

Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 5

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Ms Reid's Message

Thank you to those parents who attended the Meet & Greet night last Thursday. We had a very successful evening of introducing the staff, catching up on the workings of the school for 2015, as well as a lovely social time chatting over a cuppa & a sweet. Some interesting points of discussion arose including:

- The addition of school shorts to the girls school uniform so that the girls had more freedom using the play equipment.
- The provision of booster seats by parents for their students travelling to events.
- Ideas on how to reintroduce the canteen for the students on at least one day a week.
- Parent helpers – Mums & Dads. It would be great if we could get some Dads or Pops to play games with the boys & girls eg soccer, touch football or even do some building activities. All parents are welcomed to drop in & help at any time.
- Having a farewell barbecue from the community for Owen & Ian to wish them all the best & to thank them for their wonderful contribution to the school in past years. The date discussed is the Friday 27th March at 5:00pm. More information will be available in the next couple of weeks.



Farewell to Owen & Ian

We wish Owen & Ian every happiness in their new beginning when they leave the Roadhouse. We are very sad to farewell them, however we hope they enjoy their well-deserved rest. We would like to thank them for their ongoing support to the school & the community during their time in Somerton. They will be truly missed.



Swimming on Fridays

The students are very excited to begin their swimming survival & safety skills lessons this Friday in Gunnedah. If notes have not been returned, please do so as soon as possible.

The one note will cover the whole terms swimming. The cost is \$2 per child & this can be paid to their classroom teacher before Friday. The students can come dressed in their swimmers, t-shirt & shorts & thongs. They must have a hat & swim shirt as well. We will leave school at 9:00am & return back to school by 11:00am, where the students can change into their "I want 2 be" clothes for the day. Although the students are having a dress up day they must still wear joggers or school shoes at school.



"I want 2 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 students can come to school dressed up in what they want to be when they grow up. This will allow the students to have a fun day dressed up as well as making them aware of the need to help other students who may not be as healthy as they are.

Although this is a swimming day, the students can bring their dress up clothes to school & get changed into them @ recess.



Voluntary School Contributions

Each family is asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the school budget. This payment is used to purchase additional classroom resources for students. The voluntary contribution is \$40.00 for the first child & then @20.00 per subsequent child.

Weekly Focus Concept

This week's focus concept is **DEMOCRACY** – as a part of this concept we are talking about **bullies**. In all schools this is a concept that is of high importance & is a focus every day of the year! At our school we are discussing what a bully is & the different types of bullying that can occur. We are also discussing the effects bullies have on others.



We are encouraging the children to talk to each other & the teachers openly about this concept. 😊

Multiplication times tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>



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 Hats

Just a reminder that the students need their hat every day as we have a **'no hat, no play' policy**.



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



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

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 NDL-Kindy & Year 6 Photos	25	26	27 Swimming “I want 2 be Day” Fundraiser
2 March 3pm Assembly	3	4	5 7:30pm P&C Meeting	6 Swimming
9 3pm Assembly	10	11	12	13 Swimming
16 3pm Assembly	17	18	19	20 Swimming
23 3pm Assembly	24	25	26	27 Swimming 5pm-Owen & Ian BBQ
30 3pm Assembly	31 Outback Patrol Visit	1 April	2	3 Public Holiday Good Friday Start School Holidays