

Newsletter

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Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 3 – Week 6

Tuesday 18 August 2015

Mr Reid's Message

Monday's Assembly

We had a pleasant surprise at our assembly this week. The Manilla Lions Club visited us and presented the school with a donation cheque of \$1000. Roy Ascott (Past President); Barbara Ascott (Treasurer) and Dean Maxwell (Manilla Lions Club President) joined our assembly and made the presentation to our school leaders, Tiara and Ben. We are yet to decide how we will use the money but it will come in very handy in many ways with the eventual benefit being for the students. We sincerely thank the Manilla Lions Club for their generosity and kindness.



Shade Sail

The work will be starting on the erection of our playground sail will commence this week. This will be an exciting addition to our playground as it will give us much needed shade in the summer.



Aboriginal Cultural Day @ Oxley Vale Public School



Please remember this Thursday, Somerton Public School, along with Attunga and Woolomin schools will visit Oxley Vale Public School to have a day of friendship and learning more about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. The students 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. If you have not sent in the permission notes to school please send them in as soon as possible. If we do not have the permission notes the students will not be able to attend. Thank you to Miss Brechin, Mrs Stoker and Mrs Cupples for providing transport to and from Oxley Vale School.



Gardening

The students will be completing their painting of the tyres for their garden this week with Mrs Wilson. Could you please send in their very old painting clothes again so that the students can complete the job safely? Many thanks.



School Photo's

Wednesday 26th August 2015
See more information page 3.



Why not visit our website:

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

Zone Athletics Carnival

by Charlotte

Tamworth Zone PSSA



On Friday 14th

August, the Zone

Athletics Carnival

was held in Tamworth where students from seven schools tried to qualify for the Regional Athletics Carnival. Charlotte, Shannon and Koby represented our school. Charlotte and Koby both participated in the 100 metre and 800 metre running. Shannon did High Jump, Long Jump, 200 metres and 100 metres running. It was very crowded with almost more adults than students. It was a very warm and fun day.

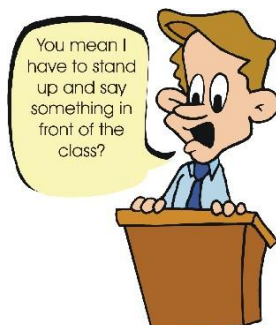
The Hillarious Puppet Show written by Somerton PS Students

On Friday morning we had some visitors come all the way from Sydney to present a puppet show to us, it was hilarious! The visitors were Chris and Miles and they came to teach us about Jesus and God. Chris taught us an awesome rock song about how everyone can be part of God's family. Then Miles, the funny blue puppet, jumped out from behind the stage, giving us all a fright! He had written a play called the Burt and Benny Show. Benny was a small bear and Burt was his father. Burt was just like God because he was big and strong and he helped Benny no matter what! After the play we heard the story of Zacchaeus from the Bible. We had a great time and enjoyed the show.



Focus Week: CONFIDENCE

Confidence— especially in public speaking! As part of our program this term we have been teaching the students the advantages of public speaking. This skill is a valuable asset in later life to develop the skills of interacting confidently with new acquaintances. Students should be encouraged to speak confidently in all situations in a relaxed manner using eye contact and confident body language.



Assembly Awards

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

Tiarna Harrison, Benny Markwick & Nicholas Hook
Terrific Award: Annie Hook – excellent effort with gardening

Superstar Award: Nicholas Hook – excellent participation and helping

We had an exciting award to present this assembly. Our very first Silver Award was presented to Tiara Markwick. To receive this award Tiara had to obtain 5 white merit certificates, which equates to 25 blue awards. This is a huge effort and Tiara is to be congratulated for her consistent effort in the classroom and the playground.



Numeracy at Home Program

This week we commenced the Numeracy at Home Program. The children are able to take a game home to play with family and friends. These games have been compiled at school and are a lot of fun. Later in the term we will be having an information afternoon to explain and demonstrate the program as well as another maths program taught in the classroom called TEN. The Numeracy at Home Program reinforces the concepts taught in class. Please remember the games are on loan and must be returned in tact every Friday. Every Monday the children are able to choose a new game to take home.

 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.





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. Please note that you can order online this year, a much faster & easier way to order. 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

TERM 3 2015 DATES:

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 9am - School Photos	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				