

Newsletter

Somerton Public School

Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 1 – Week 4

Tuesday 16 February 2016

Mr Reid's Message

AS FROM THIS WEEK THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WILL BE FORTNIGHTLY distributed every second Tuesday on the even week.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The weather was hot and sunny, the cheering was exciting and everyone had a great time. Our Small Schools Swimming Carnival was a huge success. Somerton PS was the organising school this year for our Small Schools Swimming Carnival which included Duri, Attunga and Currabubula. The students were commendable in their behaviour and their participation in the events. Thank you Mr Clark for your excellent organisation of the events and huge thanks must go to the P&C and parents who provided morning tea goodies, served on the stall and cooked and served on the barbecue. The Somerton community spirit from all adults helping out was great to see and made for a very busy day but a lovely social day as well. The morning tea stall and barbecue raised over \$300 which will go towards students activities and resources.



Why not visit our Website:

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

ART Express Exhibition

Congratulations to Tiarna Harrison whose artwork was chosen to be included in Junior ART Express Exhibition touring NSW galleries. Tiarna's work was chosen from the thousands of entries to go into the last 150 entries to be considered for the tour and then was included in the last 50 entries to be included in the tour. When asked how she chose her theme she said "I wanted to draw something bright and colourful that would make the students who are in hospital smile." Well done Tiarna, we are proud of you!



P&C News

**The P&C annual AGM
meeting will be in Week 6,
Thursday 3rd March @
6:30pm.**

All Welcome



Education
Public Schools

Parent / Staff

We had a great turn out at Parent/ Teacher Meet and Greet last Wednesday night. Discussion centred on the students's learning and teaching structures, the happenings in our school day and the general running of the school. Thank you to those parents who attended and for those who were not able to make it, a detailed handout was sent home of points discussed.

Safety Talk & Somerton PS

Constable Georgia visited our classroom yesterday to have a chat about some very relevant issues in the students's lives. She spoke of

- Road safety and the importance of wearing seatbelts in cars and busses and staying seated at all times.
- Safe people – a person who the students consider to be a safe person to speak to if they are in an uncomfortable position, are lost, feel threatened or are frightened. Usually it will be a person they know but if they are by themselves and are lost or frightened, they may have to ask someone they do not know personally eg a shopkeeper or an adult in the street.
- All students need to know their address and parents phone number. I have noticed many students at the school do not know these details and it is imperative in the case of an emergency.



Weekly Assembly

As we had the swimming carnival last week, we did not have an assembly to distribute awards.



Just a Reminder

- If your child is away from school a reason must be given for the departmental records. You may either phone the school or write a note and send it to school with your child.
- School finishes at 3:00pm. Parents who are collecting their children need to be at the school by this time. If there is a problem where you are unable to be at the school by this time a phone call would be appreciated as legally the staff are not responsible for children walking home or being collected by parents after school finishing time.
- The students have started using their maths and handwriting text books. Could payments please be made for these books as soon as possible. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.



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 Focus Concept – RESPECT

Teaching respect is an important job of both the teachers and parents. The message involves considering everyone and everything at all times. In giving respect you will receive respect!



Playgroup 2016

Playgroup is held every Wednesday 9:30-11:00am, all children & parents are welcome to attend.



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. A note will go home Friday.



Good for Kids good for life

SCREEN FREE QUIET TIME

Some families have a daily quiet time where everyone takes a break. Do your children watch movies during their quiet time?

Why not try some of these activities instead to reduce the amount of screen time they are exposed to during the day and to keep their minds active!

- Reading books
- Arts and crafts
- Puzzles
- Card games
- Listening to some relaxing music
- Spending time in the garden



Adapted from: Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bites

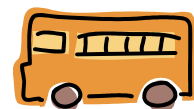


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Canberra Excursion 2016 for Years 5 & 6 (Stage 3)

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. A note will go home Friday.

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)



Oxley Vale Attunga Football Club



The committee of Oxley Vale Attunga Football Club (OVAFC) would like to welcome you to the 2016 football (soccer) season. If you are a returning player, welcome back, or a new player, we welcome you to the club. To register with OVAFC we are again using the 'My Football Club' website and will be using the online payment system.


Registration dates:
13th February 2016 - 10am to 1pm
5th March 2016 - 10am to 1pm

Location:
Tamworth Shoppingworld near Sanity Music.

Registration fees:
Players 5 – 7 yrs - \$110
Players 8 – 11 yrs - \$130
Players 12 – 18 yrs - \$150
Male Players 19+ - \$270
Women's \$270

Email the club on ovafc@northerninlandfootball.net.au if you need assistance with online registration.
Our club registrar is Matthew Bridge - 0411037953

NOTE: Registration fees will need to be paid prior to the season starting.
Local junior football is set to start on 2 April (subject to change).
Payment plans can be organised.



Phone: Matthew Bridge - 0411 037 953 *** Email: ovafc@northerninlandfootball.net.au

TERM 1 2016 DATES

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	15	16	17 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	18 Library	19 Swimming Music Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
5	22	23	24 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	25 Library	26 Swimming Music Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
6	29	1 March	2 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	3 Library 6:30pm: P&C AGM All Welcome ☺	4 Swimming Music Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
7	7	8	9 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	10 Library	11 Swimming Music Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
8	14	15	16 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	17 Library	28 Swimming Music Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
9	21	22	23 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup 2:30pm - Easter Hat Parade	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 Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
11	4	5 12pm- Outback Scripture	6 9:30am- 11:30am: Playgroup	7 Library	8 Swimming Music Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly Last Day Term 1

Newcastle Permanent's Cinema under the stars

Free!

Friday 19 February
Bicentennial Park, Tamworth
Minions (PG)

Entertainment from 5.30pm. movie from sunset

Visit newcastlepermanent.com.au/cinema or 'like' us at [facebook.com/newcastlepermanent](https://www.facebook.com/newcastlepermanent)

Event managed by
B3 Productions

Our media partners
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Learn to Swim classes

**Swimming is an important life skill
that can help save a life!**

Programs are available for all ages and abilities both
during school terms and during the school holidays

Please contact us for further enquiries and bookings on 02 6762 2631

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Cyber-Safety

Online Courses

These courses are designed to **help parents and caregivers** feel confident parenting in the digital age by offering tools to help create a **safe and balanced** online experience for the entire family.

CURRENT SITUATION

Technology is an essential part of our children's lives and provides many positive experiences for our family;

- Younger children are using technology.
- Students access technology 24/7.
- Children are left to self regulate in an un-moderated world.

This course brings together **ALL THE TOOLS NEEDED** for a family to create a safe and productive online environment.

BENEFITS

- Everybody knows where they stand
- De-mystifies technology and the online world
- Empowers parents and caregivers
- Parents and Caregivers feel supported
- Cyber issues are reduced benefiting the entire community
- The courses can be revisited at any time on any device

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND OUTCOMES

LATEST INFORMATION

- Achievable for every family
- Time effective
- Based on undeniable credibility
- Instructional video content
- Dozens of factsheets
- Links to useful websites
- How to videos

COURSE CONTENT

Gain practical tips on:

- Cyberbullying
- Social Media
- Gaming
- Predatory behavior
- Digital footprint
- Sexting
- Legal responsibilities

THE COURSES

The courses are aimed at parents and caregivers of:

1. Lower Primary students (Ages 4-8)
2. Upper Primary students (Ages 9-11)
3. Lower Secondary students (Ages 12-14)
4. Upper Secondary students (Ages 15-18)

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Phone

Email

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