

Newsletter

Somerton Public School

Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 4 – Week 7

Tuesday 22 November 2016

Mr Reid's Message

It is with great sadness that I will say farewell to Somerton Public School at the end of this year. As Acting Principal for 2 years and 3 months, I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the lovely students, working with the supportive staff and being a part of the Somerton community. The position of Teaching Principal is being advertised and I have decided not to apply as I am very keen to go back to full time classroom teaching. I have obtained a teaching position at Murrurundi Public School for 2017. As I have said many times previously, Somerton Public School is a very special school full of warmth and happiness both from the students and the staff and I will miss it very much.

Reports/Parent Teacher Interviews

Reports will be handed out to parents on Wednesday, Week 8, November 30th. Parent /teacher interviews will be held the following Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3pm until 4.30pm. An appointment letter will accompany the report and if you wish to speak to your child's teacher please complete it with the time you would like and return it to school. .



Asthma Talk

On Thursday, Chloe from Health Wise visited to educate students about Asthma. Students were engaged in a number of practical and hands on activities that allowed them to understand how Asthma impacts the ability to breathe and what they can do to assist others that suffer from Asthma. Each child was also provided with a pedometer to help them to reach their target of 10,000 steps a day to ensure they live an active lifestyle.



REMINDER

LUNCH ORDERS ONLY EVERY MONDAY-
next week is the last canteen Monday.

School Swimming & Water Safety Program

The students will commence swim school on Monday, week 9, December 5th and it will go for a week finishing on Friday December 9th. There will be no cost to the families.



- We are hiring a bus to take the students and they will need to be at school by 9am at the latest. We have a swimming instructor organised who is on a very tight schedule and we cannot be late.
- The students are to wear their uniforms to school and bring their swimmers, swim shirt (rashi), towel and T-shirt (plus a spare t-shirt for them to wear in the water if they do not have a rashi). If students do not bring a shirt (rashi) to wear in the water, they will not be swimming.
- Please ensure all items of clothing and towels have your child's name printed clearly on them.
- When the students arrive at school they will change into their swimmers and put a t-shirt on and leave their school clothes at school.
- They are to wear their school shoes and socks on the bus to the pool (no thongs or sandals). The students will change back into their uniforms back at school.
- Please provide a plastic bag to put the wet swimmers and towel to take home.
- Students will need to take recess to the pool and will have lunch back at school. There will be no lunch orders or cooking that week.

P&C Raffle Items

Calling on all P&C Christmas Raffle donations to be sent in as soon as possible. Tickets for the raffle will go home this week for students to sell. Thank you ☺

Hot Weather

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



Presentation Night 2016

Thursday: 1st December commencing @ 6:00pm, followed by Carols.

Please see attached invitation for school family & friends and the Somerton Community. ***Please also send a labelled & wrapped gift for your child, to be placed under the Christmas tree.***



Kinder Go!

On Wednesday, Braxton and Benji attended our 3rd Kinder Go session. It was great to see both boys work really hard on learning to write their name and letters, counting objects, and developing their gross and fine motor skills.



The students engaged in the story *There Once Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*, followed by a craft activity where they created a fly. We look forward to them returning again this week for more engaging and creative activities.

Cooking

Please remember to bring your \$2 to help cover costs

K-2 Thursdays lunch (weekly)-Week 8 will be the last cooking session for K-2

3-6 Recess (fortnightly)-Week 7 (this week) will be the last cooking session for Years 3-6



Library Borrowing

All library books that have been borrowed need now to be returned. Library borrowing has conclude for 2016.

Community Sausage Sizzle!

Due to the increasing heat and annoying flies we had our last sausage sizzle last Friday. The staff, students and community members have enjoyed getting together and having a chat, a cuppa and a sausage sandwich.



Playgroup

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



P&C REPORT 2016

The P&C of Somerton Public School has had a very productive and successful year.

We have welcomed new families and students to our school, with many new parents joining our P&C.

With the commitment of all committee members, we had very successful fundraisers with Raffle tickets sold, Cake Stalls & the now famous Somerton Bingo Night resulting in a large increase in the P&C fundraising account, in which, allowed the P&C to subsidized some off Somerton Public Schools expenses - Dubbo Excursion bus hire & Highway Signage.

On behalf of myself & Somerton Public School, we would like to personally thank you all:

Drue Daly
Hannah & Ben Pollard
Sonja & Peter Hook
Nell & Wayne Chaffey
Shana Stoker
Nick Clark
Toni Reid

"Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Successful New Year"

Mrs Jodie Markwick
P&C President 2016

Somerton Public School Mugs for sale

Somerton Public School now has mugs for sale for \$10. Mugs will be on sale @ Presentation Night.



Why not visit our Website:

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

Weekly Focus Concept: Sharing

As Christmas approaches, the season for sharing and caring is more important than ever. Treat others how you would like to be treated and think carefully before speaking.



Assembly Awards



Week 5

White Merit Award: Congratulations to Max Daly, Shannon Colley, Benny Markwick, Keisha Johnson, Annie Hook and Naomi Evans

Terrific Award:

Naomi Evans – mature and sensible behaviour

Superstar Award:

Matthew Pollard – big kindergarten behaviour



Week 6

Silver Award: Congratulations to Benny Markwick and Annie Hook for achieving a Silver Award. A wonderful effort from both children and we are very proud of you!

White Merit Award: Congratulations to Nicholas Hook, Brendan Colley, Keisha Johnston, Sophie Hook, Shannon Colley and Benny Markwick

Terrific Award:

Sophie Hook – improvement in Reading

Superstar Award:

Shannon Colley – effort in Maths

TERM 4 2016 Dates

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	21 Lunch order	22	23 9am- Kinder Go!	24 Library-all books need returning (no more borrowing)	25 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
8	28 Lunch order (last week)	29	30 9am- Kinder Go!	1 December 6pm Presentation Night & Carols	2 Sport Music & Drama German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture
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 @ Jump Up	16 Last Day for 2016 Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays ☺ See you in 2017!

All students return to school

Monday 30th January 2017

The formalities will commence at 6:00pm

@ Somerton Hall, Scotland Street on

Thursday 1st December 2016

*Parents, Family, Friends
& Somerton Community*

Somerton Public School Presentation Night 2016

*Please RSVP by Friday
17th November 2016*



*Families of students & officials are supplied with supper on the night. Given community members, grandparents, aunts, uncles & friends attend, it would be greatly appreciated if families could please bring a plate of food to share (cakes, slices, sandwiches or snacks)
Thank You.*

Everyone is welcome to come along & join in with our end of year Celebrations
Acting Principal:
Toni Reid

Following to the official Presentations you are welcome to join us for the annual Somerton Community Christmas Tree & Carol Singing ♪



PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THIS BEING A SCHOOL FUNCTION
ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED