***Principal’s Message***

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone! I’m so happy & excited to be a part of Somerton Public School community. My name is **Toni Reid** and I am the **Relieving Principal**, taking over from Jodie Bishop. I come from a very small school in the Upper Hunter called Rouchel Public School where I was the teaching Principal for two years, teaching K-6. I am now living in Gunnedah and will travel to Somerton every day. My teaching career has enabled me to teach in schools, large and small in Western NSW, the Central Coast and the Upper Hunter. My aim in teaching is to provide a positive, quality learning environment where the children feel safe and secure in their learning, and have the confidence to question and take risks to extend their learning. I am also committed to involving the parents and community in the children’s education and I look forward to meeting you in the very near future. If you would like a chat or just to meet please feel free to drop into the school or phone before 9am or after 3pm any day. Keep your eyes our next week for a date when we will have a ‘Meet & Greet’ the Principal.

**P&C News**

*Our next P&C meeting is* ***NEXT***

***Thursday 16th October @ 7:30pm***

*at the school. Drinks & nibblies will be supplied. All are welcome to attend.*

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**Somerton PS SRC Fundraiser**

**A reminder that fundraising orders are due NEXT WEEK.**

The SRC is endeavouring to fundraise to help contribute to some of the cost of our end of year celebrations. Two catalogues **[Educational Experience + Smart Fundraiser]** have gone home last term**,** from which students, families & friends can order. There are lots of great Christmas present ideas & lots of items that can be used as stocking fillers, especially in the Smart Fundraisers catalogue. Orders will be due after the holidays on **Friday 17th October (**end Week 2, Term 4). Please make orders (online for Educational Experience-just nominate our school) & payment by this date.

**C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\O9W1N3RU\MC900230911[1].wmfSwim School**

Due to a lack of available funds (current funds are needed for P&C insurance payments) it was decided at the last P&C meeting that the P&C will not be able to cover the cost of a swim school teacher as it has done in previous years. The school will still cover the cost of entry for all students. As a result parents will need to pay for swim school next term. This cost will be approximately $30 per child to cover the cost of a swimming teacher plus $20 to cover transport. Parents are encouraged to make payments to help alleviate the pressure of paying. Details of the 2014 swim school will go home in a note in the near future.

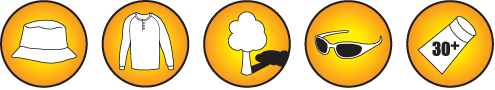
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**Issue 6, 2014** orders & payment must be returned to school by THIS **Friday 10th October 2014** in an envelope with your child’s name clearly marked on it.

**School Hats & Uniform**

Students are required to come to school with a school hat & in full school uniform. School hats are essential to protect students from the sun while in the playground. Students will be required to play under cover if they do not have a school hat. School hats are available from the school for $5.00.

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**Remember Sun Safety**

**School Holiday Dates for Term 4**

**Last day of Term 4 for students** - Wednesday 17th December

**Staff Development Day** - Thursday 18th December

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| **October 6**  Public Holiday | **7** | **8** | **9**  Playgroup | **10** |
| **13** | **14** | **15** | **16**  Playgroup  AASC | **17** |
| **20** | **21** | **22** | **23**  Playgroup  AASC | **24** |
| **27** | **28** | **29** | **30**  AASC | **31** |
| **Novermber 3** | **4** | **5** | **6**  AASC | **7** |
| **10**  Picasso Cow Judging | **11** | **12** | **13**  Playgroup  AASC | **14** |
| **17** | **18**  11am-Pete the Sheep Performance | **19** | **20**  Playgroup  AASC | **2** |
| **24** | **25** | **26**  Presentation Night | **27**  Playgroup | **28** |
| **December 1**  Swim School | **2**  Swim School | **3**  Swim School | **4**  Playgroup  Swim School | **5**  Swim School  Community Christmas Tree |
| **8** | **9** | **10** | **11**  Playgroup | **12** |
| **15**  Year 6 Farewell | **16**  Bective Swimming Carnival | **17**  School Class Party  Students last day of Term 4 | **18**  Staff Development Day |  |

**TERM 4 DATES:**