

5.0 REPORTS:

5.1 Treasurer's Report (AF)

2017 Grants: New Leaf Christian Centre	\$2,000 for Chaplaincy Program (to come)
Physical Education Grant	\$3,200 (to be applied for X 3)
Inspire (Chaplaincy)	\$4,000 – (will be paid to ACCESS directly)
Hume City Council	\$1,000 – garden development

2017 Donations:

Sunbury Chaplaincy Committee	\$10,000 (will be paid to ACCESS directly)
Camp Australia	\$1,000 per Term
Camp Australia	\$1,000 (hardship grant available)

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

Receipts for January 2017	\$108,494.79	
Payments for January 2017	\$ 40,000.00	
Balance as at 31st January 2017 stands at		\$260,192.72

5.1.2 Official Account: (Day to day working account)

Receipts for January 2017	\$63,173.03	
Payments for January 2017	\$23,907.46	
Balance as at 31st January 2017 stands at		\$83,025.33

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

Receipts for January 2017	\$0	
Balance as at January 2017 stands at		\$32,050.39

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

The balance of all three accounts as at 31st January 2017 - \$375,268.44

5.1.4 Finance: Sub Committee members: AF & Janine Staffing budget – as 31st January 2017

Summary	Credit	Cash	Total
Budget - Current Year	\$2,856,650	\$365,610	\$3,222,260
Surplus B/F from previous year	\$0	\$0	\$0
Credit to Cash Transfers	(\$100,000)	\$100,000	\$0
Total Funds available	\$2,756,650	\$465,610	\$3,222,260
Projected Expenditure	\$2,729,003	\$465,610	\$3,194,613
Surplus available to school	\$27,647	\$0	\$27,647

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

2016 BUDGET

The reconciliation of the 2016 Budget will be finalised in March. The initial reconciliation shows a surplus of **\$161,024**. The figure will be finalised next week. This amount will appear on the B/F (balance brought forward) line above.

I have requested \$100,000 be moved from Credit to Cash from this year's Budget. This currently shows a surplus balance of \$27,647. The reconciliation balance will be in addition to this surplus.

2017 BUDGET:

The Budget for 2017 was approved at the November 2016 meeting.

So far there are only a few families who have not paid the requested \$155 per child amount. About one student per class (approx) has not fully or partially paid their Student Contributions. This means that approx. 96% of student contributions are accounted for. This is a fantastic result.

5.3 Principal's Report (AF)

The year so far –

- The current 2017 enrolment is **385** students.
- **Preps = 61 Gr 1 = 58 Gr 2 = 62 Gr 3 = 43 Gr 4 = 63 Gr 5 = 51 Gr 6 = 47.**
- **Males – 179 Females - 206**
- The average class size across the whole school is **21.3**.
- **There is a possibility of 3 new students commencing next week.**

- Under the new Ministerial Order No. 870 all schools need to compile with the new Child Safe Standards. There are seven standards that need to be approved by School Council and adhered to by the school community. More information will follow. Our school compliance documentation is still being developed.

- Goonawarra will receive \$328,000 in the Planned Maintenance Program which will allow us to raise buildings and facilities in poor condition to an appropriate standard. Due to the grant amount (over \$20,000), we are required to use a consultant from the Victorian Building Authority. The audit being used as the basis for the funding was undertaken in 2012. Some of the works listed on the audit have already been addressed using school funds eg new corridor carpet, air conditioning / heating and paint work. This means that these items can be ticked off as complete and their allocated funds in the grant can be moved to other projects which may have not been funded to begin with. Three consultants have tendered for the work, which closed last Friday. Once one is selected, a more detail brief of the work to be undertaken will be established and quotes obtained. They all believe that the works can be completed before the end of this year.
The short list of tasks include –
 - **Library roof & ceiling** – find leak & fix damage.
 - **Student toilets** – paint, tile, new fixtures.
 - **Senior basketball courts** – synthetic grass – line markings.
 - **Covered way** to Senior building and portable building.
 - **Oval** – sprinkler system.
 - **Amphitheatre** – replace underground pipes, remove (replace?) sleepers, synthetic grass cover, table & chairs, sun cover?
 - **Old Boiler rooms** – remove boilers, free up for storage.
 - **Heating & cooling in Admin, staffroom & library area** – old boiler constantly needs repairing – hard to get parts.
 - **Staff kitchen redesigned.**
 - **External painting of main building.**
 - **Improved phone system.**

- The Mrs Carla Cropley has commenced her role as Assistant Principal at Goonawarra PS. In November I wrote, *'Carla's extensive curriculum knowledge along with her pleasant / approachable / friendly / engaging personality will be a real asset to the school.'* This assessment of her professional and personal qualities has proven to be very accurate. Carla is currently meeting with all staff members individually in order to get to know them and to look at ways in which she can support and develop their professional growth.

- Our three new staff members, Mr Ewen Hildebrand, Ms Amber Parmley and Ms Lori Nichols have all settled in very well.

- My five year contract expires in July this year. Through an evaluation process (what has happened in the last five years), plus input from Shawn on your behalf, I have been offered another five year contract, which I have accepted.

- The school is turning 30 years old this year. This milestone will be recognised in various ways throughout the year, through classroom activities, whole school events and community celebrations.

- The school is currently defining the Annual Implementation Plan for 2017 and the Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2020.

- The Parent & Teacher Discussions are planned for Tuesday 21st February. Student will be dismissed at 1.30pm so that discussions can be conducted between 2pm – 7pm.

- **Motion: That School Council approve the early dismissal of students on Tuesday 21st February so that parent & teacher Discussions can be held.**

Moved: SH

Seconded: PH

Carried

- A new 'Wellbeing Wing' has been established! This allows Michele (Wellbeing) and Ben (Chaplain) to be close to the main office and resources.
- School Council membership & Elections – With Michele Bowerman resigning from SC, Heidi travelling around Australia, Jing moved to the city, Jane now a DET employee and Jodie no longer a school parent, the parent members of the SC have dwindled rapidly. At the elections in March we will need to make sure we fill all positions.

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

- Updating classroom furniture has now been completed. The furniture that is being replaced has been accepted by a school in Papua New Guinea. Lucy is organising this. Some of the early excess furniture has made it to Papua New Guinea.
- Painting of walls and doors around the staffroom, sick bay, AP office and meeting rooms occurred over the school holidays.
- Grounds Manager position. With the increase of ground works and minor maintenance needs around the school, the need for a Grounds Manager was deemed necessary. Scott Farr is doing the work. Scott has worked throughout the Christmas break mowing, cutting, repairing, relocating furniture etc etc etc. His work is being appreciated by all staff members – especially me! This position has been factored into the 2017 Budget.
- Jane has successfully applied for 250 plants from Hume City Council under the 'Seedlings for Schools Program'. These plants will be available in March.
- To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the school I am investigating selling 'named' pavers to create two paths at the front of the school. Details to follow. Named pavers will cost approx. \$20 each.
- The school received a grant from Hume City Council of \$1,000 for garden development, especially for our special needs students.

5.4 Curriculum Sub Committee members: JF, MP

- The enquiry units for this term are:
 - Grade – Prep 2 – Families and Celebration
 - Grade 3 / 4 – Australian settlement and Celebration
 - Grade 5 / 6 – Australian History (Federation and key events)
- Our Grade 6 House Captains and Vice Captains were elected by their peers and have enjoyed their new responsibilities. They loved receiving their badges at assembly and enjoy making announcements over the speaker.
- The JSC representatives were presented with their badges at Assembly today. Two students from each class were elected by their peers and will spend the year representing our school. They will have the opportunity throughout the year to attend the ANZAC Day Service, complete fundraisers and attend a school council meeting.
- Gr 5 / 6 staff are commencing a professional development program with all schools in Sunbury. It is focussed on Numeracy – especially from primary school to secondary school.

Jess Fry

Curriculum Committee

5.5 Parents & Friends: Sub Committee members:

The committee met this morning to plan activities and events for the year. So far they are looking at –

Easter Raffle

Mother's Day stall

The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt

Father's Day Stall

The Great Goon-A- Warrior event

The Outdoor Whole School Concert

30th Anniversary celebrations (fete)

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Activities under consideration are -

A Disco

A Christmas Stall.

Approximately \$15,000 was raised last year.

Lucy Loko

President
