

Newsletter

Somerton Public School

Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 1 – Week 3

Tuesday 9 February 2016

Mr Reid's Message

Our first School Assembly was held last Friday afternoon. It was a very special Assembly as the School Leaders were inducted and presented with their badges. **Congratulations Macey Holden and Tiarna Harrison, the School Leaders for Somerton Public School for 2016.**



Sport on Fridays

Our first trip to the Gunnedah Pool for sport last Friday was an exciting event for the students, especially the Kindergarten students. It was a little chilly, but the students had a great time with Mr Clark and Mrs Markwick doing water confidence and survival skills. Thank you parents for sending your students so well equipped with their swimming gear and a plastic bag for their wet gear. This Friday is our swimming carnival, so Friday swimming will resume the following Friday and will continue until the end of term.



Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival is being held on Friday 12th February at Werris Creek Pool. All the students are excited and can't wait to see their friends from Duri, Currabubula and Attunga. Parents are responsible for transporting their students to and from the carnival and thank you for promptly returning permission notes. As previous notes have stated, the parents from Somerton PS are responsible for the Morning Tea refreshments for the adults attending the carnival. Could you please be generous with your donations and contributions as we hope to have enough for everyone and also, it will be a great fundraiser for the school! We are also cooking a sausage sizzle for lunch for everyone, so all hands are welcomed to help out! The swimming pool canteen will be operating selling goodies at recess and lunch. It is going to be a great day – we can't wait to see you all there!



Parent / Staff meet & greet

Our Parent / Staff Meet and Greet evening is tomorrow evening, **Wednesday 10th February 2016** beginning at **6.30pm**. This will be a very informal evening of chatting to the staff and sharing a cuppa and nibbles. We would love to see all the parents attend as we would like your input into your involvement in activities and events being held at the school to benefit your students and promote the school within the community. We will also explain learning programs that your students are involved in, and we can answer your questions.



Why not visit our Website:

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

NDL Photos

This Thursday the Northern Daily Leader will be visiting the school to take the Kinder & School Leader photos. ***Additionally they will be taking a photo of the whole school to publish.***



Playgroup 2016

Playgroup commences tomorrow Wednesday 10th February from 9:30am - 11:00am. It will be held every Wednesday, all children & parents are welcomed to attend.



Cooking

YUM! YUM! We had many chefs demonstrate their cooking skills during our first cooking class last week. Years 3-6 cooked tacos and one of the comments was "the best tacos I've ever eaten!" K-2 cooked pizza bread with delicious results.



New School Times/ Daily Timetable

School commences at 9:00am
 Recess 11:15 – 11:45am
 Lunch 1:15 – 2:00pm
 School finishes at **3:00pm** (new time)



Please Remember

Please remember, the door is always open at Somerton Public School if you have any concerns or questions about your child or any other issue. You will always be welcomed!

Weekly Assembly

Congratulations to the following students:



White Merit Award:

Charlotte Heywood, Koby Heywood

Terrific Award:

Brendan Colley– improved independent writing

Superstar Award:

Shannon Colley– fantastic home reading effort



Weekly Focus Concept – Manners

An everyday necessity in everyday life. A 'please' and 'thankyou' are always appreciated by everyone involved and it takes little effort to say!

Manners Matter



Voluntary School Contributions

Contribution Each family is asked to make an annual voluntary contribution towards the school budget. This payment is used to purchase additional classroom resources for students. The voluntary contribution for 2016 is \$40.00 for the first child & then @20.00 per subsequent child.



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home.

Issue 1, 2016 orders & payment must be returned to school by this **Friday 26th February 2016** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.



Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp 2016 for Years 3 & 4

(Stage 2)

This year Years 3 & 4 will have the wonderful opportunity attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp with the other small schools.

This camp will be held on **Monday 5th September to Wednesday 9th September 2016**.



The cost will be \$315.00. There will be a \$50 deposit and to assist parents with the cost, the school has set up a payment plan of \$20/ week for relevant students.

Canberra Excursion 2016 for Years 5 & 6 (Stage 3)

Stage 3 also has the great opportunity to attend the Canberra Excursion.

This excursion will be held on Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July 2016.



The cost will be \$555.50. There will be a \$50 deposit and the assist parent with the cost, the school has set up a payment plan for the relevant students.



P&C News

P&C Meetings are held once a term. All 'new' and 'old' members are welcome to attend. The P&C are a wonderful support to the staff and students. It is an evening of sharing and discussing and planning school activities, as well as getting to know other parents and community members over a cuppa and snack.

***The date for this term is
Week 5, Thursday 25th
March @ 6:30pm.***

A Reminder: Text Book Levy

A reminder that the text book levy is now due
Thank you to the families who have already paid.

[K-2 = \$20 per student; 3-6 = \$40 per student]

School Dates for 2016

Term 1	Wednesday 27 th Jan (SDD) Thursday 28 th Jan (Students 1 st day) – Friday 8 th April (Easter: 25 March-28 th March)
Term 2	Tuesday 26 th April (SDD) Wednesday 27 th (Students Return) – Friday 1 st July
Term 3	Monday 18 th July (SDD) Tuesday 19 th (Students Return) – Friday 23 rd September
Term 4	Tuesday 11 th October – Tuesday 20 th December (SDD)

Good for Kids good for life

PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Many products marketed as being a healthy lunchbox addition can be high in sugar and fat, and low in nutrients. Here are some healthy options to consider swapping in your child's lunchbox:

- An apple or banana instead of a fruit roll-up.
- Swap chips for unsalted air-popped popcorn.
- Include low-fat plain milk instead of drinks high in sugar such as sports drinks and fruit drinks with less than 99% juice.
- Swap sugary snacks, such as cake or biscuits, for a low-fat plain/fruit-based yoghurt.
- Use wholemeal or multi-grain bread instead of white bread for sandwiches.



Health
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Local Health District

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TERM 1 2016 DATES

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	8	9	10 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup 6:30pm: Meet & Greet Parent Evening	11 12 midday: NDL-Photos	12 8:45am-Small Schools Swimming Carnival (Werris Creek Pool)
4	15	16	17 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	18 Library	19 Swimming Music German Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
5	22	23	24 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	25 Library 6:30pm: P&C AGM All Welcome ☺	26 Swimming Music German Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
6	29	1 March	2 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	3 Library	4 Swimming Music German Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
7	7	8	9 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	10 Library	11 Swimming Music German Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
8	14	15	16 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	17 Library	28 Swimming Music German Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
9	21	22	23 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	24 Library	25 Public Holiday Good Friday
10	28 Public Holiday Easter Monday	29	30 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	31 Library	1 April Swimming Music German Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
11	4	5	6 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	7 Library	8 Swimming Music German Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly Last Day Term 1