

Goonawarra Primary School

School Council 2nd May 2016

1. Attendees & Apologies:

Attendees: ✓	Apologies: ✗
✗ Peta Hoiles Annie 5/6, Cate 3 / 4 (AH)	✓ Alan Fairweather Principal (AF)
✓ Shawn Hindmarsh Hamish 3 / 4 Amelia Gr 1 (SH)	✓ Liz Hornby LOTE / Reading (EH)
✓ Michelle Bowerman Riley 3 / 4 & Xavier 5/6 (MB)	✓ Michele Pinti Welfare / Gr 5/6 (MP)
✓ Jane Alexander Elizabeth 3 / 4, Lachlan 3 / 4 & Joshua 5/6 (JA)	✓ Jess Fry Grade 5/6 (JF)
✗ Jing Li (Anthony Yammouni – Gr 1) (JL)	Visitors: Lucy Britton (Jai - Prep Conn) Leonie Smits (James – G1 Casey)
Community Member	
✓ Heidi Saffrey Livinia 3 / 4 & Trinity 3 / 4 (HS)	

Nominations were called for to fill the following positions on School Council -

President	Nominated: SH By: PH Seconded: MB	Treasurer	Nominated: JL By: AF Seconded: MP
Vice President	Nominated: MB By: SH Seconded: PH	Secretary	Nominated: PH By: MB Seconded: SH

Sub Committee positions were filled as follows:

Finance	Buildings & Grounds	Canteen	Uniform	Curriculum	After Hours Care
Alan	Alan	Liz	Peta	Jess	Alan
Jing (Janine)	Jane Shawn	Peta (Nicole)	Alan (Jacinta)	Michele P	Michelle B

Positions on School Council

One Year Remaining	Two Years Remaining
Michele Pinti	Peta Hoiles
Michelle Bowerman	Shawn Hindmarsh
Jing Li	Jess Fry
Liz Hornby	Jane Alexander
Community Member Heidi Saffrey	

There are 2 parent positions vacant.

5.0 REPORTS:

5.1 Treasurer's Report (AF, JL)

Grants:	New Leaf Christian Centre	\$2,000 for Chaplaincy Program (coming next week)
	ICT Plan & infrastructure.	\$4,000 (will come shortly)
	Physical Education Grant	\$3,200 - received
	Inspire (Chaplaincy)	\$6,000 - received
Donations:	Sunbury Chaplaincy Committee	\$10,500 throughout the year (\$7,000 paid so far)
	TJM Equipped Sunbury	\$200 for Welfare programs
	Sunfest	\$300 for 2 nd prize for choir at Sunfest.
	Camp Australia	\$1,000 (per Term – Term 1 received)

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

Receipts for April 2016	\$79,551.80	
Payments for April 2016	\$70,000.00	
Balance as at 30 th April 2016 stands at		\$136,857.95

5.1.2 Official Account: (Day to day working account)

Receipts for April 2016	\$84,996.51	
Payments for April 2016	\$56,924.99	
Balance as at 30 th April 2016 stands at		\$41,330.01

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

Receipts for April 2016	\$0	
Balance as at 30 th April 2016 stands at		\$31,503.16

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

The balance of all three accounts as at 30th April 2016 is - **\$209,691.12**

5.1.4 Finance: Sub Committee members: AF, JL & Janine Staffing budget – as 30th April 2016

Summary	Credit	Cash	Total
Budget - Current Year	\$2,714,604	\$332,324	\$3,046,928
Surplus B/F from previous year	\$48,287	\$0	\$48,287
Credit to Cash Transfers	(\$80,000)	\$80,000	\$0
Total Funds available	\$2,682,891	\$412,324	\$3,095,215
Projected Expenditure	\$2,540,527	\$412,324	\$2,952,851
Projected Balance	\$13,863	\$0	\$13,863
Surplus available to school	\$142,363	\$0	\$142,363

The above surplus will fluctuate each fortnightly pay cycle when staff are on leave, more staff are employed, or leave etc.

2016 BUDGET

The Budget is fluid as grants are received or additional resources are required. The Credit to Cash amount is added to the Budget. Therefore the Budget now has an additional \$80,000 in it. This has been used to fund the 11 new split system air conditioners and the 50 new laptops and ipads.

5.3 Principal's Report (AF)

The year so far –

- The current 2016 enrolment is 368 students.
- Preps = 55 Gr 1 = 64 Gr 2 = 41 Gr 3 = 62 Gr 4 = 47 Gr 5 = 46 Gr 6 = 53.
- Males – 169 Females - 199
- The average class size across the whole school is 21.6.

- The 2017 Prep Transition process commences tomorrow.
- An OH&S audit has been conducted at the school. All policies and procedures were updated for the audit. The audit report indicated that the school was 78% compliant with policies and procedures. The school has six months to address all the non-compliant items. See tabled report. A follow up visit was conducted last week and many of the remaining (non-compliant) items / processes were approved. A final visit will be undertaken in July. At this stage we should be 100% compliant.
- The school has been notified that, due to increased enrolments, we now qualify for more classrooms. A new 'mod 5' relocatable will be onsite before the end of this Term. It will consist of two classrooms joined by a shared office area. The use of this building in 2016 will be determined once it is fully operational. In 2017, enrolments and budget permitting, we may be able to increase to 18 classrooms, thereby maintaining our low student / grade ratio.
- Vacant positions on School Council – **there are now 3 vacant Parent positions on School Council that can be filled by casual vacancies. Who can we approach?**

5.2 Grounds & Buildings: Sub Committee members: AF, SH, JA

- The development of vegetable gardens in the area where the science room portable was removed will begin this Term.
- Many parents continue to volunteer their time to do requested items around the school – this support has continued this Term.
- The purchase and installation of split system air conditioning in eleven rooms within the original building has been completed.
- Hume Council is providing 216 new plants this week for our gardens. Thank you JA for organising this.
- **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.
 - Extend covered way to BER Building.
 - Gr 5 / 6 Basketball surface – replace / repair
 - Modernise adventure playground equipment.
 - Library roof needs attention – slope / water leakage.
 - Redesign front of school garden area.
- **Internal items**
 - Replacing classroom furniture will commence this year.
 - Curtains / blinds in classrooms.

5.4 Curriculum Sub Committee members: JF, MP

Grade P-2 Curriculum

- This term our integrated topic is *Living and Non-living Things*, with a general focus being on plants.
- On Thursday the 28th of April, the P-2 grades went on an excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens. Students were able to engage in a range of activities where they explored the gardens and learnt some interesting facts about plants.
- We are looking at the new concept “Sizzling Starts” as part of the Seven Steps to Writing Success PD. Students are experimenting with making their writing more interesting and are “banning the boring” beginnings in writing tasks. They are taking on this new concept with great enthusiasm!
- As part of our LOTE curriculum, students have an incursion on the 17th of May where they will take part in an interactive Italian workshop.

Grade 3/4 Curriculum

- Our Term 2 Integrated focus is a science based unit on *Living and Non-living things* with an emphasis on *Life Cycles*. Our investigations will centre on the Life Cycles of the butterfly, bee, frog, numbat and plants.
 - A life cycle incursion will take place in Week 6
 - NAPLAN preparation – We have looked at previous NAPLAN tests to familiarise the students with the styles of questions and terminology used.
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Grade 5/6 Curriculum

- This term our integrated topic is *Space*, primarily focussing on the planets. We have an excursion booked to Scienceworks and IMAX later this term.
- We have been completing preparation tasks in the areas of reading, writing and numeracy ready for NAPLAN next week.
- The students have been excited to complete their resilience tasks in small groups with Michele Pinti and Ben Smith leading this project. The aim of the project is to create change to better our community. The tasks will be completed this term.
- Cross Country – The students participated with great enthusiasm in our school cross country event. Fifty students have been selected to represent our school at the interschool cross country and this will take place on Friday.
- Students have approached writing tasks with enthusiasm as they begin to learn more in relation to *7 Steps to Writing Success*. There has been a positive change in their writing attempts this semester. The followup to this activity will be the next Pupil Free Day on Monday 30th May.

Jess Fry

Curriculum Committee

5.5 Parents & Friends: Sub Committee members:

The P & F group has had several meetings so far this year. A range of events have been planned for the year. The first one was the Easter Raffle. Plans and preparations for the Mother's Day stall, to be held this Thursday are well underway.

A whole school Disco is being organised for Friday 13th May.

President

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

The canteen is operating effectively on Mondays and Fridays. Nicole continues to perform a great role.

5.7 Uniforms: Sub Committee members: Jacinta, Alan

The Primary School Wear shop in Sunbury has commenced selling our school uniform. They will be fully stocked soon. In the meantime, the existing stock at school will continue to be sold through our Uniform Shop.

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

The move to Camp Australia has been successful. Everything seems to be operating effectively. I met with the Program Leader and the Area Manager today. They are very supportive of the program and are keen to assist wherever possible. On some nights they have 4 staff members in attendance.

Camp Australia is paying the school a commission of \$1,000 per Term.

5.9 Junior School Council: Sub Committee EH

Issues/activities carried out/discussed so far this year include -

Term 1:

- discussed what JSC is about; Areas of improvement for the school; possible fundraisers
- raised around \$70 on their Easter fundraiser - guess how many Easter eggs in the container
- asked their peers what kind of lunch time clubs they might like to do - surveyed interest

Term 2:

- participate in the ANZAC day march/participated in memorial service
- beginning library lunch time club in week 5 - reading, drawing, chess club

Term 2/3:

- possibly looking at a house basketball tournament (at lunch time P-6)
- students suggested a "Goonawarra's got talent" at lunch time

Term 3:

- walk to school month (October)

Fundraisers and alike will be introduced throughout the terms as well.

The JSC will be invited to attend the next School Council meeting.
