

Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 3

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Ms Reid's Message

Our school year has started off very well – lots of busy things happening in the senior & junior classrooms. We have had 1 new enrolment in kinder & year 1 at the beginning of the school year & 5 new enrolments starting this week which has boosted our numbers considerably. This has meant that Miss Brechin is now teaching Kindergarten & Year 1 children (8) in the junior room & I will be teaching the Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 children(8) in the senior room. Due to the increased numbers in the junior room, Miss Brechin is moving her class to the library building where there is more room for the children & their activities. The library will still be located in that room.

A friendly reminder for parents concerning drop off & pick up times. Children are able to be dropped off to school after 8.30am, & classes commence at 9:00am. Children are to be collected at 3:15pm at the end of lessons. The only children who are able to remain at school after 3:15pm are the bus children who are walked to the bus stop at 3:45pm by the bus duty teacher. If a parent is unable to be at school by 3:15pm to collect their child due to unforeseen circumstances, a phone call to the school notifying us would be appreciated.



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

Weekly Assembly

The school awards assembly which we were planning on having every Thursday has had to be rescheduled in our timetable due to professional learning activities teachers will be attending at various times through the weeks. We have now decided on Mondays as being the best day for our assembly to take place. We will start these assemblies on Monday, 23rd February, Week 5. More details will be in next week's newsletter.



Parents are welcomed to attend.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools swimming carnival is being held tomorrow. It will be a great day full of fun and activity. Please refer to your information note which was sent home last Thursday for details. The staff look forward to seeing all children & families @ the **Werris Creek pool at 9:00am** for the start of events.



Weekly Focus Concept

Every week we are now having a focus concept that we will be discussing with the children. This week we are talking about **'DIVERSITY – welcome to our school'**. We are all different & yet we are all friends & classmates within our school. We would appreciate it if parents can discuss these ideas with your children to reinforce the positive nature of our focus concepts.



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 & sharing a cuppa and nibbles. We would love to see all the parents attend as we would like your input into your involvement in activities & 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.

"I want to be Day 2015"

On Friday 27th February we are holding an out-of-uniform day to help raise money for 'help find a cure for kids' cancer'. For a gold coin donation the children can come to school dressed up in what they want to be when they grow up. This will allow the children to have a fun day dressed up as well as making them aware of the need to help other children who may not be as healthy as they are.



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.



P&C News

The first P&C Meeting for 2015 is being held on **Thursday 5th March @ 7.30pm** in the staff room @ school. All new & 'old' members are welcome to attend. The P&C are a wonderful support to the staff and students. It is an evening of sharing and discussing and planning school activities, as well as getting to know other parents and community members over a cuppa and snack.

All Welcome.

School Dates for 2015

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

School Hats

School hats are required **every day**.

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



TERM 1 2015 DATES:

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 9am-Small Schools Swimming Carnival (Werris Creek Pool)	12	13
16	17	18	19 7pm Meet & Greet Parent Evening	20
23 3pm Assembly	24	25	26	27 "I want to be Day" Fundraiser
2 March 3pm Assembly	3	4	5 7:30pm P&C Meeting	6
9 3pm Assembly	10	11	12	13
16 3pm Assembly	17	18	19	20
23 3pm Assembly	24	25	26	27
30 3pm Assembly	31 Outback Patrol Visit	1 April	2	3 Public Holiday Good Friday Start School Holidays