

Newsletter

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Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 4 – Week 8

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Mr Reid's Message

We are gradually nearing the end of the school year and the students and staff are like busy bees preparing for the end of year activities. All assessments are being finalised this week and Miss Brechin and I are looking forward to catching up with parents in week 10 to discuss the students's reports.

Mrs Hook, Mrs Stoker and I have been busy sewing the girls' skirts for our presentation night performance. The boys shorts have been purchased as have the T-shirts for all students. A note for payment to cover the costs of the clothes and fabric needed will go home Thursday.

The students are busy making Christmas decorations to decorate the hall for Presentation night and our Year 6 farewell the following day. Thank you to Sonja and Peter Hook for donating a Christmas tree for the events.



Presentation Night 2015

Thursday 10th December 2015 @ 6pm
in **Somerton Community Hall**. Our students will be performing a special item for the night under the guidance of our dance and movement teacher Mr Brown.



Playgroup

Held every Wednesday from 9:30-11:00am. All children & parents are welcomed to attend.



Operation Art

In Term 2, two artworks were selected for the Operation Art Exhibition in Sydney. Operation Art is an initiative from The Children's Hospital Westmead. Artworks are submitted from all over NSW and displayed in the Sydney Exhibition Centre. Some artworks are selected to go to the hospitals. Tiarna Harrison & Nika Hook were fortunate enough to have their artworks displayed in the exhibition. Their artworks have been returned, framed and are now on display in the classroom.



Year 6 Farewell

This year we are having a change of tradition and we will be holding a combined Year 6 Farewell with Attunga PS in the Somerton Hall. It will be held the day after our school presentation, Friday 11th December. It will be a luncheon and dance for all students from both schools, K-6, and the parents of the Year 6 group. We are negotiating the cost of food and a farewell cake. Westside Petroleum Somerton Roadhouse has kindly sponsored the event by providing drinks and ice blocks. More information will be available when final arrangements are made.



P&C Christmas Raffle

All donations are still being gratefully accepted for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Presentation night.



READ-A-THON:



There was great excitement at school yesterday as the student prizes for those who obtained sponsorship for the Read-a-thon arrived at school. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the students for this worthwhile event. Collectively, the students raised \$140.

Netball

There have been a few changes to Netball. We will be having Netball next Tuesday morning. Students will need to come in their sports uniform that day.



End-of-Year Movie Day

Our end of year fun event for the students is on Monday 7th December, Week 10. We will be viewing a movie at the Tamworth Forum 6 Cinema. If the weather is pleasant we will also have lunch and a play in the park. Thank you Westside Petroleum Somerton Roadhouse for sponsoring the transport for the day. Because of their generosity we are able to hire a bus for the day to take us to and from Tamworth, which markedly reduces the cost for the parents for the day out. Please see accompanying permission note for details.



Book Club has gone home.

All orders & payment must be returned to school by this **Friday 4th December 2015** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it. Thank you ☺



P&C Fundraiser - Festive Tea Towels

Thank you to those that ordered festive tea towels. Orders will be delivered on 12th December.

School Swimming & Water Safety Program 2015

Swim school begins next week. Students are to bring their swimmers and towels to school and they will change at school before we leave. A plastic bag to hold wet swimmers will also be needed. Could all payments be finalised by this Friday at the latest. If there are any concerns please contact me at school. The cost of \$50 covers bus travel every day, swimming instructor fees and entry into the pool. This is a necessary activity for all students and is provided at a very reasonable price.

This is a very busy and fun time of the year for the students, but it is also a very expensive time for the parents due to the amount of activities that involve a cost. The school tries to subsidise the students where possible to ease the burden on families. I appreciate your efforts in providing for your students financially so that they can be a part of and enjoy the activities provided.



School Reports

The assessment and reporting procedures are well under way and Miss Brechin and I are looking forward to chatting with the parents and students on our 3 way interview day on Wednesday 9th December.

After much deliberation with the staff I have decided to send the reports home the day before the interview rather than give them to the parents on the day of the interview. This will give the parent's time to examine and discuss the report with their child. Then on the following day, the report can be discussed in regards to your child's progress and future directions, and also discuss any concerns or comments the parents may have. *Please complete the interview time request sheet and return it to school at your earliest convenience and I will endeavour to accommodate your requested time for interview.*



Assembly Awards

SILVER AWARD: Congratulations to Shannon Colley for receiving his first Silver Award for achieving 25 blue awards. A great effort!



White Merit Awards:

Annie Hook, Shannon Colley, Macey Holden

Terrific Award:

Jye Booby-Woodward - for his fantastic effort in reading.

Superstar Award:

Koby Heywood - for his effort in spelling.

Due to swim school next week, there will be no weekly school assembly on Monday afternoon.



Good for Kids good for life

Staying Active in the Heat

When it's hot outside it can be tempting to become a couch potato in order to stay cool.

Here are some tips for staying active when the weather warms up:

- 🍏 Plan outdoor activities in the cooler parts of the day such as early morning or late afternoon
- 🍏 Wear light-weight clothing in light colours
- 🍏 Have water available at all times
- 🍏 Play in the shady areas out of direct sunlight
- 🍏 Include indoor activities such as twister or dancing to music.



Concept of the Week – Be Organised & Prepared:



During swimming week we will need to be very organised. Be sure to have your swimmers, towel, rashi and plastic bag packed every day with your lunch box, water bottle and hat. When you get home every day, peg your wet gear on the clothes line so that they are dry and ready to pack for the next day. You will need a sun rashi or t-shirt to wear in the water as we will be swimming for a couple of hours in the hottest part of the day if we swim in the outdoor pool. Be responsible, be prepared and organised – don't leave it up to mum and dad ☺






Organising is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up.

JUMP UP TRAMPOLINE ZONE

Jump Up Trampoline Zone is an exciting new sport, recreational and leisure activity for your schools to enjoy. Jump Up is Tamworth's first indoor trampoline park where loads of jumping and fun is had, playing dodge ball, basketball, foam pit and jumping around in the free jumping area. It is loads of fun for all. the website if any additional information is required: <http://www.jumpup.com.au/> Or you are able to contact us on 6762 2955

TERM 4 2015 DATES:

8	23 3pm Assembly	24 10am-Netball	25 9:30-11:00am: Playgroup	26 Library	27 10am-Netball Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
	30 Swim School NO Assembly	1 December 10am-Netball Swim School	2 Swim School 9:30-11:00am: Playgroup	3 Swim School Library	4 Swim School Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
10	7 3pm Assembly	8	9 Parent/Teacher Interviews	10 6pm: Annual Presentation Night & Community Christmas Tree 	11 Year 6 Farewell (with Attunga PS) Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
	14	15 2pm: Christmas Scripture Service 	16 Students last day for 2015 Happy Holidays ☺ 	17 Staff Development Day	18 Staff Development Day NOTE: No staff will be present @ school today
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