

# Newsletter

## Somerton Public School

*Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness*

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Term 4 – Week 9

Tuesday 1 December 2015

## Mr Reid's Message

Swim school is off to a flying start this week! By the end of the week, we will all be very tired but more confident swimmers.



## Presentation Night 2015

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Community Christmas Tree

Also, on Presentation Night we will be concluding the evening with a Community Christmas Tree, visit from Santa & Carolling.

All parents & community members who have children attending are asked to bring to the Somerton Hall (on Presentation Night), a wrapped present for their children to be put under the Christmas Tree & then to be handed out that night. Please label your gifts with the appropriated child's name. [It is recommended to limit the value of the gift to be between \$10-\$20]



## Playgroup

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



## P&C Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas raffle is getting bigger and better by the day – thank you for the generous donations. However we still need more to make it a SUPER CHRISTMAS HAMPER! Please feel free to drop your donations to the school at any time.



## Art in a Suitcase

On Thursday afternoon, Kate Armstrong from the Tamworth Art Gallery visited our school to present 'Art in a Suitcase' to the students. She brought five artworks from the gallery so the students had the opportunity to view and appreciate original artwork. She explained the history of Tamworth's Art Gallery and discussed features of the artworks such as colour, shapes and themes and helped the students make connections to their own personal experiences. The students enjoyed the experience and came away with a better understanding and appreciation of art.



## Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held with Attunga Public School this year on Friday 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.



## End-of-Year Movie Day

Our end of year fun event for the students is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Reports

Interview appointment notes have been sent home last week for report discussions with the teachers. Please return them with your preferred time so that I can confirm a time and we can meet to discuss your child's progress and future directions in their learning. Reports will be sent home next Tuesday 8th December, with Parent/Teacher/Student interviews conducted on the following day, Wednesday 12th December.



## Whooping Cough

We have had a case of whooping cough confirmed at the school. Thank you parents for being vigilant in observing your children for signs and symptoms. Treatment is a 5 day course of antibiotics and then the child is able to return to school.



## Assembly Awards

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



Book

## Club has gone home.

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



## Condolences for Judith Doyle

Somerton Public School would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Doyle family with the passing of Judith. Judith was a great support to the school and enjoyed receiving our weekly Newsletter. She will be missed.



## Concept of the Week – Take Care in the Sun

Remember sun screen, shirts, and hats for sun protection and drink plenty of water to keep hydrated and healthy.



## Christmas Scripture Service

Our annual Christmas Service is being held on Tuesday 15th December commencing @ 2pm at the Somerton Church. Rev 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)

## Good for Kids good for life

### Tips to Encourage Drinking Water




We all know that water is the best drink for children however sometimes it can be difficult to persuade them to choose water over sugary drinks.

Here are some tips to help encourage water intake:

- Always have water available and accessible e.g. have a jug of water in the fridge or provide bottles of water for outdoor play
- Remove temptation by not storing sugary drinks such as soft drink in the house
- Keeping water cool or using a water filter may better suit your child's taste
- Try flavouring the water with lemon or lime slices. You can even add herbs such as mint
- Explain to your child why it is important to stay hydrated and why water is the best choice



**TERM 4 2015 DATES:**

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

**TERM 1 2016 DATES:**

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