

Goonawarra Primary School

School Council 6th June 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) Lucy Loko (Jai – prep Conn)	Visitors: Jodie Bretherton (Connor Gr 5 / 6 PH)
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 is 1 parent position vacant.

Motion: Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Moved: MB

- Seconded: SH Carried

5.0 REPORTS:

5.1 Treasurer's Report (AF, JL)

Grants:	New Leaf Christian Centre	\$2,000 for Chaplaincy Program
	ICT Plan & infrastructure.	\$4,000
	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 2 received)
	Camp Australia	\$1,000 (hardship grant)

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

Receipts for May 2016	\$4,244.23	
Payments for May 2016	\$0	
Balance as at 31 st May 2016 stands at		\$141,102.18

5.1.2 Official Account: (Day to day working account)

Receipts for May 2016	\$20,895.37	
Payments for May 2016	\$39,792.35	
Balance as at 31 st May 2016 stands at		\$22,433.03

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

Receipts for May 2016	\$170.89	
Balance as at 31 st May 2016 stands at		\$31,674.05

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

The balance of all three accounts as at 31st May 2016 is - \$195,209.26

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	\$2,535,110	\$412,324	\$2,947,434
Surplus available to school	\$147,780	\$0	\$147,780

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. I have requested another \$50,000 from the CREDIT budget to be transferred to the CASH budget, making \$130,000 transferred.

5.3 Principal's Report (AF)

The year so far –

- The current 2016 enrolment is 368 students.
- **Preps = 55 Gr 1 = 63 Gr 2 = 41 Gr 3 = 62 Gr 4 = 48 Gr 5 = 45 Gr 6 = 54.**
- **Males – 169 Females - 199**
- The average class size across the whole school is **21.6**.
- The 2017 Prep Transition is well underway with contact with nearly 70 families.

- 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 is currently being installed. Occupation should be available by the end of this Term.
- 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 as soon as possible.
- 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.
- **Painting of the school core values on the interior walls is currently happening.**
- **Sprinkler system on oval is being re quoted. Approx \$10,000. \$3,000 is available from a grant.**
- **Updating classroom furniture will be occurring over the next Term.**
- **Garden at the entrance to the school needs upgrading. Synthetic grass section plus new plants to highlight main entrance.**
- **A Wish List is currently being developed by staff of items – external, internal and curriculum.**
- **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

- On the 17th May, the Prep – Two classes experienced an Interactive Italian workshop. The students had a wonderful time and the staff are keen to repeat the incursion again next year.
 - The Grade Prep – Two classes have been busily growing their grass heads in their classroom, watching them develop as part of their unit on Plants.
 - The Grade 3 and Grade 5 students completed NAPLAN from the 10th – 12th May. Students had prepared well for NAPLAN and approached all tasks with a positive attitude. The writing piece for this year was a narrative and the students were eager to display their knowledge of the 7 Steps to Writing Success Program in their written pieces.
 - The Grade 3 – 4 students thoroughly enjoyed their Life Cycle Incursion. Students studied the life cycles of animals and loved seeing them up close and personal. Snakes, turtles, lizards, possums and insects were just a small number of the animals that visited our school.
 - On Monday 23rd May, the Grade 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to visit IMAX and the Planetarium at Scienceworks, where they watched a 3D film "Solar System Odyssey". Students saw how the worlds of our Solar System are alike and different. At IMAX, students watched Hubble 3D. It told of the journey of the most
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important scientific instrument since Galileo's original telescope and the greatest success in space since the Moon Landing - the Hubble Space Telescope. The students and staff had a wonderful time!

- We have currently completed two weeks of our Clubs program. Students have enjoyed participating in multi-year levels groups for a number of different activities. The Clubs program is a successful event, with students excited to attend their clubs each week. Yoga, The Amazing Race, Star Wars, Netball, Fairy Tales, Cooking and Golf club are some of the exciting choices that students are able to participate in.
- Jack Weiley represented Goonawarra Primary School at the 2016 Rotary Saby Sebastian Memorial Spelling Competition. Representatives were each given ten words, eight of which were known from a spelling list provided to them and the remaining two unknown. Alan and the Grade 6 teachers attended the evening and were very proud of Jack's efforts.
- The Grade 5 and 6 students are busy completing their Personal Projects. These projects were designed for students to be able to report on a topic of interest as well as, document their individual learning progress. We will have an open night Monday 20th June, where they will present their projects to families.
- The Resilience Projects have been a fantastic opportunity for our Grade 5 and 6 students to lead a small project aimed at creating change to better our community. The School Mural Group has eagerly been painting our school foyer today.
- On Monday 30th May, staff completed their second professional development session on *Seven Steps to Writing Success*. We studied the remaining three steps and have been busy implementing the fantastic ideas into our writing program.

Jess Fry Curriculum Committee

5.5 Parents & Friends: Sub Committee members:

Easter Raffle
Mother's Day stall
A whole school Disco
The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt.

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. The school Uniform Shop will be closed down at the end of this Term.

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

The program is still proving to be very popular with growing numbers attending.

5.9 Junior School Council: Sub Committee EH

Members of the JSC are attending tonight's meeting.

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

- **Motion: That all of the above reports be accepted.**
Moved: SH
- **Seconded: MP Carried**

Dates of 2016 School Council meetings – Mondays at 6.30pm in the staffroom		
Term 3	1st Aug	5th Sept
Term 4	24th Oct	28th Nov (Budget meeting)

Action items				
	Action / Decision	Date raised	Action assigned to	Date to be resolved
1.	Placing 3 fire alarm speakers in the BER building will be \$6,190.00.	17 th June 2013	AF	To be undertaken in 2015 if required
2.	Moving one of the security cameras to a better location as well as purchasing a new one for higher security. Two quotes have been obtained - \$1,459 and \$2,132.		AF	To be undertaken when required.
3.	Watering of oval – quote obtained for 32,000 litre tank, pump etc - \$10,000. To be installed at back of hall.		AF	To be undertaken when required.
4.	Quote of \$10,000 to lay new pipes on oval, connect to mains water and have provision for tank water to be used.	20 th July 2015	AF	To be undertaken when required.
5.	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.	16/11/15	AF	2016 To be undertaken when required.
6.	That Goonawarra PS purchase 25 ipads, 25 laptops and several trolleys for approximately \$40,000.	21 st March 2016	AF	May 2016 Ready to be ordered.
7.	That Goonawarra PS approve the purchase and installation of eleven split system air conditioners in various rooms at a price of \$2,500 per unit – total \$27,500.	21 st March 2016	AF	April 2016 Completed

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.