



# A Window into Somteron PS

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Term 2 Week 2

*Quality teaching and learning, excellent facilities and enriching programs.*

School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>April</b>	27 Assembly 3:00pm	28	29 Backtrack Workers @ school	30	1 May
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>May</b>	4 Life Education Van Visit & Student Asthma Training (with Attunga PS)  Assembly 3:00pm	5	6 Return Mother's Day Raffle	7 AECG Meeting @ 4:00pm Gunnedah South School	8 Small Schools Cross Country-Moonbi PS
<b>WEEK 4</b> <b>May</b>	11 Assembly 3:00pm	12 NAPLAN	13	14	15 Cooking Along with Jamie Oliver

A message from the Relieving Principal,

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It was my pleasure meeting many people associated with Somerton and the school over a cup of tea. Whilst talking to many members of the Somerton Community over the week-end, it is lovely to hear people speaking so fondly about the school. I am highly impressed with the way people of Somerton are willing to assist the school. Your time and skills are greatly appreciated.



## ANZAC DAY



I am extremely proud of the students and staff for their hard work in preparation for ANZAC Day. It was a team effort and a very successful day. A huge thank you to the students and their parents for supporting the ANZAC day march. Our school representatives were Ben Gardner, Tiara and Benny Markwick, Annie and Nicholas Hook, Miss Brechin, Ms Reid and myself. Everyone participated respectfully during the formalities of the service and they presented themselves with pride as they laid their poppies alongside the wreaths.



## ANZAC Day (cont.)

Ben Gardner was magnificent carrying the Australian flag that lead the ANZAC march. He displayed great determination to fulfil the duties of flag bearer especially after being sick for the week. Congratulations, Ben. Benny Markwick was fabulous carrying the flag to lead our school team. Super work Benny. Tiara Markwick bravely read the 'Ode' to a captured audience and was very respectful as she represented the our school by laying our wreath. Top job, Tiara.



## Artwork

The students of Somerton created an outstanding display for the ANZAC service under the guidance of Miss Brechin. Many people from the Somerton community were delighted by the artwork. A huge thank you needs to go to Miss Brechin for her creative design and artist skills during this process.



## Thank you

Miss Brechin's aunty, Cathy Pugh for making our poppies that were worn over our heart on the day.

Miss Brechin's mother, Julie Brechin, for making the felt poppies that students placed with the wreaths.

Colin Axhorn for volunteering his time to pump out the water from the pond ready for the workers on Wednesday.

Wayne and Nell Chaffey for organising the 'Gallipoli Rosemary' to plant in our school in remembrance of the meaning about ANZAC.

## School Chaplin

Welcome to Mrs Joy Wilson. She will be joining our team on Mondays and Wednesdays this term. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the position and is very keen to work with the students and meet our school community. A part of her role is to make connections with students and their families and give them support.

## P&C

ANZAC Rosemary has been donated to the school, it has been propagated from rosemary form Gallipoli.

**Mother's Day Raffle** tickets are going home with students today.

Prizes are: 1st-Flowers & Chocolates; 2nd-Skin Products; 3rd-Chocolates.

Tickets are \$1 and raffle is drawn on Friday 8th May.



## Mystery Garden

The students will be able to use the newly created 'Mystery Garden Kit' to design magical gardens using small figurines and flowers during recess and lunchtimes.

## Backtracks @ Somerton PS

Backtracks Workers will be working to make improvements to the playground this Wednesday. This will enable the school to fill in the pond and set up the shade sail.

## In the Kitchen

The school has purchased some new cooking utensils to assist with the preparation of meals and cooking during the cooking program. We are planning some exciting learning experiences over the next few weeks. One being, participating in the Jamie Oliver cooking day coming up in Week 4.



Last week our students planned, measured and worked in teams to cook Anzac Biscuits. The aroma filled the school for days. The students received two or more biscuits and they commented that they were delicious.



## Small School Art Show

Our students will be entering artworks in to the Small School Art show held at Currabubula School on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th May, 2015. See flyer attached.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Shanyn Worley

Relieving Principal

## Important Information

### Small Schools Cross Country @ Moonbi - Friday 8th May, 2015.

A permission note with more details has been sent home with this newsletter. Please return the note asap.

### Winter Uniform

The weather is cooling down and students are required to wear their winter uniform. If you need assistance please contact the school.

### Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)

At Somerton we aim to keep ties between home and school strong to help maximise student learning. One way we ensure this is through meeting with parents and caregivers each term to discuss student progress and development. Our next PLPs will be during week 3. A note will sent home soon.

#### NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.

- Are you an Aboriginal parent or carer?
- Would you like to have a say in local Aboriginal Education?
- Do you understand what is happening in our local schools?
- Are you an Aboriginal community member who can help achieve educational outcomes?

**Come along and join your local AECG and have a voice in education.  
Your voice is important for our kids.**



NEW SOUTH WALES  
**AECG**  
INCORPORATED

#### Next Meeting:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm  
Gunnedah South Public School  
Light afternoon tea provided

**For further information and membership details please contact:**

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