

Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 6

Tuesday 3 March 2015

Mr Reid's Message

Thank you to all parents who supported their children in coming to school dressed in their 'I Want 2 Be' costumes last Friday and also for the gold coin donation which went to the Children's Cancer Foundation. We had future doctors, truck drivers, farmers, cowgirls and even fairies. The students were made aware of the plight of children who are suffering from cancer and we discussed how fortunate we are to be healthy.

Swimming on Fridays

Swimming last Friday was a great success. All children came back to school happy and a little weary! We swam, played and did survival skills and had lots of conversation driving to and from the pool. Thankyou to the staff who provided the transport for the children. This Friday we are leaving promptly at 9:00am so that we can start swimming at 9:30am and have a full 45minutes in the water. The children need 15minutes to dry and dress before our journey back to school at 10:30am. We left a little late from school last Friday and this cut our swimming time. Please ensure your child is at school no later than 8:50am next Friday as we will not be waiting for latecomers. Just a reminder that the pool entry money of \$2 is to be paid to teachers before Friday if possible.



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. Thanks you to those families who have made this contribution.



Cooking in Class

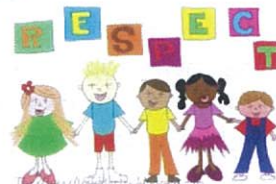
Cooking was not only fun last week but also very yummy! The Seniors cooked cheese and bacon bruschetta and the juniors made chocolate freckled apples! Thank you to those parents who paid the \$1 to help cover the food costs.



Weekly Focus Concept

RESPECT:

Concentrating on Manners. As a part of respect towards others, manners is a way of being considerate to others, a way of making friends and makes life pleasant for everyone.



Weekly Assembly

Our School Assemblies are being held every Monday at 3:00pm in the Senior classroom. It is a formal time of recognition of the students' achievements. All friends and family are welcomed to attend.



“I want 2 be Day 2015”

Thank you to students who donated gold coins to the Children's Cancer Foundation.



The BRAVE PROGRAM.

Need help managing stress or anxiety? If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to **BRAVE Self-Help** – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of *beyond blue*, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8-17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be assessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. **For information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au**

**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.

**P&C AGM**

The P&C AGM Meeting for 2015 is being held this **Thursday 5th March @ 7.30pm** in the staff room @ school. All new & 'old' members are welcome to attend. The P&C are a great 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.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home today. **Issue 2, 2015** orders & payment must be returned to school by **Friday 27th March 2015** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.

**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 AGM Meeting - ALL WELCOME	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



Trade &
Investment
Resources & Energy



2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015



2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM

<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

BASEBALL FOR ALL



Tamworth Baseball Inc (TBI) is working with our local baseball clubs to introduce kids to baseball. All level of players welcome.

It will run in Tamworth over 6 weeks on a Saturday morning from 8:45m at the Carter Street Baseball fields from the 2nd of may to the 13th of June 2015.

There will be 2 divisions:

Aussie T-Ball (Ages: 4 - 8) - 8:45am - 9:30am

Zooka Ball (Ages: 9 - 14) 8:45am - 9:45am

TBI will provide a coach for each team as well as a scorer and umpire.

Cost: \$35.00

Includes: Participation Pack, Team shirt and hat, Players insurance.

Child to provide: Joggers, sport or track pants.

Entry form and full payment to be made by the 18th of April 2015 to secure your spot. (Forms available from Renae- contact details below)

Baseball is a great non-contact sport played by boys and girls of all ages. It's a great way to get active, meeting new people and learning about teamwork. T-ball give all participants maximum involvement while gaining the fundamental skills that will carry them through all levels of baseball as well as several other sports, especially cricket.

James Psarahis

Cricket Achievements:

Toured Dubai with the Australian under 15 side.
Played for NSW under 17 and was just selected in the NSW combined high school side.

Testimonial:

"I've played baseball for the last 2 years and it has helped my cricket, especially my fielding.. if you like cricket you'll love baseball"



Tamworth Baseball Inc

Carter Street Fields, Tamworth, NSW, 2340

Renae Madams - 0423 634 119 -

cougarsbaseballclub@hotmail.com



NMJHA

Modified Hockey Competition

2015 Information Day

Saturday 21st March

8.30 - 9.30am



Come along and join us for an hour of fun
at the Hockey Centre.

You will be able to meet other players
and club officials.

All players in the Modified Competition and any new players wishing to "have a go" are welcome to come along for an hour session on the field with some great coaches.

During the fun, parents and club officials will be receiving some important information about the upcoming 2015 season.

