

Newsletter

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Term 3 – Week 3

Tuesday 28 July 2015

Mr Reid's Message

Another busy week is ahead for the students at Somerton Public School.

Annual Small Schools Athletics Carnival

The Small Schools Annual Athletics Carnival is on **THIS** Friday, 31st July 2015.



While the carnival starts at 9am, we are asking all students to be at the Tamworth Regional Sporting Complex by 8:30am to be ready for the annual 'March Past'.

The students will be busy practising their running, field events and ball skills at school. Permission notes have been sent home last week with date, venue and cost details. If you have not already done so, could you please return your note and payment as soon as possible to the school? Just a reminder that the parents are responsible for transporting their students to the carnival – if there are any problems concerning transport please contact the school as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Music in the Classroom

On Thursday we are hosting a teacher from the Conservatorium of Music from Tamworth who will be conducting a music lesson with the students. This is a demonstration lesson and we have the opportunity of having these lessons weekly if students and staff are happy with the demonstration lesson. This teacher is an expert in his field and would be of great benefit to the students in their music education.



Why not visit our Website:

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

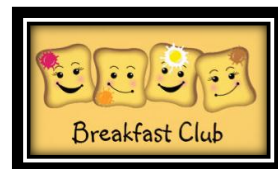
Education Week

This week is officially known as Education Week, however due to various circumstances which have made it difficult for us to conduct an event this week, the staff and I have decided to hold our 'Education Week' event next week on Wednesday 5th August. This will consist of inviting the parents into the classroom to participate in learning activities with the students, having a barbecue lunch and then helping the students to plant trees in the afternoon. We have been able to obtain 30 tube trees and bushes from the Tamworth Council as a part of the greening program known as 'National Tree Day'. Please see attached invitation.

EDUCATION
WEEK

Breakfast Club

Our morning breakfast program commenced on Monday. It was great to see happy faces enjoying a yummy breakfast around a table and then partaking in all aspects of having a meal: preparing, eating and chatting and then cleaning up afterwards. The students are also able to buy their lunch at school on Mondays and Wednesday. For \$2 the students can buy a poppa, a jelly/fruit cup and a choice of a hot noodle box, a cheese toastie or a skinless hot dog. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for your organisation and help.



Nightly Reading Program

Thank you to those parents who have encouraged their students to read nightly. Remember all readers and envelopes are to be returned to school every Friday.



Next P&C Meeting



The next P&C meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th August (Week 5)**, starting at 6.30pm. All Welcome ☺

Focus Week: Fairness & Tolerance



As parents and teachers these concepts are two of the most important concepts for us to teach and reinforce. A person who is fair and tolerant will succeed in almost every aspect of life – professionally and socially. These concepts are often difficult skills for young students to understand and grasp, however with constant reinforcement and role modelling, students will learn and grasp the importance of these concepts which will carry them through the rest of their lives.



Gardening

REMEMBER: old painting clothes to be bought to school **tomorrow** (Wednesday) to help Mrs Wilson finish painting the green frog planters!



History of Somerton PS in the Classroom

The students are learning about Somerton in their history unit for the next couple of weeks. If you know of anyone who could share their knowledge and memories of Somerton, or are aware of anyone from Somerton that has reached notoriety, could you please ask them would they like to come and share with the students? They can ring the school and make a day that suits everyone for them to visit. We love to have family and community members visiting our school! This unit fits in with the Education Week theme of 'Celebrating Local Heroes'



Sporting Schools Tennis

Due to our annual Small School Athletics carnival there will be no tennis this week.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

Somerton Public School is again involved in the 'earn and learn' program sponsored by Woolworths Supermarket. If you shop at Woolworths you can earn tokens which can then be placed on the sticker sheet and then into our 'earn and 'learn' box at school. The more tokens we receive, the more benefits we receive for our school in the form of sporting goods etc. Our box is placed in the front entrance to our office and we welcome all donations of tokens..



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.



Good for Kids good for life

5 TIPS FOR SCREEN TIME AT HOME

Are you having trouble getting your child off technology or watching television?

Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day:

- Go screen free for weekdays
- Try technology free Tuesdays
- Try imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times when your child has access such as "no screen time before dinner"
- Provide seven ½ hour vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the week. When your child watches the television or has other screen time e.g. computer, video games etc. they hand a voucher back. This limits the child to 3.5 hours of screen time during the week.



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Source: Murrumbidgee Local Health District



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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 Athletics Carnival canteen orders due 3pm Assembly	28	29 Athletics Carnival note & \$ due Old Clothes	30 Library	31 8:30am Small Schools Athletics Carnival @ TREC Sporting Complex
3 August 3pm Assembly	4	5	6 Library 12pm Belated Education Week Celebrations	7 Tennis coaching
10 3pm Assembly	11	12	13 Library 6:30pm P&C Meeting	14 Tennis coaching
17 3pm Assembly	18	19	20 Library	21 Book Club Orders Due
24 3pm Assembly	25	26 9am - School Photos	27 Library	28
31 3pm Assembly	1 September	2	3 Library	4
7 3pm Assembly	8	9	10 Library	11
14 3pm Assembly	15	16	17 Library	18 Last Day Term 3 Happy Holiday
First Day Term 4: Tuesday 6th October 2015				