

Newsletter

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Term 4 – Week 3

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Mr Reid's Message

Our visits last week to Attunga Public School and Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School were the highlight of our Food & Fibre Week. The students experienced feeding calves, collecting eggs and propagating seedlings at Farrer MAHS as well as learning all about the cotton and wheat industry from presenters from the Narrabri Research Centre. Although many of the students are familiar with farm life, it was a valuable activity in terms of visiting two very different schools, as well as being able to discuss and learn about two important industries within our region from the experts! We hope to organise an excursion later in the year with Attunga PS to visit the Research Centre at Narrabri and the Cotton Gin @ Carroll.

Here are a few pics of our excursions:



Why not visit our Website:

<http://www.somerton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>



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Thank You

A very big thank you goes to Angela Holden who helped transport students to Farrer MAHS, and also Marcel Grant who transported students to Attunga PS. As our numbers are expanding @ Somerton Public School we will be relying more on parent help to transport our students to activities, so if you are willing to help out please let Ms Fritze know and we can add you to our list.



Thank You!

Personal Development for Stage 3

Last Wednesday, the Community Nurse for Women's Health, Ms Jenny Bath, visited our school to speak to our senior students in Years 5 and 6 about their changing bodies and puberty. It was a relaxed and open presentation where the students watched a DVD and then Ms Bath discussed the topics with the students and answered their questions.



Next P&C Meeting



The next P&C meeting will be held on **Thursday 5th November (Week 5)**, starting at 6.30pm. All Welcome ☺

'Get-To-Know-You' Afternoon Tea

Mrs Jodie Markwick (our Community Liaison Officer) has been very busy contacting families to encourage them to attend our **'get-to-know-you' afternoon tea** being held tomorrow, Wednesday 21st October @ 2:30pm in the library. Mums & Dads are welcomed to attend with their little children. It will be a relaxed time of chat between the adults and play for the children. We hope to see everyone come as we would like to get to know you and your family a little better. A point of discussion will be the possibility of organising a playgroup as there are many 'little ones' in the community who would benefit from the interaction of other children. Playgroup is also a great introduction to preschool and school. It would also be a lovely 'have-a-chat' and cuppa time for the mums.



Bush Kids First Aide



Also tomorrow, Wednesday 21st October @ 9.30am the students are being visited by a group of medical students from Sydney who will be talking about **'Bush Kids First Aide'**. This is as invaluable as the students will learn what to do in an emergency at home, on a farm and in the bush. The presentation will cover everything from snake bite to cuts and burns.

Focus Week: Playing Fairly

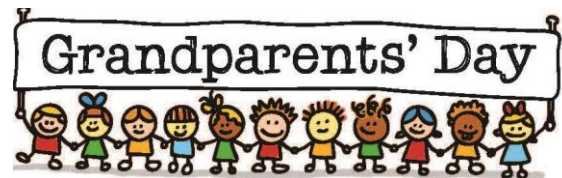


As with all aspects of life, manners are the key! Playing with friends can be fun as long as everyone involved remembers their manners – this involves being considerate, being kind and sharing,

being pleased for them if they are successful in a game, and remembering it is only a game – it doesn't matter if you win or lose! All of these aspects combine to a fun and enjoyable time because you are playing fairly!

Grandparents Week!

Next week (Week 4) is **Grandparents Week!** We are having an open afternoon next Monday 26th October, commencing at 2:00pm where the grandparents (and parents) are invited into the classroom to share some learning activities with their grandchildren. At 2:30pm we will be having our school assembly where special work is shared, awards are presented and special visitors are acknowledged. At the conclusion of our assembly the students and staff will share an afternoon tea with their visitors. The students may then go home with their families as it will be home time. If the students do not have a grandparent close by to attend the afternoon activities, they may like to invite a special elderly friend or relative, or invite their parents.



Dance & Games with Attunga PS

Also on Friday 30th October in Week 4 (next week) we have invited the staff and students from Attunga PS to visit for a fun day of dance and games and a barbecue lunch. The students from both schools have been practising their dances, including modern, bush dances and old time styles and are looking forward to having fun with their friends from Attunga. If parents would like to join us you are more than welcome.



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a White Merit Award @ Assembly this week:

Benny Markwick, Charlotte Heywood, Nicholas Hook, Annie Hook, Brendan Colley & Tiara Markwick



Terrific Award:

Our four new students have settled in very well to our school so they all achieved the Terrific Award!: Wade Holden, Macey Holden, Ella Severin & Naomi Evans.



READ-A-THON:



Just a reminder that the Read-a-Thon begins next Monday 26th October (Week 4) and will continue until Friday, 6th November (Week 5). By this stage the families would have received the information and

sponsor cards in preparation to commence. The 30 minutes reading each day required to complete the Read-a-thon will be done at school so all students will be successful in completing the required amount of reading. It would be appreciated if the parents could encourage the students to obtain some sponsors and collect the money and send it to school before the final date of 6th November. We will then be able to send all details to the organisers and the students's prizes for participating will reach the students before the end of the year.

An online sponsor donation has been set up (see below). The students will be able to gain prizes for the amounts of money raised, so the incentive is there for the students to read and gather as many sponsors as possible.

Somerton Public School Read-A-Thon!!

Somerton Public School is now **ACTIVE** for online fundraising with **Everyday Hero!**

The school's now signed up for online fundraising; the easiest, safest & most effective way to help the school achieve our fundraising target... so make sure you jump on board! You can start fundraising today!

To sign up, go to:

www.readathon.com.au click on 'Students & Parents' and follow the prompts.

For more information go to:

www.schoolfundraising.com.au

Online fundraising should boost our funds raised by around 41%, which will help your child hit their fundraising goal... all while helping the school!

Staff Development Day

On Saturday, the staff of Somerton and Curlewis Public Schools met at Curlewis to have a joint Staff Development Day on TEN – a numeracy based method of teaching basic maths concepts. It was an interesting and very informative day and we now look forward to transferring what we have learnt into the classroom.

Netball Coaching

Last week students commenced Netball coaching. Students really enjoyed their time. Students are reminded to wear sports uniforms on Friday.



Bush Dance @ Manilla



Looking for some good clean fun for the whole family? At 6pm on Saturday evening 24th October the Manilla Anglican Church are hosting a Bush Dance in their hall in Hill St, Manilla. The dances will be called so you don't have to know anything

about dancing to have some fun. Members of the Armidale-based bush band 'Paterson's Curse' will provide the music with some local reinforcements.

Entry is free and includes a sausage sizzle – it should be a great night of fun for all ages!

Enquiries to the Fisher family on 6785 1112.

(NB: Students must be accompanied by an adult)



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Book Club has gone home with your eldest child. **Issue 7, 2015** orders & payment must be returned to school by **Friday 30th October 2015** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.



Kindergarten

Enrolments are now being taken for students who are starting Kindergarten in 2016. An orientation program will be conducted this term, where the students will come to school and be involved in activities to help them become familiar with our school and teachers in preparation for the commencement of their first year of school at Somerton Public School. Please contact the school for an information pack.



Remember Sun Safety



TERM 4 2015 DATES:

3	19 3pm Assembly	20	21 9:30am: Bush Kids First Aide 2:30pm: 'Get to Know You' A/noon Tea	Music Library	23 10am-Netball Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
4	26 Read-a-Thon 2pm: Grandparents Afternoon 2:30pm Assembly	27 Read-a-Thon	28 Read-a-Thon	29 Read-a-Thon Music Library	30 Read-a-Thon 10am-Netball Attunga PS Visit Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
5	2 November Read-a-Thon 3pm Assembly	3 Read-a-Thon	4 Read-a-Thon	5 Read-a-Thon 9:30-11:30am: Kinder Orientation Music Library	6 Read-a-Thon 10:30am-CAPERS Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
6	9 3pm Assembly	10	11	12 9:30-11:30am: Kinder Orientation Music Library	13 10am-Netball Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
7	16 3pm Assembly	17	18	19 Music Library	20 10am-Netball Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
8	23 3pm Assembly	24	25	26 Library	27 10am-Netball Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
9	30 3pm Assembly	1 December	2	3 Library	4 Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
10	7 3pm Assembly	8	9	10 6pm: Annual Presentation Night	11 Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
11	14	15 6pm: Year 6 Farewell	16 Students last day for 2015 Happy Holidays ☺	17 Staff Development Day	18 Staff Development Day NOTE: No staff will be present @ school today