***Mrs Bishop’s*** *Message*

**I hope all the mums had a lovely Mother’s Day and were thoroughly spoilt.**

C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\D5XZ1LMW\MC900281102[1].wmf**Small Schools Cross Country Carnival**

Last Thursday we all attended the Small School’s Cross Country Carnival at Moonbi Public School. It was a fantastic day. Our students should feel very proud of the effort they put in on the day, particularly with their behaviour and willingness to do their best in their race. A special congratulations goes to Jack Drew for his amazing run and for coming first out in the 5/6 year old boys race and to Nicholas for receiving a Good Sport Award for getting straight back up and continuing his race after falling down. Here are some pics from the day…





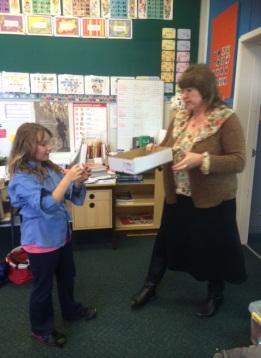
**Playgroup**

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Don’t forget that playgroup starts this week on Thursday at 9:30am. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, please let them know.

**Mother’s Day Stall and Raffle**

[](http://www.google.com.au/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=mothers+day&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&docid=15M46-KScVR9vM&tbnid=40wrJaWE8fCdHM:&ved=0CAUQjRw&url=http://www.tumblr18.com/images/mothers-day/page/7/&ei=nA5fU7mVKsH58QX_54GwDQ&bvm=bv.65636070,d.aGc&psig=AFQjCNGA3ZgbZgSMze85V02hpX9Zraqi4w&ust=1398824952893189)We held our Mother’s Day Stall & Raffle last Friday. All of our students were able to buy a gift for their mum from the stall. The raffle was drawn on Friday afternoon. First prize, flowers & a box of chocolate, went to Jack Price & second prize, a box of chocolates, went to the Hook family. Many thanks to all those who help support our P&C’s raffle & congratulations to the winners. Money raise was $61.50.



**Active After School Sports**

AASS will begin this Thursday 15th May. This term the students will be focusing on their hockey skills. The session times are from approximately 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

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**Cubby House-Update**

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**GRIP Leadership Conference**

Last Tuesday, Tiara, Hayley & Andrew went to the GRIP Student Leadership Conference in @ the Town Hall. It was a fantastic day where our students learnt about being a leader. Along with some very LOUD NOISE sessions, dancing & fun games, we learnt that a leader is like a strawberry – the same on the outside as the inside & that all leaders should be a HERO – a Helper, an Encourager, a Role model & an Organiser. We also learnt that leaders should have BERRY good integrity.

• **B**e sure to do the right thing

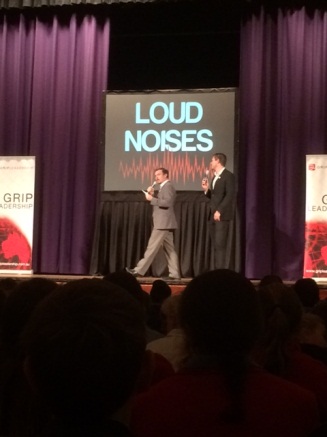
• **E**ncourage others to do the right thing.

• **R**efuse to lie.

• **R**espond when you see something that is not right.

• **Y**ou overcome criticism.

**Years 5 & 6 Small Schools Excursion to Canberra**



C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\7IQ0L01R\MC900383850[1].wmfThe Stage 3 Canberra excursion is fast approaching; form Monday 16th June-Friday 20th June. We will need to forward monies to the organising school by June. Parents are asked to finalise payment. The balance remaining is $385, Thank you.

C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9QFAT61L\MC900290707[1].wmf**Parent Literacy and Numeracy Course**

It was a great turn out at Attunga PS last Tuesday for our Parent Literacy & Numeracy Course. We had eight parents attend the course & two toddlers & a baby cared for during the session.

The parents learnt about how children learn and that we all learn at individual rates & in different ways. We discussed how children learn to talk & spoke about the important role parents play in their child's oral language development. We also talked about the link between speaking & listening & literacy development.

It was great to see the parents chatting over morning tea and we look forward to our next productive session.

**Invitation to the Somerton Biggest Morning Tea**

[](http://www.google.com.au/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=biggest+morning+tea&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&docid=X-HYFvr6RLc4uM&tbnid=sA2wvo6ThrIJkM:&ved=0CAUQjRw&url=http://salvos.org.au/eastlakes/events/2013/05/08/biggest-morning-tea/&ei=mIdxU6G4JMjVkgXqy4GgBw&bvm=bv.66330100,d.dGI&psig=AFQjCNGjm7WWQe-lKgR7YqOKmd6rfKcXng&ust=1400035577246144)You, your family & friends are invited to the Biggest Morning Tea @ Somerton Hall on Thursday 22nd May 2014 from 9am. The continuous morning tea will cost $5. There will be a trading table (cakes, plants, books,etc), raffle & lucky door prizes. Come along, bring a friend & enjoy a chat & cuppa with friends & help fight to beat cancer!

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**Class Movie**

C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\7IQ0L01R\MC900339832[1].wmfOur school is participating in the making of a Class Movie. This movie will be developed to showcase some of the wonderful things we are doing here at Somerton PS. Permission to film and publish the short movie is being sent home today. Please complete the permission note and return to school ASAP as we need to get our filming underway.

**Too Sick for School?**As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.  
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

**Find it by typing this link into your web browser** [**www.bit.ly/1hytn2E**](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

**Does speaking another language at home confuse children?**Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion & even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books & spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read & write in English when they get to school.

**More information is at www.**[**bit.ly/1m0agnk**](http://bit.ly/1m0agnk)

C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\7IQ0L01R\MC900332680[1].wmf**Mental Maths Strategies**  
We teach children a range of different strategies to add & subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them.

**School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here:** [**www.bit.ly/JkiUsY**](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

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**Issue 3, 2014** orders & payment must be returned to school by **Friday 23rd May 2014** in an envelope with your child’s name clearly marked on it.