors helping and encouraging students, organising fundraising events, assisting staff with laminating and photocopying, shelving library books, organising resources and so on. Thank you so much!

We welcome two new short term staff members.
Mr Fitzclare is overseas for the whole of this Term. He has been replaced by Mr Jayden Perez who will be taking Physical Education and Health lessons across the school. Jayden is well known to many through his involvement at East Sunbury Football Club and is a former student of this school. Miss Stephanie Ireland is also travelling for the next three weeks. She has been replaced by Mrs Sue Eisentraut. Sue has been a regular replacement teacher in all class levels at Goonawarra over many years.

Throughout the next few weeks we will also be welcoming at least eight new students to the school. This will bring the school population up to approximately 375 which is getting close to 100 more than 3 years ago. As we have grown we have had room to increase the number of classrooms, thus keeping the class sizes to manageable numbers. Currently 13 of the 17 classes have 22 students or less in them.
GNOMES GALORE – DID YOU FIND THEM ALL?
I hope everyone who participated in The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt’ had a wonderful time. There were a great variety of shops and businesses to visit – 25 in all! With other schools being involved, there were over 500 Gnome Hunters out and about throughout the holiday period.
Now that the Hunt is over, return your completed Passport to school by tomorrow to have a chance to win one of the great prizes which are on display in the school foyer.
The prizes will be drawn at 10am next Monday morning. Representatives from the other participating schools will be present.
Thank you again to the following shops and businesses for their participation in the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt – Prouds, Tender Fresh Meats, The Baggage Boutique, Donut King, News Xpress, Spot on Shoe Repairs, Intersport, Elusive Style, QBox, Goonawarra General Store, The Chook Pen, Collins Booksellers, Just Planet, Cartridge World, Vic’s, Foodworks, Homegrown, Flight Centre, Trickstar & Co, Autobarn, Bunnings, Masters, The Good Guys, Total Tools, Toyworld and Lisa Saddington Photography

PARENT OPINION SURVEY:
Each year at this time the Department of Education (DET) conduct a survey amongst parents in every school in order to determine their opinion on a range of topics.
The areas explored are –

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The information provided from the survey allows the school to do two things –

- Celebrate the recognised achievements and acknowledgements of the positives of the school.
- Identify the opportunities for improvement as we move into the future.

DET use 15% of families within every school as a reliable sample group to determine the opinions across the whole school community. The 15% is randomly chosen by a program from the school data base.

Envelopes containing the survey information will be sent home tomorrow to the selected families.
If you are nominated, please make sure you complete it within the specified period. Your opinion is greatly valued. We require 100% of the surveys to be returned so that the true opinion of the community is represented. A small return rate has the potential to skew the results in a certain direction.

The completed survey is placed inside an unmarked sealed envelope, inside another envelope. The school removes the outer envelope with the family name on it so that their name can be crossed off the list. The anonymous inner sealed envelope containing the survey is sent to DET for processing.

The data from the survey is used in the school’s Review process every three years to identify strengths and improvement areas. These findings then shape the Annual Implementation Plan as well as the Strategic Plan for the following three years.

Families have a two week period to respond. The school will phone families who have not returned the survey after one week as a gentle reminder.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS - SHARE IT WITH US!

PUPIL FREE DAY – Tuesday 9th August.
An early notice that the next Pupil Free Day will be on Tuesday 9th August. The staff will be undergoing compulsory First Aid training as well as reviewing and organising curriculum resources.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIRLS T BALL TEAM!
Our school girls T Ball team have qualified to play off in the Northern Metropolitan Region T Ball final. There are hundreds of schools within this Region. This is a great honour for the girls. The matches will be played on 18th August.
As a warm up to this major event, the girls have been challenged by the ‘all conquering’ staff team to a game! More details to follow. I wonder if they will accept the challenge?

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP:
As previously announced, the School based Uniform Shop has been closed down.
From now on our school uniforms are available from Primary School Wear. Their 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 many items of various sizes still available from school.
The office staff will gladly show you the range available.
Winter beanies are also available for $6 at the front office!
NEW ART WORK IN FOYER:
Our school values of being Generous, Responsible, Enthusiastic, Ambitious and Trustworthy have been captured in paintings in the foyer near the library. Have you seen them?
Here is RESPONSIBLE –

ELECTION DAY:
Thank you to the team of parents who organised and assisted with the Election Day barbeque. Over $1,100 profit was made on the day! This money will be used to support Parents & Friends ventures throughout the year, which are all aimed at student needs and school improvements.

2017 PREPS:
Individual tours are available for any families looking for a school for their children. These can be arranged at a suitable time by contacting the office on 9744 7137.

If you have received an enrolment form for a sibling starting school next year please endeavour to return it to the office ASAP.

The first Prep Transition Sessions will be held on Thursday 4th August. There are two sessions, one at 9.15am and the other at 10.15am. If you have a child attending these sessions, please contact the office to secure your place.

100 DAYS OF PREPS:
On Monday 25th July, our Preps will be celebrating their first 100 days of being at school!
This is a day of great fun and excitement!
All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are invited to come and join in the celebration which will begin with a starring role at Assembly at 9am and then loads of ‘100’ based activities in the classrooms up until 11am.

Weather permitting, you may like to bring along some morning tea to share with your Prep in the playground.

PEANUTS:
Just a reminder to everyone that we have many students at school who have the potential to have life threatening reactions to nuts. Some students just need to touch a table, chair, door handle etc which have the smallest trace of nuts on it and they can have a reaction. Please be sensitive to the needs of these students and do not send nut products (peanut or Nutella sandwiches etc) to school. It is not worth the risk.

MULCHING:
With all the new plants in the garden beds between the two large buildings (Sensory Garden), more mulch needs to be spread around them. Can you assist? This activity can be undertaken at any time.

STUDENT BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY:
During Term 3 students who make three or more School Banking deposits are eligible to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs. Also, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will go in a separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – Playstation 4 packs. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting: commbank.com.au/prizelights.

My name is Sophie and I am 7 years old in Grade 2T. I am doing my Joey Scout Promise Challenge and I am helping the Eastern Barred Bandicoots (EBBs). The EBBs are endangered because feral cats and foxes eat them and also because they are losing their habitat. If I collect ninety $2 coins I can donate them to the Victoria Zoos so they can help the EBBs.
Thank you Sophie.

Alan Fairweather
Principal
fairweather.alan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
Term Dates for 2016:
Term 3: 11th July to 16th September
Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

Term Dates for 2017
Term 1: 30th Jan (teachers start) 31st Jan (students start) to 31 March
Term 2: 18th April (Tuesday) to 30th June
Term 3: 17th July to 22nd September
Term 4: 9th October to 22nd 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's website at www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au

Camp Australia- Goonawarra OSHC
Welcome to Term 3!
We hope everyone had a lovely two week break and are ready to get back to learning.
We would like to welcome our new student to outside of school hours care, Gurleen! We hope you have fun at OSHC.
We are excited to announce that we are participating in National Tree day on Friday 29th of July. This means that leading up to the 29th, we will be learning about native trees, why trees are important to the environment and to our community. We would love to borrow any child size gardening equipment we would really appreciate it. The children have already been weeding the grade 3 / 4 playground sand pit and have successfully raised the onion grass that was removed from the sand pit.

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GOONAWARRA CLASSIFIEDS

UNDERSTANDING AND IDENTIFYING DYXLEXIA FOR TEACHERS & PARENTS

19 July 2016

7:00-8:30pm
Sunbury Heights Primary School
Charter Rd E, Sunbury
Register: learn.macedon@gmail.com or text 0490 103417 leaving name, number of attendees & phone number.

Outside the Square is a series of three education documentary films aimed to increase awareness and understanding of dyslexia in our education system. Film ONE will be shown and discussed on this evening.

THE FILM WILL:
*provide the knowledge needed to identify children at risk
*share personal experiences of students and parents to help understand daily school and home struggles
*discuss the nature of dyslexia, key indicators and associated difficulties

directed by Australia’s leading researchers and educators
Time will be provided for questions and discussion.

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