

Newsletter

Somerton Public School

Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 1 – Week 10

Tuesday 29 March 2016

Mr Reid's Message

The first term of 2016 is quickly coming to an end next Friday 8th April. Term 1 is always an incredibly busy term with welcoming new students and staff, establishing new classes and routines, assessing and creating new learning programs and plans, as well as participating in activities such as the swimming carnival, the Easter hat parade, Friday swim and survive, and hosting visiting presentations to our school. We are fortunate that being such a small school we are able to participate in a variety of activities to give the students many different learning experiences. Thank you to the staff and parents for making these opportunities possible because of your support. School will resume on Wednesday 27th April for the students. The teachers will have a staff development day on Tuesday 26th April.

Easter Scripture Service

Thank you Mr Fisher for conducting our Easter Scripture service at the Somerton Church. It was a special time of sharing and singing with parents and friends of the Somerton Community. Mrs Pollard did a wonderful presentation explaining the meaning of Easter using beautiful coloured fabric, Mrs Hook decorated the church beautifully and Mrs Harris and Mrs Betty Core provided a yummy afternoon treat. Thank you everyone for making this a special occasion for the children and the staff – we really appreciated your effort!



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



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Easter Hat Parade and Mufti Day

We all agreed our Easter Hat parade and activities would have been the best in NSW!! The students looked a treat and proudly paraded their creations to their families and friends. The weather was perfect which allowed us to have lots of fun on the front lawn. The students had to find coloured paddle pop sticks to claim their Easter Egg basket goodies ... they then had an egg and spoon race ... then an egg roll competition ... And last was the egg toss! K-2 tossed hard boiled eggs to each other and the 3-6 students tossed fresh eggs to each other. There were some messy outcomes but lots of laughs, cheering and good sports. The dads even wanted to have a go with Mr Pollard being the victor over a 'scrambled egg' Mr Hook. It was very exciting and lots of fun... *More pics on our website..*



Congratulations to Benny Markwick!

Benny was announced as the third place getter in the state for his artwork in the 'Say No to Bullying' competition. The presentation ceremony was held in Sydney on Friday 18th March and Benny and his family attended. Benny received a framed certificate which is proudly displayed in our foyer, as well as a bag of art goodies from Faber Castelle. Great work Benny, we are proud of you!



ANZAC DAY 2016

ANZAC DAY – 25th

APRIL: It is a Somerton

tradition for the students and staff of Somerton Public School to march with the Somerton Community on ANZAC Day. Marchers assemble outside the school between 7:30 & 7:45am. The students are to wear their full school winter uniform. Older siblings can march too and represent their schools as can other family & community members. We assemble at the front of the school and march with the community to the Somerton Hall where a service is held. Please keep this important event in mind as although it is not a compulsory attendance event, it is a very special occasion where we would like all the students to participate if possible.

Community members please bring a plate to share for morning tea - tea & coffee provided.



Friday Swim & Survive

Thank you Mr Clark and Mrs Markwick for taking the children to the Gunnedah Pool for swim confidence and survival lessons. It was the highlight of the week and Mr Clark has commented that the overall water confidence of all children has shown a marked improvement. The last lesson will be next Friday, the last day of term.



Operation Art Express Exhibition

We have been invited to the official opening of Operation Art Express Exhibition at the Regional Gallery in Tamworth this Thursday 31st March. Tiarna Harrison, Year 6, will have her artwork on display as she was a state finalist. The children are very excited to be able to be a part of the opening and support Tiarna at this very important event.



NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN exams this year on the 10th, 11th and 12th May. Letters will be sent home to those parents today explaining all details of the NAPLAN process. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

School Uniforms

The P&C are investigating the possibility of changing our summer uniform for boys and girls. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer with the possible options. We would like input from the school community and wider community on your thoughts about this. If everyone is in favour, the uniform change will take a couple of years. Present school uniforms can be worn until they need replacing and then the new uniform could be purchased. Parents are not expected to buy the new uniform immediately. Samples of the uniform options will be displayed in the front office as from the beginning of term 2.



P&C News

At the annual P&C AGM the following are the elected officers for 2016:

President: Mrs Jodie Markwick

Vice President: Mrs Nell Chaffey

Secretary: Mr Wayne Chaffey

Treasurer: Mr Peter Hook

Stewart House Fundraiser

Attached is an envelope for students/families to donate towards the annual Stewart House Donation Drive. Upon a \$2 donation, you go into a draw to win family holiday (valued at \$4000) to the destination of your choice. Stewart House provide support to families in NSW. Please return your envelope by the end of term.



YEARS 3-6 COOKING WILL BE COOKING THIS WEEK ON WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH!

THERE WILL BE NO COOKING THIS WEEK FOR K-2 DUE TO THE EXCURSION TO TAMWORTH ART GALLERY!

Weekly Focus Social Concept: Take Care of Yourself

We do lots of exciting things every day. We need to consider everything to keep us safe, especially during the school holidays! Remember your hat, your helmet, to do up your seatbelt, stay with an adult if you are out and about and just be careful!



Playgroup 2016

New mums and their children have been visiting our playgroup held every Wednesday 9:30am-11am in the school common room.

Having fun @ Playgroup:



Weekly Assembly

Congratulations to the following students:

Week 8

White Merit Award:

Wade Holden

Terrific Award:

Keisha Johnston –
fantastic reading

Superstar Award:

Tiarna Harrison –
leadership qualities



Week 9

**No Assembly due to
Good Friday Holiday**

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS 2016

Years 5 & 6 will be going to Canberra in Week 10 Term 2, and Year 3 & 4 will be going to the Great Aussie Bush camp in Week 8 Term 3. A payment plan has been set up through the school for regular payments to be made to ease the overall burden. We are looking to the P&C to subsidise the children for a small part of the cost. We are also holding a Christmas in July toy raffle with all proceeds going towards excursion costs. Any money raised will be distributed evenly to parents of children

Great Aussie Bush Camp 2016

PLEASE REMEMBER PAYMENTS

ARE NOW DUE. Thank you to those families who have started their payments and returned their permission notes.



This camp will be held on **Monday 5th September to Wednesday 7th September 2016** for Years 3&4.

The cost will be \$315.00. A note with a payment schedule has been sent home.

Canberra Excursion 2016

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PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE.**

Thank you to those families who have started their payments and returned their permission notes.



This excursion will be held on **Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July 2016** for Years 5&6.

The cost will be \$555.50. A note with a payment schedule has been sent home.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home today.

Issue 2, 2016 orders & payment must be returned to school by **Friday 1st April 2016** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.



**This will be our last school
newsletter for Term 1 – Happy
Holidays ☺**

TERM 1 2016 DATES

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	28 Public Holiday Easter Monday	29 Canteen	30 9:30am-11:30am: Playgroup	31 12pm-Operation Art Opening Excursion	1 April Swimming Music Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly
11	4 Canteen	5 Canteen 12pm- Outback Scripture	6 9:30am-11:30am: Playgroup	7 Library	8 Swimming Music Scripture 2:30pm: Assembly Last Day Term 1

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)


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make fruit and veggie snacks.

Snacks are an important part of a healthy diet for active children. And a great way to serve fruit and veg!



Try some of the following fun, nutritious snacks to help your kids eat more fruit and veg.

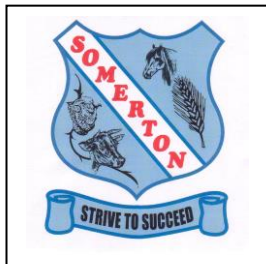
For more great ideas and recipes visit eatittobeatit.com.au.

- Raw veggie sticks with homemade or shop-bought dip.
- Pumpkin scones or veggie pancakes.
- Celery boats (filled with reduced fat cream cheese + sultanas dotted on top).
- Fruit frozen paddle pops (thread pineapple wedges or banana halves on a stick and freeze).
- Apple crumble (stewed apple + muesli, baked).
- Poppletana (unsalted popcorn + dried apple + sultana = nibble mix).

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



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Survey for New School Uniform

Dear Parents/Carers

Somerton Public School P&C would like to update the current school uniform.

This would be a gradual change so as not to incur expense for parents.
There would be a transition period to change to the new uniform.

Following are examples of items that are being considered for the new uniform.
The school logo would be added to the new school shirt (on the left side).

We would like to get your input on what you would like for the uniform. There will be samples of these uniform items on display in the school foyer during Term 2.

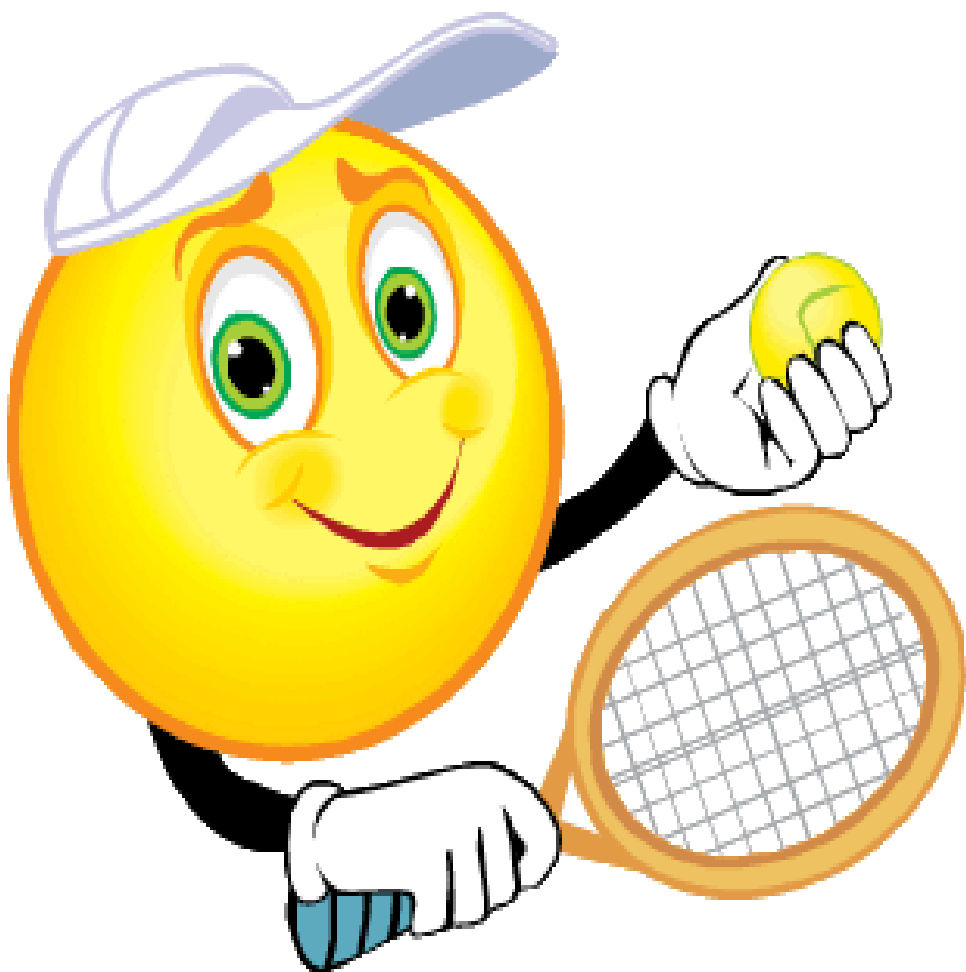
Please make your choice on the form and return it to school. You are welcome to make any comments or call the school to discuss the changes and transition to the new uniform.

Ms Toni Reid
Acting Principal

29 March 2016

Please Circle Your Choice and Return to the School

Uniform Item Name	Uniform Item Example	Comment
<u>Boys & Girls School Shirt – Choice 1</u> 65% polyester 35% cotton + Somerton PS Logo		I prefer this choice of shirt for Boys & Girls School Shirt YES / NO (please circle)
<u>Boys & Girls School Polo Top – Choice 2</u> 65% polyester 35% cotton + Somerton PS Logo		I prefer this choice of shirt for Boys & Girls School Shirt YES / NO (please circle)
<u>Boys Grey Short – Choice 1</u>		I prefer this choice of short for Boys School Short YES / NO (please circle)
<u>Boys Navy Short – Choice 2</u> 100% polyester (microfibre)		I prefer this choice of short for Boys School Short YES / NO (please circle)
<u>Girls School Skort</u> Poly/cotton		I am happy for this to be the Girls School Skort as part of the main uniform YES / NO (please circle)
<u>Girls School Skort</u> Poly/cotton		I am happy for this to be the Girls School Summer Uniform as part of the main uniform YES / NO (please circle)



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

Jarrold Campbell and the team at the Northwest Tennis Academy will be holding 2 awesome tennis camps in the upcoming school holidays for the kids. Heaps of fun and great activities to keep the kids actively entertained having loads of enjoyment in a fun, safe & educational environment.

- 4 – 16 years of age catered for.
- Fully supervised and run by a highly experienced and qualified team of tennis professionals.



Camp 1

11/4/16 – 14/4/16

Camp 2

18/4/16 – 21/4/16

Time

9am – 12pm daily.

Cost

**\$80 per person.
Family discounts
available.**

**Prizes for all kids
who attend.**

**End of camp party
and presentations.**

NORTHWEST TENNIS ACADEMY

Tamworth Tennis Club
Napier St, Tamworth

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TSD SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

18TH APRIL – 22ND APRIL 2016

An important factor in a child's healthy growth and development is physical activity. Participating in sporting activities builds on this by providing children with valuable life lessons such as co-ordination, discipline and a sense of fair play. Research also shows that playing sport can assist children in the classroom with better learning through concentration and behaviour.

Tamworth Sports Dome provides children with a healthy and fun way to spend their school holidays offering great school holiday programs and activities!

Our exciting programs give children the opportunity to try a range of different sports, experience real team spirit and meet lots of new friends in a safe and supervised environment.

MON 18TH

FUTSAL
BASKETBALL
DODGEBALL
TURBO TOUCH
ULTIMATE
FRISBEE

TUES 19TH

NETBALL
HOCKEY
SOFTBALL
TABLE TENNIS
AMAZING RACE

WED 20TH

CRICKET
BADMINTON
TUG-O-WAR
TENNIS
ULTIMATE
FRISBEE

THU 21ST

EUROPEAN
HANDBALL
SOFTBALL
TURBO TOUCH
TEATHER BALL
BASKETBALL

FRI 22ND

ATHLETICS
VOLLEYBALL
DODGEBALL
FUTSAL
TREASURE HUNT

9:00am – 3:00pm - \$40 per day

Please ensure your child(ren) bring a water bottle and food for morning tea and lunch.
(Lunch packs are available from the kiosk at an extra cost)

For all enquiries and bookings please contact (02) 6762 2631 or sportsdome@tamworth.nsw.gov.au