

Newsletter

Somerton Public School

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Term 4 – Week 9

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Mr Reid's Message

This is the last newsletter for 2016! I can't believe we are at the end of the school year – it only seems like yesterday that we were starting the year of 2016. Thank you everyone for a wonderful year – a busy year full of learning, activities, fun and friendship. The students and staff are ready for a well-earned holiday and we wish everyone a happy Christmas and a safe holiday.

Farewell to Mr Clark

On Friday, Nick Clark, our K-2 teacher was offered a position at Oxley Vale Public School in 2017 on kindergarten. While Mr Clark is disappointed to leave here, this is an opportunity to further his teaching career. He has valued the experience and breadth of knowledge he has gained whilst teaching at Somerton PS. We wish him every success in his new position.



Welcome Mrs Gallagher

Whilst we say farewell to Mr Clark, we welcome Mrs Nicole Gallagher, our relieving teacher for 2016, to a teaching position of 3 days in 2017. Mrs Gallagher knows the students, programs and routines of the school well, and she will be a bonus to Somerton PS in teaching and helping to support the new principal as they are settling in.

Farewell Tiarna

Tiarna is leaving Year 6 this year to attend Peel High School in 2017. We wish her every success as she commences this new phase of her education. Tiarna has been a wonderful role model to the students and a responsible helper to the staff! We will miss you Tiarna!



Presentation Night 2016

Thank you to the parents and community for attending our Annual Presentation and Carol Night last Thursday. The students were a credit to themselves and their parents with their manners and behaviour. It was lovely to see their pride and excitement as they received their awards for their achievements throughout the year. They performed their dance and song beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the audience. A very big thank you to the P&C committee, the parents, community members and the staff who provided the supper and then helped clean up and pack away at the end of the night. Many hands made light work!



Kinder Go!

The last Kindy orientation was held last Wednesday and both Braxton and Benji are very settled at school and are very excited about starting Kindergarten in 2017. They received a Graduation Certificate and a book as a memento of their time in the Kinder Go! program.

Christmas Scripture Service

We would like to extend an invitation to all friends & families to attend our Christmas Scripture Service on Tuesday 13th December at 2:15pm @ the Somerton Anglican church led by our scripture teacher Rev David Fisher.



Library Books Return

All library books that have been borrowed need now to be returned.

Hot Weather

The hot weather has finally arrived. Please remember to send your child to school with their hat and water bottle.



Cooking

Cooking has ended for the year.

End of Year Celebrations/Year 6

Farewell

This year we are having a combined event so that the students can have a full day of fun! The students will be going to the Tamworth Scully Park Pool next Thursday 15th December 2016 in the morning and then going onto Jump Up Trampolining for lunch and fun activities. The students will be transported by private vehicles. Can you please check your information notes sent home last week for all details and payment.



Playgroup

The last playgroup for the year is tomorrow, parents and children will be meeting at Gunnedah Pool @ 9:30am. Please call **Drue Daly** on **0428 210 928** for more details..



P&C Raffle

The donations from the community made for a fantastic raffle, resulting in 6 prize boxes of goodies!

The winners drawn on the night were:

- Marcel Grant
- Mary Gardiner
- Max Daly
- Toni Reid
- Maureen Jenkins
- Benny Markwick



Somerton Public School Mugs for sale

Somerton Public School now has school logoed mugs for sale for \$10.



Weekly Focus Concept: Stay Safe

with the holidays approaching please take care so that you come back to school safe and well.



Why not visit our Website:

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

Assembly Awards



Week 7

Silver Award:

Congratulations to Keisha Johnston and Shannon Colley for achieving a Silver Award.

A wonderful effort from both students and we are very proud of you!

White Merit Award:

Congratulations to Shannon Colley, Annie Hook, Nicholas Hook, Tiarna Harrison and Naomi Evans.



Terrific Award:

Max Daly-great progress in writing

Superstar Award:

Tiarna Harrison- excellent role model



Week 8

Silver Award: *Congratulations to Tiarna Harrison for achieving a Silver Award. A wonderful effort and we are very proud of you!*

White Merit Award:

Congratulations to Keisha Johnston and Tiarna Harrison.

Terrific Award:

Benny Markwick-always willing to help out

Superstar Award:

Nicholas Hook-persistence with problem solving





Final Farewell from Nick & Toni:

Nick and I would like to say a sincere thank you to parents, students and the community for your support and friendship whilst we have been at Somerton Public School. We have valued the experience of being involved in such a beautiful school and community, and we will miss everyone, especially the students. Hopefully we will catch up with everyone next year at the Annual Presentation Night. We wish you a happy and safe Christmas and holiday!



TERM 4 2016 Dates

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	5 Swim School	6	7	8	9 Swim School
10	12 Lunch order	13 2:15pm Scripture Christmas Service 	14	15 11am-End of Year & Year 6 F/well @ Scully Pool & Jump Up	16 Last Day for 2016 Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays ☺ See you in 2017! 
11	19 Staff Development Day NOTE: No staff will be present @ school today	20 Staff Development Day NOTE: No staff will be present @ school today	21 School Holidays	22 School Holidays	23 School Holidays

All students return to school
Monday 30th January 2017

TERM 1 2017 Dates:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 January School Holidays	24 School Holidays	25 School Holidays	26 Public Holiday - Australia Day	27 Staff Development Day Staff Only
2	30 First Day for all students, including Kindergarten students, for 2017 school year. Kindergarten student will be attending half days for the first week (9am-1pm).	31	1 February	2	3