

Newsletter

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Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 3 – Week 5

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Mr Reid's Message

OPEN DAY & FAREWELL TO MRS BISHOP

We had a lovely day last Wednesday when we had our open day for parents and family, as well as saying farewell to Mrs Bishop. Although it was a bitterly cold day we still had our BBQ cooked outside by Mrs Wilson, and then everyone ate indoors by the heaters. The children enjoyed sharing their books and work with the adults. Mr Bruce Cooper gave a very interesting talk to the children and adults about the history of Somerton and what it was like to go to school at Somerton Public School when he was a boy. The children were amazed at him riding a horse to school, and some were quite envious! Mrs Bishop gave a little talk on her time as teaching principal at Somerton and then she cut the beautiful farewell cake and shared it with everyone. Thank you to Mrs Hook for baking and decorating the delicious cake – it was a work of art and greatly appreciated by Mrs Bishop and everyone! A very big thank you also to Mrs Wilson for all her preparation to help make the day a great success.

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone Athletics Carnival is on this Friday, 14th August 2015. Congratulations to Shannon Colley, Ben Gardner, Charlotte and Koby Heywood for qualifying for the event. We wish you luck in your events and have a wonderful day.

Tamworth Zone PSSA



Why not visit our website:

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

Here are some photos from our Open Day/Farewell:



Focus Week: CARE – It's Ok to Say 'No'!

It's OK to say NO.

As part of the 'caring for yourself' concept, we are encouraging the children to understand if they are not comfortable with something where it may affect their wellbeing or safety it is OK to say 'no'. This also applies to their friends if they do not want to play or be a part of the group for some reason, it is OK to tell them and say 'no'. As well, it is also important for friends to accept it if a child does not want to play, and to respect the child for their decision.

School Photo's:

Wednesday 26th August 2015

See more information page 3.



Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to those children who wore jeans and donated in support of Jeans for Genes Day last Friday. We raised \$23 – well done children.



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a **White Merit Award** at Assembly this week:



Tiara Markwick, Shannon Colley, Ben Gardner, Brendan Colley, Charlotte Heywood, Annie Hook
Terrific Award: Benny Markwick – excellent attitude
Superstar Award: Tiarna Harrison - literacy

Reminder: P&C Meeting



The P&C meeting will be held @ the school this **Thursday 13th August**, starting at 6.30pm. We would love to see everyone there – it is a relaxed evening of making plans for our little school, and having a chat over a cuppa and nibbles! Everyone welcomed! ☺

Bush Tucker @ Oxley Vale Public School

Next Thursday Somerton Public School, along with Attunga and Woolloomoon Schools have been invited to Oxley Vale Public School to have a day of friendship and learning more about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. The children will be involved in lessons in the Aboriginal language, and examining their bush tucker garden. We hope to gather ideas to begin our own bush tucker garden at school. Some of the boys will also have the opportunity to be involved in lessons on how to play the didgeridoo.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is a very popular venue on Monday and Wednesday mornings.



The purpose of the breakfast club is to provide breakfast for the children who for some reason or another may have missed breakfast. If your child is able to have breakfast at home, we would encourage this to happen. Then, they may still come to the breakfast club and have a piece of toast and a cup of milo. This still allows all of the children to socialise and enjoy a snack before school with the children who are having a full breakfast because they may have missed it at home. As the school is funding this project, we thank you for your understanding.

Science in the Classroom

The children are studying 'The Physical World' in Science with Miss Brechin. The unit covers heat, light sound and forces. This week the junior children conducted an experiment on sound with some amazing results!



Environmental Education



A very big thank you to Miss Brechin and the children for making our gardens and surrounds beautiful! As part of Environmental Education, gardening has become a Friday afternoon activity, with beautiful results. Our playground is looking great and with all the new trees planted over the past week, it will soon look like a park! Our new shade sail will be erected in the next couple of weeks, hopefully! We are going to finish painting our frog tyres this Wednesday afternoon, so if old clothes have not already been sent in for your child to wear whilst painting, could they please be sent in before or on Wednesday. Unfortunately, those children who do not have old clothes will not be permitted to paint as it can get quite messy!

High School Orientation:

We wish Tiara good luck as she visits Oxley High School on Thursday for her first orientation for Year 7 in 2016. It is an exciting time where Tiara can learn about her new high school and also make new friends. Enjoy the day Tiara!

Woolworths Earn & Learn

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.



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:

10 Breakfast Club 3pm Assembly	11	12 Breakfast Club	13 Library High School Orientation 6:30pm P&C Meeting	14 Scripture Puppet Show Tennis coaching Home Readers
17 Breakfast Club 3pm Assembly	18	19 Breakfast Club	20 Library Aboriginal Cultural Learning- Oxley Vale PS	21 Book Club Orders Due Home Readers
24 Breakfast Club 3pm Assembly	25	26 Breakfast Club <u>9am - School Photos</u>	27 Library	28 Home Readers
31 Breakfast Club 3pm Assembly	1 September	2 Breakfast Club	3 Library	4 Home Readers
7 Breakfast Club 3pm Assembly	8	9 Breakfast Club	10 Library	11 Home Readers
14 Breakfast Club 3pm Assembly	15	16 Breakfast Club	17 Library	18 Home Readers Last Day Term 3 Happy Holiday
First Day Term 4: Tuesday 6th October 2015				

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will now be taken on **Wednesday 24th August @ 9:30am** (please note date is incorrect on envelopes). Photo order envelopes have been sent home today. Please note that you can order online this year, a much faster & easier way to order. Attached is more information & instructions for ordering. There is a school Online Code supplied on the order envelope. If you need any help with ordering or require a sibling order form please contact Michelle on Tuesdays or Fridays.

School Photos Are Now Available For Secure Online Purchase
4 Easy Steps to Online School Photo Ordering

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code Z67 5HV 9QK

Step 2: Enter your student's details.

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs
(all orders will be returned to the school for collection).

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: **LATE FEES** will apply once orders are closed | Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day however they can be purchased using an envelope up until photo day