

# Newsletter

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Term 4 – Week 10

Tuesday 8 December 2015

## Mr Reid's Message

Thank you to the P&C who have kindly offered to pay for the students for their Movie Day, Year 6 Farewell and their outfit for the Presentation performance. This generous gesture has been gratefully received by the parents and staff as this busy and expensive time of year can put a strain on families. The staff and I would like the parents to consider being a part of this valuable group in 2016. We meet once a term to discuss and organise fund raising events for the school. It is a lovely couple of hours of discussion, chat and a cuppa. The money raised goes directly to the students to assist in either resources for their learning or to help with the cost of school activities. The more people involved, the more ideas and hands to help, the greater benefit to the students. Ideally we would like to subsidise swimming school, excursions and school camps which can be very costly, especially if there is more than one child in the family. We are planning a welcome barbecue for parents and friends early in Term 1 with a brief meeting to follow to explain the workings and purpose of the P&C. We would love to see everyone there.



## Reports

Miss Brechin & Ms Reid are looking forward to chatting to the parents and students tomorrow at Parent / Teacher / Student interviews. Reports were sent home today for parents to read and discuss with their students, and any concerns and ideas can be discussed tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you!



## Presentation Night 2015 & Community Christmas Tree

Presentation, Carol singing and Christmas Tree night is quickly drawing closer, this Thursday! There is great excitement amongst the students and staff and preparations and rehearsals are in full swing!



Students are to wear full school uniform with black shoes. The staff will have their Presentation outfit at the hall ready for them on the night to change into after the formal part of the evening has concluded. The students are able to keep their outfit and they can wear it home on the night. They will need a bag to put their uniform into when they get changed and can all clothing please be labelled in case of loss or leaving behind.

The evening begins promptly at 6:00pm with the presentation of awards, the students will then perform their item, carols will then commence followed by a visit from Santa and the Christmas Tree. Finally, everyone is then invited to share supper. I would like the students at the hall at no later than 5:45pm. The evening concludes at 8:00pm. There will be a box at the door for Santa gifts to be placed in. This is not only for the students, but all siblings as well as all other little visitors. Parents if you know of anyone with children who will be attending could you please mention that Santa will be visiting and they are welcomed to bring a gift, wrapped and labelled, and place it into the box. Also parents, a sharing plate would be gratefully appreciated for supper.



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 @ 6pm in Somerton Community Hall.**

## Playgroup

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



## School Swimming & Water Safety Program 2015

Swim school concluded on Friday. It was a tiring week but fun! The students skills have markedly improved and we are all looking forward to the swimming carnival next February where they can show off their swimming expertise.



## P&C Christmas Raffle



Thank you to everyone who has donated to the P&C raffle and for selling and buying tickets. We have been able to organise 5 prizes at this stage with

the possibility of more. At this stage we have a food hamper, 2 hampers with a variety of goodies, a garden setting of table and 2 chairs and a gift voucher. The winners can choose the prize of their choice. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the night.



## Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held with Attunga Public School this year on December 11th December at Somerton Hall. We are eagerly looking forward to the event and are preparing for the big day. Students are able to wear party clothes and sensible shoes for dancing.

Due to the anticipated hot weather on Friday we will commence the dance in the morning @ 10am, share lunch @ 11:30am and conclude by 12:30pm.



Tiara had her final high school orientation day last Thursday. She made some new friends as the students were introduced to their high school buddies for 2016 and were given a tour of the school and their classrooms. Although Tiara said she will miss her friends at Somerton PS, she is very excited about starting the next step in her school life! We wish her all the best!



## End-of-Year Movie Day

Yesterday the students visited the Forum Cinema Centre to watch Hotel Transylvania 2. It was a fun movie with lots of laughs and the students and teachers enjoyed the morning. Afterwards we visited the Marsupial Park for lunch and a play. The park is a great place for families with lots of interesting and fun things to do. This could be a great place for everyone to visit in the holidays if families were looking for somewhere to visit where there is something for everyone, young and old!



## Assembly Awards

Our last School Assembly will be in week 11, Monday 14th December at 3:00pm in the classroom. It is not a special assembly, just our normal weekly assembly, but due to swim school and movie day we have not been able to have Assemblies the last couple of weeks and we have many white merit awards and a silver award to present. All parents and friends are welcomed as always.



***We do not have any awards this week as we did not have assembly due to Movie Day.***

## Concept of the Week – The Christmas Season...Enjoy & have Fun!

This is a special time of year that everyone looks forward to – families, food, gifts, decorations, special activities at school. Remember to appreciate all that is happening and those involved and remember to say thank you!



## Christmas Scripture Service



Our annual Christmas Service is being held on Tuesday 15th December commencing @ 2pm at the Somerton Church. Reverend David Fisher will be conducting the service and all parents and friends are welcomed.



## School Dates for 2016

Term 1	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan (SDD) – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter - 25 March-28 <sup>th</sup> March)
Term 2	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April (SDD) – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July (SDD) – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Term 4	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (SDD)

## TERM 4 2015 DATES:

10	7 3pm Assembly	8	9 Parent/Teacher Interviews	10 6pm: Annual Presentation Night & Community Christmas Tree (with Caroling) All Welcome 😊	11 Year 6 Farewell- (with Attunga PS)  Home Readers Numeracy @ Home
11	14	15 2pm: Christmas Scripture Service 	16 Students last day for 2015 Happy Holidays 😊 	17 Staff Development Day	18 Staff Development Day <b>NOTE: No staff will be present @ school today</b>

## TERM 1 2016 DATES:

1	25 January School Holidays	26 Public Holiday - Australia Day	27 Staff Development Day	28 First Day for students to return to school 2016	29
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