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C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\L1YE8W11\MC900442024[1].wmfWelcome back to school everyone! The children and staff have returned from their summer holiday refreshed and ready to begin another busy, productive year. We welcome Miss Katie Brechin to our staff who will be mainly working with the K-2 children in literacy and numeracy. We also welcome our new enrolments, Lacey Malone who is in Year 1, Maddisen Stevenson and Lilli Trees who are both starting Kindergarten. Sadly we said farewell to our Year 6 students, Andrew Harrison & Hayley Colley, who have gone to high school in Tamworth. We trust they are settling in well and are making lots of new friends.

C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\HEEYRBPG\MC900290673[1].wmfThank you parents – the children look fantastic in their school uniforms and they are all well equipped with their hats, drink bottles and school equipment. We are having a change of routine with sport. At this stage we have not had confirmation from the After School Sports activities whether they are coming to our school this term. As a result we have changed our sports day to Friday and Miss Brechin will be taking the sports program. Children are now required to wear their **sports uniform on Friday.**

*Please remember, the door is always open at Somerton Public School if you have any concerns or questions about your child or any other issue. You will always be welcomed!*

**Literacy & Numeracy @ Somerton PS**

Hi Everyone…

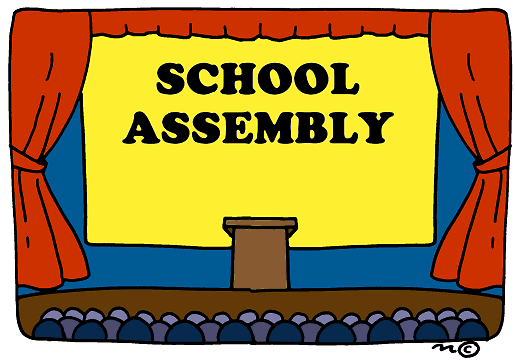
This year I will be continuing in the role of Instructional Leader for Somerton PS & Attunga PS. I will be working at Somerton PS on Wednesday & Thursdays. My role is to support the teaching of Literacy & Numeracy in the K-2 room. Each week I will be putting some tips on helping your child with Literacy & Numeracy in the newsletter. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions about ways you can help your child.

**Mrs Bishop's Literacy Lines….**

Here's the first of my weekly tips of ways you can help your child with Literacy.

How can you help your child with reading? Here are some tips... Read a recipe & make something yummy together. Read the road signs as you drive together. Read bedtime stories with your child. Play a board game. Visit your local library. Read to your little ones during bath time. Try reading using funny voices & invented sound effects. Listen to your child talk about the story and the pictures.

**Mrs Bishop**

**Weekly Assembly**

We are also introducing a short weekly assembly every Thursday afternoon at **3:00pm** in the library, ***beginning Week 3***. This will be a special time for the children where they will be recognised for their work effort, be able to share their work and receive merit awards. ***Parents are welcomed to attend.***

**Small Schools Swimming Carnival**

C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\V951K81K\MC900230911[1].wmfThe Small Schools Swimming Carnival is being held on Wednesday **11th February @ Werris Creek Pool**. More information will be given next week outlining times, costs, transport and children involvement.

**Important School Notes**

You will find attached a 3 way permission note and an update information note attached to the newsletter. Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible so that records can be updated with the relevant information. All excursions will require a separate permission note which must be completed and returned to the school before the due date. If the note is not returned, the child is unable to attend the event.

**Parent/Staff**



Our Parent / Staff Meet & Greet evening is in Week 4 on Thursday, 19th February beginning at 7pm. This will be a very informal evening of chatting to the staff and sharing a cuppa and nibblies. We would love to see all the parents attend as we would like your input into your involvement in activities and events being held at the school to benefit your children and promote the school within the community. As well we will explain learning programs that your children are involved in, and we can answer your questions.

**Reminder of Daily Timetable**

We will be keeping the same timetable as this term.

**School commences** at 9:00am

**Recess** 11:00 – 11:45am

**Lunch** 1:15 – 2:00pm

**School finishes** at 3:15pm

If parents require uniforms, please come to the front office to purchase any items.

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**School Dates for 2015**

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| **T** **erm 1** | **Tuesday 27th Jan – Thursday 2nd April** |
| **Term 2** | **Tuesday 21st April – Friday 26th June** |
| **Term 3** | **Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September** |
| **Term 4** | **Tuesday 6th October – Friday 18th December** |

**School Hats**[](http://www.google.com.au/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=school+hats&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&docid=j9ncYlPMJTskTM&tbnid=tDWIodVx7j8G2M:&ved=0CAUQjRw&url=http://www.ebay.com.au/bhp/school-hat&ei=QEXwUqufGsWrkgWX-oH4DA&bvm=bv.60444564,d.dGI&psig=AFQjCNH3371ID2b3QD_Hparjl_SuvZwrbg&ust=1391564377384099)

School hats are required

***every day****.*

Many thanks to the students & parents who make sure that they have, & are wearing, their blue school hats.

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| **26 January**  Australia Day | **27**  Staff Development Day | **28**  **Start of School Term for All Students**  Welcome Back ☺ | **29** | **30** |
| **2 February** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** |
| **9** | **10** | **11**  Small Schools Swimming Carnival  (Werris Creek Pool) | **12**  3pm Assembly | **13** |
| **16** | **17** | **18** | **19**  3pm Assembly  7pm  Meet & Greet Parent Evening | **20** |
| **23** | **24** | **25** | **26**  3pm Assembly | **27** |
| **2 March** | **3** | **4** | **5**  3pm Assembly  7:30pm  P&C Meeting | **6** |
| **9** | **10** | **11** | **12**  3pm Assembly | **13** |
| **16** | **17** | **18** | **19**  3pm Assembly | **20** |
| **23** | **24** | **25** | **26**  3pm Assembly | **27** |
| **30** | **31** | **1 April** | **2**  3pm Assembly | **3**  Public Holiday  Good Friday  **Start School Holidays** |

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