

# Newsletter

Somerton Public School

*Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness*

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Term 4 – Week 1

Tuesday 11 October 2016

## Mr Reid's Message

Welcome back everyone to the last term of the year, Term 4! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and are ready for another term of exciting learning and activities. Term 4 is always busy with assessments, reports, swim school, presentation and many incidental happenings. This term the newsletters will be sent home every fortnight on the odd school week – that is in weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Mrs Nicole Gallagher will be joining us again this term for a couple of weeks to teach K-2 whilst Mr Clark is on paternity leave. Mr and Mrs Clark are expecting their baby late in October and we wish them every happiness with their new little bundle of joy!

## Garden Beautification

This project has commenced with the help of Rick Dobson and Darren Fing. The area behind the outdoor undercover area is being cleared and the bark chips are being spread. The students and staff will commence planting the native shrubs in the next couple of weeks. Work has also begun on the old fish pond to convert it into a bush tucker garden.



## ZooSnooz Excursion

Years 2-6 will be visiting Dubbo at the beginning of Week 3 for an overnight stay at the Dubbo Zoo. The students will camp at the zoo and have the opportunity to view many of the animals on a night walk and then tour the whole zoo on the following day. Mrs Markwick and I will be taking the students and Mrs Gallagher will remain at school with the K-1 students. We will also be visiting the Old Dubbo Gaol. Detailed information will be included in the notes being sent home.



## Growing Up Program

Growing Up Program: Year 5 and 6 will be attending the Growing Up Program at school on Wednesday conducted by the Community Nurse, Susan Helps, from Tamworth. This program includes a talk on bodily changes and development, and growing up.



## Kinder Orientation

Our **"Kinder Go!"** orientation will take place every Wednesday in November from 9:00am to 12:00pm, with the first session on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Mr Clark and Mrs Gallagher look forward to meeting and working with our new students. Children will meet students and teachers here at school and will become familiar with school routine. Children are to bring a bottle of water, morning tea and fruit for "fruit break". Children will receive a school hat and a "Kinder Go" shirt to wear each week during transition.



## Sport for Term 4

Sport this term will be at school. Our focus will be ball games and developing gross and fine motor skills. Due to the weather warming as the term progresses, sport will now be 9am to 10am on Friday mornings. Students need to wear their sports uniform, appropriate shoes and must have a school hat and a water bottle.



Why not visit our Website:

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

## Bush Dance with live band 'Paterson's Curse'



Looking for some good clean fun for the whole family? At 6pm this Saturday evening 15th October the Manilla Anglican Church are again hosting a Bush Dance in their hall in Hill St, Manilla. The dances will be called so you don't have to know anything about

dancing to have some fun. The Armidale-based bush band 'Paterson's Curse' will provide the music. Entry is free and includes a sausage sizzle – it should be a great night of fun for all ages! Enquiries to the Fisher family on 67851112. (NB Children must be accompanied by an adult).

## Transition to High School

Tiarna Harrison of Year 6 will commence her high school orientation at Peel High School next Monday. This is one of three orientation sessions Tiarna will attend this term for students from small schools and then she will attend another one towards the end of the term with all students from other schools who will be attending Peel High School in 2017.



## Tennis wrap up!

Tennis concluded last term with a round robin playoff tournament between the students. The final was played between Annie Hook and Nicholas Hook with Nicholas being the victor by a narrow margin. Congratulations to all the students on their wonderful sportsmanship and improved skills. A big thank you to Mr Craig Louis who came to the school every Friday to coach.



## Community Sausage Sizzle!

... Will continue this term and will be held every second Friday on the even weeks commencing next week at 1:15pm. All community members and families are welcomed to attend.



## Cooking

Both classes will **start cooking next week:**

**K-2** Thursdays lunch (weekly)

**3-6** Wednesdays recess (fortnightly)



## Playgroup

Come join us for some fun on Wednesdays 9:30am-11:00am.



## Weekly Focus Concept: Care for Yourself

You have the right to say **NO** to your friends if you are not happy or you feel uncomfortable with what is happening. Tell an adult if you are worried about what is happening or you are uncomfortable with something that is being said.



## Assembly Awards

### Week 10

**Silver Award:** Congratulations to Nicholas Hook for achieving his **second SILVER AWARD!** A wonderful effort!

**Terrific Award:**

Annie Hook

**Superstar Award:**

Sophie Hook



## **FARRER MEMORIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Registering for the 2017 Selective Schools Test**

If you have a son in Year 5 who would like to attend Farrer in 2018 you **MUST** register with the Selective Schools Unit mid October through to mid November. Log onto the Farrer website - [www.farrer.nsw.edu.au](http://www.farrer.nsw.edu.au) and follow the Selective Schools link.

Enrolments Officer: Kerry Hussey 6764-8607

Or email: [kerry.hussey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kerry.hussey@det.nsw.edu.au)

**TERM 4 2016 Dates**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	10 October	11	12 5/6 PD Talk	13 Library	14 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
2	17	18	19	20 Library	21 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
3	24 ZooSnooz Excursion (Yr2-6)	25 ZooSnooz Excursion (Yr2-6)	26	27 Library	28 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
4	31	1 November	2 9am- Kinder Go!	3 Library	4 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
5	7	8	9 9am- Kinder Go!	10 Library	11 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
6	14	15	16 9am- Kinder Go!	17 Library	18 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
7	21	22	23 9am- Kinder Go!	24 Library	25 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
8	28	29	30 9am- Kinder Go!	1 December Presentation Morning  Carols Evening	2 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
9	5 Swim School	6	7	8	9 Swim School
10	12	13	14	15 Library	16 Last Day for 2016 Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays ☺ See you in 2017!





# *“Kinder Go”*

*Transition to school program at:*  
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throughout November, 2016**

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