

Goonawarra Primary School

School Council 19th October 2015

President	Gwenda Griggs	Treasurer	Jing Li
Vice President	Shawn Hindmarsh	Secretary	Michelle Bowerman

1. Attendees & Apologies:

Attendees: ✓	Apologies: ✗
✗ Gary Hoiles Annie 5/6, Cate 2/3S (GH)	✓ Alan Fairweather Principal (AF)
✓ Gwenda Griggs Chloe 5/6 (GG)	✓ Karen Reilly Assistant Principal (KR)
✓ Shawn Hindmarsh Hamish 2 / 3S Amelia Prep (SH)	✓ Marita Ryan Grade 5/6 (MR)
✗ Michelle Bowerman Riley 2/3S & Xavier 5/6 (MB)	✗ Liz Hornby LOTE / Reading (EH)
✗ Jane Alexander Elizabeth 2, Lachlan 2/3S & Joshua 5/6 (JA)	Visitors:
✗ Jing Li (Anthony Yammouni – Prep F)	
Community Member ✓ Allison Crozier Oliver 2 & Hamish 5/6 (AC)	

Sub Committees:

Finance	Buildings & Grounds	Canteen	Uniform	Curriculum	After Hours Care
Alan	Alan	Liz	Karen	Karen	Alan
Jing (Janine)	Jane Shawn	Allison (Nicole)	Marita Allison (Jacinta)	Gwenda Marita	Michelle
	Gary				

5.0 REPORTS:

5.1 Treasurer's Report (AF, JL)

Grants:	New Leaf Christian Centre	\$2,000 for Chaplaincy Program
	Building Resilience in School Communities Grants Program	\$5,000
	DET for School Review process	\$5,000
	ICT Plan & infrastructure.	\$4,000
	Physical Education Grant	\$3,200
	Review Process	\$5,000
	Western Water – new water tank	\$1,000
	Inspire (Chaplaincy)	\$6,700
Donations:	Sunbury Chaplaincy Committee	\$9,000 throughout the year - \$6,000 so far.

5.1.1 High Yield Investment Account: (Account where DET cash funding is placed before being put into Official Account)

Receipts for September 2015	\$1,036.74
Payments for September 2015	\$40,000.00
Balance as at 30 th September 2015 stands at	\$74,395.81

5.1.2 Official Account: (Day to day working account)

Receipts for September 2015	\$61,039.28	
Payments for September 2015	\$51,172.34	
Balance as at 30 th September 2015 stands at		\$29,291.63

5.1.3 Investment Account:* (Funds which can be invested for a period of time)

Receipts for September 2015	\$187.30	
Balance as at 30 th September 2015 stands at		\$31,148.85

*Note: Investment Account - This has been reinvested up to November at the Commonwealth Bank.

The balance of all three accounts as at 30th September 2015 is - **\$134,836.29**

5.2 Finance: Sub Committee members: AF Staffing budget – as 16th October 2016

Summary	Credit	Cash	Total
Budget - Current Year	\$2,245,670	\$253,762	\$2,498,685
Surplus B/F from previous year	\$29,967	\$0	\$29,967
Credit to Cash Transfers	(\$40,000) →	\$40,000	\$0
Total Funds available	\$2,235,637	\$293,015	\$2,528,652
Projected Expenditure	\$2,177,230	\$293,015	\$2,470,245
Projected Balance	\$58,407	\$0	\$58,407
Surplus available to school	\$58,407	\$0	\$58,407

There will be a large surplus from this year as above.

Below is the proposed (indicative) Budget for 2016. It is based on my estimate of 353 students. Following the census in February, this amount will be adjusted up or down depending on the actual enrolment.

2016 Indicative Budget - Total Student Based Funding

ALLOCATION	CREDIT	CASH	TOTAL
Student Learning Allocation	\$2,212,101	\$135,272	\$2,347,373
Students with Disabilities	\$250,635	\$0	\$250,635
Equity Funding (Gonski)	\$50,037	\$50,037	\$100,074
School Infrastructure	\$1,932	\$139,682	\$141,614
Primary Welfare officer	\$48,238	\$0	\$48,238
TOTAL	\$2,562,943	\$324,991	\$2,887,934

My staffing model for 2016 sees a minor surplus. The model includes –

- The employment of 3 new staff members – 16th class, Lauren Milligan's replacement & a structural change within the school.
- The inclusion of funding for some integration students.
- The employment of some more ES staff (integration aides).

The 2016 Budget also includes a new item labelled as Equity Funding. This is the result of the Gonski Report. It is based on providing funds to provide every child with the opportunity to succeed. The premise is that students with successful, well-educated parents will achieve more than those with uneducated, low paid parents. The funding is calculated on the highest academic level parents have reached and their current employment status eg professional, manager, employee, full or part-time, casual, unemployed etc.

Our Equity Funding amount for 2016 is \$100,074.

This can be spent on professional development of staff and other strategies to improve student learning. In other words 'how can we assist the students from lower socio economic groups with uneducated parents to achieve above the current expectations?'

5.3 Principal's Report (AF)

The year so far –

- Current enrolment is 333 students.
- Preps = 59 Gr 1 = 40 Gr 2 = 55 Gr 3 = 47 Gr 4 = 42 Gr 5 = 57 Gr 6 = 33.
- Males – 155 Females - 178
- The average class size across the whole school is 22.2.
- The Prep Transition for 2016 process is going well. The 3rd activity was held today. Nearly all families attended the session.

- The annual Parent Opinion Survey has been conducted. The results will be tabled tonight.
- The Staff Satisfaction Survey has been conducted. The results will be tabled at the next meeting.
- This year is our year of Review. The external reviewer conducted the process on 8th September. The required data from the last four years had been collated and summarised in the Self-Evaluation Report – tabled. The Reviewer’s final Report will be emailed to all School Council members.
- Camp Australia has commenced operating the before and after school care program. CA has employed Amber (3 month trial) to run the program. New equipment has been delivered to school.
- It is with sadness that I inform Council of the tragic death of Saby Sebastian. Saby was a well-known identity within the Sunbury community. At Goonawarra, Saby attended our Grade Six Graduation Ceremonies on behalf of the Sunbury Rotary Club and presented their awards. He was also the father of Asha, our former school Chaplain. The funeral will be on Monday 9th October. Michele Pinti, Ben Smith and Liz Hornby will attend.

5.3 Grounds & Buildings: Sub Committee members: AF, GH, SH, JA

- The pipe work that feeds water to the evaporative cooling units on the roof has sprung leaks due to the frost. All the water piping on the roof has now been replaced with modern weather proofed piping.
 - An asbestos audit of the school was recently conducted. The whole school meets all requirements except for the three boiler rooms which have asbestos seals on the units. Appropriate signage has been put up and DET (DTZ) has been given the work to repair the issue. This will be undertaken soon by professional asbestos removalists.
 - The new concrete driveway at the back of the Senior Building is now operational. This has relieved the congestion in the main car park.
 - The office area was painted over the holidays to freshen it up - \$2,800.
 - New blinds have been installed on the road side of the Senior Building due to light effecting the interactive whiteboards - \$2,351
 - Quote to change carpet in corridor between library and gym - \$6,359 – not approved as yet.
 - Quote to change carpet in corridor from front door to my office door - \$2,240 – not approved as yet.
 - Idea of selling named pavers to be installed either side of front entrance. \$16.90 per paver. Sell to families for \$25. Profit will cover construction costs.
 - Western Water Grant - \$1,000 to assist with the development of vegetable gardens in the area where the science room portable was removed. Also have had discussions with Bunnings and Masters re support.
 - **Term 4 Working bee date – To be confirmed. Activities – Spread mulch, weeding, clean out gutters etc.**
 - Here is a list of all external items that need attention –
 - **Garden development – various locations including front entrance.**
 - Painting – inside & out – various parts of school.
 - Replacement of veranda posts around the buildings. (parent has volunteered)
 - Developing area where Relocatable Building was removed – seats, cover, ground surface
 - Extend covered way to BER Building.
 - Gr 5 / 6 Basketball surface – replace / repair
 - Modernise adventure playground equipment.
 - Library roof needs attention – slope / water leakage.
 - Gutters need constant cleaning out.
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5.4 Curriculum Sub Committee members: KR

As presented.

Karen Reilly / Marita Ryan
Curriculum Committee

5.5 Parents & Friends: Sub Committee members: AC

The plant box bags fundraiser has had its complications.
Support for the 'Songs of the Decades' music evening this Friday.
Goona Warrior major fundraiser event is planned for Friday 13th November.
Christmas Stall will be held in December.

Allison Crozier.
President

5.6 Canteen: (Sub Committee members: AF, EH)

- I would like to consider employing a Canteen Manager as from Term 1 2016. The duties would include –
- a menu (summer & winter)
 - ordering of stock
 - maintaining equipment in Canteen
 - arranging rosters of helpers
 - liaising with office re money
 - keeping the Canteen clean
 - meeting all the requirements and regulations of the Hume City Council

Appropriate certificates and qualifications would be required.

Payment would be at set DET rates for the required number of hours per week.

Another thought was to outsource the canteen operations to a company, with possible volunteers assisting.
More discussions to follow.

Possible purchase of a Slushy machine - \$2,200 plus \$48 a bottle of syrup. Investigate current arrangements.

5.7 Uniforms: Sub Committee members: Jacinta, Karen

Current arrangements will remain in place until Term 1 next year. During this time we anticipate that PSW will be ready to take over the full operations of the Uniform Shop. Jacinta is only purchasing summer stock at this stage. PSW will purchase any leftover stock and sell it themselves or we will continue to sell remaining stock ourselves until it is gone. All winter stock should be available from PSW.

We will receive a commission from PSW.

The current Uniform Shop area will become available to the canteen and Camp Australia to store food and other items. This will free up space in the Canteen.

5.8 Goonawarra Out of School Hours: Sub Committee members: AF, Extend

The move to Camp Australia has been uneventful. Everything seems to be operating as in the past. New equipment is now available for the students.

Camp Australia will pay the school a commission per Term of \$1,000.

5.9 Junior School Council: Sub Committee EH

The JSC has been busy with the Walk to School in October initiative.

Dates of School Council meetings – Mondays at 6.30pm in the staffroom	
Term 4	16th Nov – off site – Gwenda to arrange.

Motion: That School Council approve spending \$5 per graduating students on a picture frame to be presented at Graduation.

Moved: MR

Seconded: GG

Approved.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.
