



A Window into Somerton PS

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Term 2 Week 5

Quality teaching and learning, excellent facilities and enriching programs.

School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 5 May	18 Assembly 3:00pm 3:30pm-NAIDOC Meeting	19	20 9:30am-Live Life Well Excursion to Gunnedah PS	21 6:30pm P&C Meeting All welcome	22
WEEK 6 May	25 Assembly 3:00pm	26	27	28	29
WEEK 7 June	1 Assembly 3:00pm	2	3 9:30am-Somerton Playgroup	4	5

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that we will be travelling by bus to Gunnedah South PS tomorrow, Wednesday 20th May, for our Live Life Well Cooking Excursion. Student will have the opportunity to cook in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. Please send in all permission notes and money for the bus.

Zone Cross Country

Yesterday Shannon & Daemon travelled to Barraba to compete in the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Both boys competed against lots of schools from the Tamworth region. From all reports the boys ran well and had a wonderful day. Thank you to Robert Colley for taking time away from his work to transport the boys to Barraba and giving them an opportunity to compete.



P&C Meeting THIS Thursday!

The next P&C meeting is on **THIS** Thursday 21st May @ 6:30pm in our Staff room. All parents, carers and community members are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

There will be a light supper provided as well as care for your children if they need to attend with you. We hope to see you there.



Student Creative Writing in the Classroom

'The Rainbow Scarf' by Charlotte Heywood

On a cold and frisky night an elderly women sat by the fire knitting a scarf that was as colourful as a rainbow, for her precious granddaughter.

Every day she would go out to the shops to get some groceries and more wool, the old women was as old as her house so she had to get her eldest son to come and help her put everything in the car.

All night she worked on the scarf and the next day it was finished, it was finally finished so she set off to go and see her granddaughter.

Her granddaughter thought it was exquisite.



Parent volunteers

Parent volunteers are always welcome at Somerton Public School. If you are able to help in a classroom, kitchen, garden or reading please come in and chat to the class teacher. Students enjoy having parents or family in the school to see their achievements and be a part of their progress.

Parents Helping Children



The Department of Education & Communities requires that all staff & voluntary parent helpers have a Working With Students Check (WWCC). Any volunteer helpers (this includes parents helping in the classroom, transporting students to out-of-school activities, etc) are eligible to obtain a WWCC at **NO COST**.



IT IS EASY...Please see Michelle in the office for more information & help with accessing the online registration.

To find out more & start your application please visit:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-students/working-with-students-check/volunteers-&-students>

The School Plan

The School Plan 2015-2017 outlines our 3 strategic directions ~ **Achievement for all in Literacy and Numeracy, Outstanding Teaching and Learning and Community Partnerships.**

Our strategic directions:

- ☐ Define the key developments which are required for the school to achieve excellence
- ☐ Represent a high level and 21st Century learning with educational priority which is evidence based and data informed.
- ☐ Are workable statements that drive the development of the school's educational and organisational learning culture
- ☐ Make explicit links to the aspects of the school excellence framework.



The full school plan document can now be downloaded from our website.

Connecting with Schools

At Somerton School we like to make connections and form networks to learn new skills. We will be traveling to Gunnedah South PS to cook in their Stephanie Alexander kitchen. We will bring back our new skills and we will be cooking a 'Delicious Dinner' for our parents, carers and community friends.
Date TBA.

Kind regards,

Shanyn Worley

Principal (Relieving)



Important Information



Book Club

Issue 3, 2015 orders & payment must be returned to school by **Friday 29th May 2015** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.



For Sale

John Deere Ride-on Lawn Mower (second-hand) is available for purchase from the school. To make an offer and find out more information please contact the school on Tuesdays or Fridays.

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. You are welcome to visit the art show. It is a lovely day out!

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 7th May at 4pm
Gunnedah South Public School
Light afternoon tea provided

For further information and membership details please contact:

Gwen Griffen (President) at Min Min Aboriginal Corporation on (02) 6742 4121
Meleah Walters (Secretary) at Gunnedah South Public School on (02) 6742 1899