***Mrs Bishop’s Message***

**Project Playground**

Our latest addition to Project Playground is our newly painted handball courts & our new outdoor tic-tac-toe game. The dirt car pit complete with plastic tunnels is still very popular. Our gardens are also starting to get a makeover. Keep a look out for some upcoming photos. Many thanks to Terry, staff & to our students for the great work they are doing.

**Learning in Action TAFE course (Literacy &Numeracy)**

Today two of our fantastic parents received their certificate after completing the course with Karen George. Congratulations to Sonja Hook & Jodie Markwick. Both of these mums have not only completed the course with Karen George, but have spent many hours volunteering in our classroom, working with our students in literacy & numeracy. The presentation was at Attunga Public School today with our Director Ruythe Dufty presenting the certificates.

Here are some photos of Jodie & Sonja receiving their certificates:



**Book Week**

We will be celebrating Book Week on Wednesday 20th August. We will be having a Book Parade where we are encouraging our students to come dressed in an outfit with the theme of COWS & Dairy Products. Some easy suggestions are a cow onesie suit, a slice of cheese, a bottle or carton of milk, a milkshake or even a milkmaid or a milkman. Our parade will start at 2:45pm & will be followed by an afternoon tea. All are welcome to attend.



**Father’s Day Stall**

If you haven’t already done so, please send in your notes & money **ASAP**. Our Father’s Day Stall will now be held on **Friday 5th September** in time for Father’s Day.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

**SRC Pie Drive**

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MC900305671[1]**Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp**

Only two weeks until the students leave for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Please finalise payments & return all notes by next Friday 22nd August.

**Tamworth Community of Schools Education Week Awards**

Here are a couple of photos of Pam & Owen with their awards from last week.



Mrs Pam Cupples received the Outstanding Contribution to the school by a staff member for her “*Many years of commitment and dedication to the Somerton Public School community*.” Mr Owen Rogerson received the award for Outstanding Contribution to a school by a member of the school community for “*Outstanding support to the Somerton Public School communit*y”

**School Photos**

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MC900440424[1]Book Club went home last week.

**Issue 5, 2014** orders & payment must be returned to school by **Friday 22nd August 2014** in an envelope with your child’s name clearly marked on it.

**P&C News**

*Next P&C meeting:*

***Thursday, August 28th at 3:15pm***

*The Somerton PS P&C Association has a long and proud history of supporting the students of our local community. This support has come in various forms, but most recently mostly through it's financial support for activities such as Swim School and uniforms.*

*Unfortunately we are at a crisis point with the P&C. With reduced numbers, at recent meetings we have not had sufficient numbers for a quorum. Please make it a priority to attend this meeting to allow us, as a school community, to discuss and make decisions as to how we can best function as a P&C to continue the tradition of support and fundraising for our students.*

**Good for Kids** good for life

**Healthy Drinks**

Did you know that a 250ml glass of apple juice or cola contains not one but 6 teaspoons of sugar?

Water has no added flavours, colours, sugar or energy so it’s the best way for kids to quench their thirst.

Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks may also prevent dental problems, while the fluoride found in tap water can help strengthen teeth and bones.

Tips to help children drink more water:

* Offer water when children are thirsty
* Have a jug of water on the table at mealtimes
* Keep water in the fridge so it’s cold
* Freeze half a water bottle the night before and fill the remainder with cold water before packing the lunchbox
* Send a water bottle to school for Crunch&Sip®

Milk is also a nutritious drink that children should consume, as it’s important for strong bones and teeth.

**Reference:**

Adapted from Healthy Kids: “Choose water as a drink” fact sheet accessed from [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)



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**Student Enrolments for 2015**

We are looking at our enrolments for 2015. If your child will not be returning in 2015 (except for our Year 6 students) please let the school know. Is your child getting ready for Kindy in 2015?If your child will be enrolling in Kindy next year, we would love to know. Please come in to pick up your enrolment forms & Kindy packs. Alternatively you can phone us & we will happily post one out to you.

If you are looking for some information about starting Kindy, have a look at the following link on the **SchoolAtoZ** website:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

You will find checklists, video links, printable books, help sheets and tips.

**Father’s Day Stall – Friday 5th September**

Our SRC recently met & decided they would like to run a Father’s Day Stall. In order for us to decide how many gifts to buy, could you please indicate on the Father’s Day Stall form below how many gifts you would like your child to buy (you might like for them to buy for their grandfather or pop). Each gift will cost $6.00

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**Father’s Day Stall 2014**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of gifts to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Flu season is here!**

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people.  Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

* Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
* Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
* Wash hands often with soap & water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
* Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/default.aspx).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**TERM 3 DATES**

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| **July** 14  SDD | **15**  CWA luncheon – student presentation | **16** | **17**  No Playgroup | **18** |
| **21** | **22**  Last session for Parent Literacy & Numeracy Course | **23** | **24**  Playgroup  AASC-Cancelled | **25** |
| **28** | **29** | **30** | **31**  Playgroup  P&C - 4pm AASC-Tennis | **August 1**  Jeans 4 Genes Day  Education Week Open Day 11:30 – 1:00pm  Tree Day |
| **4**  Bective Athletics Carnival | **5** | **6** | **7**  Playgroup  **Pie Drive Orders Due**  AASC | **8** |
| **11** | **12**  Presentation for Parent Literacy & Numeracy Course | **13**  2:45pm - Book Week Parade & A/noon Tea | **14**  AASC | **15** |
| **18**  **Your Pie Drive Orders Delivered- Pickup up from school** | **19** | **20** | **21**  Playgroup  AASC | **22**  Years 3 & 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp final payment & notes due  Book Club orders due |
| **25** | **26** | **27**  9:30am:School Photos (note change of date) | **28**  Playgroup  AASC | **29** |
| **Sept** **1**  Years 3 & 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp | **2**  Years 3 & 4 Great Aussie  Bush Camp | **3**  Years 3 & 4 Great Aussie  Bush Camp | **4**  Playgroup  AASC | **5**  Father’s Day Stall |
| **8** | **9** | **10** | **11**  Playgroup | **12** |
| **15** | **16** | **17** | **18**  Playgroup | **19**  Last day of Term 3 |