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At Goonawarra we all aim to be -
Generous  Responsible  Enthusiastic  Ambitious  Trustworthy

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

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PAYMENT REMINDER:
Grade 3-4 Camp Arrabri Lodge. Final payment of $215.00: due by Friday 9th September.
Grade 5-6 Sunbury School Summer Lightning Premiership: $5.00 and permission form: due by Monday 15th August.
Football Lunch Day: Money and form due by: Thursday 18th August.

FAMILY TIME:
Does it exist? Is it relevant? What is its value? Why bother? Is it too hard? What does it look like in your family?
When students are not at school, they are usually in a home / family environment.
They may come and go to sporting and social events or other activities, but usually their time will be centred around the home, especially while in primary school.

Homes and families are very complex and different.
There may be a range of people who live in the home.
People may come and go all day long or it could be empty for a lot of the time.
Some people like to be very organised while others prefer a more ‘lay back’ approach.
Some families eat at the same time while others only eat when they are hungry.
Some prefer to eat while watching television, others want to sit up to a table, while others wish to eat in their bedrooms.
Some families see it important for children to do their own homework, others are happy to help.
Some read to their children every night while others encourage their children to read to themselves.
Some families allow children to have a television in their bedrooms and some prefer they don’t.
Some families permit their children to use ipads & laptops whenever they like while others limit access.
Some families reward children with money, others treats, outings, verbal praise, special times. Some families encourage involvement in sports, some music, some dancing, some cooking, some computer games. Some families encourage diversity, some want their children to be just like them – same interests, same sports, same TV shows, same music, same foods, same clothing, same hair styles. Some parents read books, others play computer games, some garden, some exercise, some cook. Some families are strict with the time children go to bed, while others think their children can be responsible and choose their own time.

**What does your family do?** How does your family operate? Do you do things together or do you prefer everyone to do their own thing? Maybe you could discuss the above choices with your family and help define what is important to your family. This family time discussion may help children understand their parents and it may help parents understand their children. It may also go a long way to help children understand the decisions that parents sometime need to make. Children are more likely to comply with decisions if they understand the reasoning behind it.

Yes indeed, homes and families are all very complex and different – and isn’t that good!

**THE OLYMPICS COME TO GOONAWARRA!**

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**WORDMANIA:**

Is it driving your home mad?

All students in Grades 1 – 6 are currently participating in the Literacy Planet Word Mania competition. Word Mania is like the game Boggle but played on a computer or ipad. Students receive scores for their efforts and these add up with an individual, grade level and school progressive score.

*In the first week of the three week competition the Year 2 students from Goonawarra are coming third across all schools in the Melbourne North area!*  
This is a fantastic effort! Keep up the GREAT work!  
Watch out for Week 2 results.

**UNIFORMS:**

Since closing down our school uniform shop 1 ½ Terms ago, the stock that was at school has been offered to parents at a reduced price. Soon, all the remaining items will be sold to PSW who will then sell it in their Sunbury Shop (near Aldi). This move will finalise the selling of uniforms from school.

The benefit for the school will be that we will not have to outlay a considerable amount of money to have enough stock available for everyone’s needs. At most times there has been $30,000 of uniforms sitting on the shelves. The down side for parents is that all uniform needs will need to be purchased from PSW at their commercial prices. The remaining stock at school, when sold to PSW, will appear in their store at their price – not the discount price currently available at school.

Below is a list of our remaining items.

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If your children will need –  
- updated uniforms in the future,  
- if the sizes listed will fit in the future,  
- if you love a bargain,  
- if you can afford to purchase now and save in the future,

Then call into school office over the next few weeks at any time and see what bargains you can make! Once they are gone ...........

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NEW FURNITURE:
Today, the first five classrooms have received their new student tables and chairs. Throughout the next 12 months the rest of the school furniture will be upgraded. There will be a lot of excess furniture to deal with. If you or an organisation with which you are involved could use some, please let the office know. Various sized items will become available at different times. **There are currently lots of tables and chairs available.**

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK:
As part of the National Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations, we will be holding a Whole School Activity and Dress Up Day on **Monday the 29**th **of August**. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character. We will hold a special Assembly that morning with each grade to feature in the parade. Following that, students will be working in multi-age groups participating in fun, engaging Literacy and Numeracy activities throughout the day. We extend an invitation to all families and friends to come to Assembly and join in the activities on the day.

OLYMPIC DAY:
Next Thursday all students will be participating in many ‘Olympic’ events. All students are encouraged to wear their House colours (Red, Blue, Gold, and Green). There will be a P-4 ‘Opening Ceremony’ at 9:15am. Parents are most welcome to attend. Activities will continue through the morning.

GIRLS T-BALL SIDE STEPS UP TO THE PLATE!
Next Thursday our Girls T-ball side will be playing for a place in the State Final. We wish them all the best.

WATCH THIS SPACE!
Over the next few weekends, the front entrance to the school will be getting a new look! Access to the office should still be possible during this time.

ENROLMENTS:
So far this Term eight new students have commenced at Goonawarra. This adds up to 25 new students since the start of the year. The current school population is 375.

Due to having multiple classes in every grade level and low numbers in each room at the start of the year, the increase in students has not greatly affected the composition of classes.

Current indications suggest there may be around 385 students at the start of 2017. Planning for next year has already commenced. If our predictions are correct an additional grade will be created, making 18 in total.

To assist with our forward planning, if you know of any families looking for a school for their children, please get them to contact the office on 9744 7137 as soon as possible.

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 Goonawarra is G.R.E.A.T.**

BOOK FAIR:
The Scholastic Annual Book Fair is being held in the library on Thursday 18**th** and Friday 19**th** August between 8:30am and 9:00am in the library. All parents have the opportunity to buy on Wednesday 17**th** August from 9am through to 2pm. However these will be backorder sales only, as we need to keep the shelves stocked for the sales on Thursday and Friday for the children. Children will preview the books on sale on Wednesday with their grades. The Book Fair will be available to the Kindergarten on Thursday 18**th** August between 9:30am and 2pm.

If you have any questions or requests please contact Sue Lavars at the school.
ANSWERS TO ‘WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH THE FAMILY?’
From last week’s Newsletter.

Which Aboriginal tribe called this place home?
Wurundjeri tribe

Sunbury was first established as a settlement in –
1836

Who came up with the name Sunbury –
William & Samuel Jackson

The name ‘Sunbury’ was named after –
Sunbury-on-Thames, in England

What was the population of Sunbury in 2011 (Census figure) –
33,500

For what sporting event is Sunbury famous –
An 1882 game of cricket between Australia and England

Food from how many of these countries is available in Sunbury –
Thailand  Vietnam  Middle East  China  India  Italy  Mexico
All of them!

Name the nine schools in Sunbury that cater for primary school aged children –
1) Goonawarra PS, 2) Sunbury PS, 3) Sunbury West PS, 4) Sunbury Heights PS, 5) Killara PS, 6) Kismet Park PS, 7) Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Special Developmental School, 8) Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School, 9) St Anne’s Catholic School

How far is Sunbury from the city (Melbourne) –
44km

All the street names around Goonawarra School have a common theme. What is it?
They are named after Golf courses around the world

Goonawarra Primary School will be how old next year?
30 years

How many Principals have there been at Goonawarra School since it began–
3

How many homes will be built in the new Villawood Estate on Bulla Road near Goonawarra –
2,000

What does the swan represent on the golf course gate, the doctors wall and the school logo –
Goonawarra means ‘home of the black swan’

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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 website at www.goonawarra.vic.edu.au

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You’re invited to our

BOOK FAIR!

DATE: THURSDAY 18TH AUGUST
FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST
TIME: 8:30AM-9:00AM
WHERE: LIBRARY

All purchases benefit our school!