

Newsletter

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Term 3 – Week 2

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Mr Reid's Message

It is week 2 already! We can't believe what a busy start we have had to Term 3! ☺

☺ This term we are fortunate again to have the services of Mrs Joy Wilson, our School Chaplain. Her role has many aspects including being a supportive adult to the staff and students at school, as well as being involved within the community. Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to talk to Mrs Wilson at any time. Mrs Wilson did some wonderful things last term and she has some wonderful plans for our school this term. We are so glad to have her back with us!

Language and Culture

☺ We have added another aspect of 'language and culture' to our curriculum at Somerton PS. Mrs Sonja Hook has offered to teach the students for a half an hour every Friday on the culture of Germany and the basics of the German language. It is amazing how quickly students can learn another language, and they had a lot of fun in their first lesson last Friday. Thank you Sonja for your time and effort!



Nightly Reading Program

☺ Our NIGHTLY READING program started this week. Each child has borrowed a home reader from the school which has been placed in a plastic envelope with their home reader register booklet. Please try to read with your child every night for 10-15 minutes. The home reader envelope is to be returned every Friday. Many thanks for your assistance with this important part of your child's learning.



Why not visit our Website:

<http://www.somerton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Student Tech Training Day

☺ Last Wednesday Tiara, Ben, Tiarna and Charlotte visited Attunga Public School for a 'tech' day with the students from Attunga and Oxley Vale. We took our iPads and learnt how to make movies as well as use the technology of a 'green screen'. The students had a lot of fun learning new skills as well as rekindling friendships made with students from Attunga, and making new friends with students from Oxley Vale. We try to provide as many opportunities as possible for the students to be involved with students from other schools. These activities give students valuable learning experiences as well as the opportunity to mix and socialise.



Charlotte experimenting with the green screen
@ Attunga Tech day



Tiara and Tiarna learning how to use the tech programs available

CWA Italy Presentation



Our presentation to the CWA ladies last Thursday proved to be an interesting event for the ladies and an exciting activity for the students. We spent all day on Tuesday

researching and preparing our visual and verbal presentations, and our craft activity. The students worked in pairs or groups and concentrated on one aspect of Italian culture and life.

- Brendan and Tiarna presented their feature on gondolas with diagrams and models, explaining their importance as a form of transport

- Annie and Koby presented a study on buildings and they cleverly recreated the ancient buildings of the Leaning Tower of Pizza and the Doria Castle and explained their history.

- Shannon, Jye and Tiarna explored and presented the origins of pasta and created pasta necklaces in the countries colours of red, green and white

- Charlotte and Benny researched the importance of the masks and created 2 beautiful examples.

- Ben and Nicholas investigated the origins of the Italian flag and created the Italian flag.

The students did a brilliant job and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Judy Swain and Doreen Goddard for inviting us and also for the yummy morning tea and the little surprise origami gift set. We hope to have an Italian day at school later in the term where families can come for an Italian lunch and see the students work on this historic and beautiful country.



Tiarna and Ben were presented with a thankyou gift from Judy Swain



CWA luncheon at Somerton hall where the students presented on Italy

Gardening

☺ Last Friday afternoon our front school yard was a hive of activity! As part of Miss Brechin's environmental and science studies, the students were involved in gardening and beautifying our school surrounds. Thanks Miss Brechin and kids, it's looking great already. I'm sure some of these skills the students are learning could be used at home to help mum and dad!!



Gardening on Friday afternoon

The green frog planters that were started last term will be completed this term by the students and Mrs Wilson. Could the students please bring **old clothes** (they may get paint onto them) to school next **Wednesday 29th July**, so that they may help complete the painting process? Normal school clothes must be worn to school and the students can change into their old clothes before starting to paint.



Focus Week



This week we are talking about the importance of **co-operation**. The students will be taught the importance of this concept – friends, adults, teamwork, group work, games and all activities. Life is a lot happier and peaceful when everyone co-operates!

This Thursday

☺ This Thursday, Mrs Ormiston (Mrs O) will be teaching the students. Miss Brechin, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Reid are having a planning day at school to discuss and organise the children's learning programs, assessment strategies and the direction of our teaching in relation to our school plan. This is a valuable day for the teachers and for the students in terms of future teaching and learning goals and activities. The students will not be disrupted in any way as Mrs O will be following the same program planned by the teachers.

Annual Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Next Friday, 31st July in Tamworth @ The TREC Sporting Fields. Permission notes and information will be coming at the end of this week. The parents will be responsible for transporting their students to and from the carnival. If you are having problems transporting your child please contact the school and we will try to find a lift with another family. The Duri P&C will be running a canteen on the day, food needs to be pre-ordered. Attached to this Newsletter is a price list and order form for recess and lunch orders. Please return orders & money by the end of the week. Thank you.



Sporting Schools Tennis Continues

☺ Tennis was meant to commence last Friday with Gunnedah tennis coach, Craig Louie. Unfortunately we had to cancel due to the freezing cold and rainy weather. It is planned for every Friday from 10.00 – 11.00am, weather permitting. There is no coast as it is part of the Schools Sports Program.



Personal Development

☺ In Personal Development and Health lessons, Miss Brechin has been teaching the students the correct way to cover mouths when sneezing and using the catch phrase 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It'. The Dettol Company has also sponsored us by providing hand sanitiser for the school. To stop the spread of colds and flu we are constantly reinforcing these cleanliness safety measures. Could you please ensure your child comes to school warmly dressed to try to ward off these nasty viruses and colds.



Cooking

☺ Thank you to the families who have paid for this term's cooking already! We are going to have to postpone our cooking until next week due to Miss Brechin and Mrs Reid being at various professional learning days. If we do miss a week and your child paid in advance, that money will continue to future cooking lesson.



Canteen

Mrs Wilson is keen to put the canteen into operation again this term. It will operate every Monday and Wednesday and will offer 3 or 4 options for lunch. The cost at this stage will be \$2 for lunch which will include 1 lunch option, a jelly cup and a cup of juice. We will discuss the lunch options with the students through the week and a list will be printed in next week's newsletter.



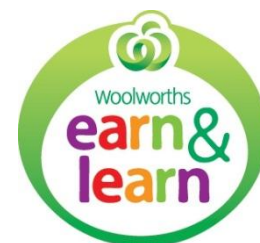
Breakfast Club



We will be trialling a breakfast club every Monday and Wednesday morning before school in the staff room. It will consist of cereal, toast and milk. The students will help themselves and will be encouraged to prepare and clean up after themselves. If successful it will be extended to every morning of the school week. There will be no cost involved.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Somerton Public School will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learning promotion. Sticker sheets have gone home today with the Newsletter. For every \$10 spent you receive one sticker. Why not involve your family and friends in helping to collect stickers. The promotion runs until September at which time stickers will be redeemed for educational resources for Somerton PS. Thank you for helping in equipping our school with these resources.



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Book Club has gone home today with your eldest child. **Issue 5, 2015** orders & payment must be returned to school by **Friday 21st August 2015** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.



TERM 3 2015 DATES:

13 July Staff Development Day	14 Welcome Back Students! ☺	15 9:30am Playgroup Senior Students Tech Training Day @ Attunga PS	16 11am - CWA Italy Presentation (Somerton Hall)	17 Tennis coaching (CANCELLED due to weather)
20 3pm Assembly	21	22	23	24 Tennis coaching
27 3pm Assembly	28	29	30	31 Small Schools Athletics Carnival @ TREC Sporting Fields
3 August 3pm Assembly	4	5	6	7 Tennis coaching
10 3pm Assembly	11	12	13	14 Tennis coaching
17 3pm Assembly	18	19	20	21 Book Club Orders Due
24 3pm Assembly	25	26	27	28 9am - School Photos
31 3pm Assembly	1 September	2	3	4
7 3pm Assembly	8	9	10	11
14 3pm Assembly	15	16	17	18 Last Day Term 3 Happy Holiday