

Newsletter

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Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 2 – Week 2

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Mr Reid's Message

Welcome back everyone to Term 2! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. It was great to see all the students back in their full school winter uniforms. However, due to the unseasonal warm weather conditions the students were really feeling the heat! As a result we have decided to allow the students to wear their summer uniforms until the weather starts to cool. We have a very busy term planned already with classroom activities and events. The calendar included with every newsletter will fill you in on what is happening, and it will be updated every fortnight, so please keep your eye on that.



At the end of Term 1 I had a discussion with **Mr Julian Johnson from Proten Egg Producers** about his company sponsoring our school for various projects. During the holidays he emailed me informing me his company had decided to give a generous donation towards the students excursions to Canberra and the Great Aussie Bush Camp as well as other projects which are yet to be decided on. Each child will receive \$100 to go towards their excursion costs from Proten, and as well \$50 donated from the P&C. This will be of great assistance to all families. We are very fortunate to have a local business who is so generous with their support to the students and the school and who shows such a keen interest in the happenings of our school!



Why not visit our Website:

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

ANZAC DAY 2016

Somerton Public School played an important role in the annual Somerton Community ANZAC March on 25th April 2016. The students marched from the school with the Servicemen and community members to the hall where the ceremony took place. Shannon Colley, the flag bearer, led the march in front of the Tamworth Brass Band. Charlotte Heywood read the Ode and Macey Holden laid a wreath from Somerton Public School. Everyone then proceeded into the hall where the formalities continued. When the service concluded, the community shared a cuppa and a chat. As part of the learning experience for the students prior to ANZAC Day, the students completed a craft work which was proudly displayed on the wall as part of the presentation. The staff were very proud of the students performance and presentation and our thanks to the parents and families who made the effort to bring their students to be a part of this important occasion.



K-2 News

Students in K-2 have started to create their own storybooks making sure their writing has a beginning, a middle and an end. We are using a storybook layout to help plan our ideas and to write longer texts. This week we are working on a story describing the character of the "Gruffalo". We plan to publish our own books so look out for some exciting stories!



NAPLAN

The students have settled in very well after their holiday and we have been getting organised for the term. NAPLAN commences on Tuesday 10th May and continues until Thursday 12th May. This is a national assessment program in literacy and numeracy for Years 3 and 5 in primary schools and is conducted every year.

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

First Aid in Schools Program



On Thursday, Years 3-6 will be undertaking the First Aid in Schools Program run by St John (NSW) volunteer educators. The students will be taught a range of first aid skills they can use in the event of an emergency. The students will need to wear their sports uniform on that day as many activities will involve practising skills on the floor.



We will be combining with Carroll Public School to visit the van at their school. It will be held on Thursday May 19th. The cost is normally \$10, however with a subsidy provided by BHP the cost will be \$7 per student. More details will be given closer to the date.

Cross Country @Carroll PS

This year we will be combining with Carroll Public School on Friday May 13th and running the course at Carroll. We have started to train at school and we are hoping the students can practise at home to build their stamina and strength. A permission note will be sent home later this week.



Rural Fire Service Visit

The Rural Fire Service visited our classroom on Monday to tell us about the dangers of fire and what to do if there is a fire. We discussed our evacuation procedures at school and what we would do at home if there was a fire. We practised the 'drop and go, go, go' to get to safety and the 'drop and roll' if our clothes are on fire. We also looked at the fire truck based at Somerton and its equipment to help fight fires. Thank you to Carolyn for explaining and answering questions and thank you to Colin for demonstrating the uniform and showing us the truck. We had a fantastic learning time in case we experience a fire.



German in the Classroom!



Mrs Hook is teaching German to the students every Friday again this term. This is an exciting part of the students education as they are learning about the



German culture and various aspects of the German language. Mrs Hook is a volunteer who does a great job with her thorough preparations and interesting presentation of her teaching concepts. Thanks Mrs Hook for your time and effort in making this such an enjoyable part of the students learning.

Stewart House Fundraiser

Thank you to those students who have donated to this worthy cause.



Cooking



YEARS 3-6 COOKING WILL BE COOKING EVERY SECOND WEEK IN TERM 2. THEY WILL BE COOKING THIS WEEK, HOWEVER STILL NEED TO BRING THEIR LUNCH AS THE COOKING WILL BE A TREAT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL!

K-2 WILL BE COOKING EACH WEEK IN TERM 2.

Remember your \$2 to cover costs please!!

Staff Development Day

On Tuesday 26th April we had an excellent session run by Mr Clark on IT training using the new iPads recently purchased for literacy and numeracy. Mr Clark has a Masters Degree in Technology in Education and was able to guide the staff in the various uses of an iPad in the classroom by teachers and students. The app 'See-Saw' was introduced. This amazing program allows the students to use the various devices to produce, monitor and assess their work under the supervision of the teacher. This professional development will be an ongoing process in future staff meetings, with Mr Clark introducing the staff to the use of open-ended apps for students.



The school purchased six new iPads for the students to use in literacy and numeracy. We now have a class set so there is an iPad for every child when working with one teacher. The students were introduced to the program See Saw which is exciting to use and also a very innovative tool in teaching and learning.

Playgroup 2016

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



Golf for Sport!

There was great excitement on Friday as the students and Mr Clark unpacked our two new golf kits provided by Sporting Schools funds. The students are learning golf skills every Friday with Mr Clark.



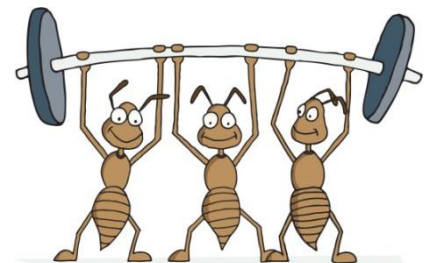
Community Sausage Sizzle!

Every second Friday (the week the newsletter is distributed) we will be holding a sausage sizzle for the students, staff, parents and community members in the school grounds. Everyone is welcomed to attend. It will be an opportunity for us to relax and chat and enjoy a sausage sandwich together with the students. There will be no cost as this is a community venture. Lunch begins at 1:15 and goes until 2:00pm. We have decided to change our assembly time to 2:00pm so that if visitors would like to stay they can be a part of our assembly.



Weekly Focus Concept: Co-operation

Listening, sharing and consideration are all important aspects of co-operation. This makes for a happy and peaceful environment



Weekly Assembly

There was no weekly assembly last week due to the short week.



Canberra Excursion 2016

The Canberra Excursion is this Term and is fast approaching. Thank you to those families who have COMPLETED and returned their permission notes. Remember the students are being subsidised \$100 from ProTen and \$50 from the P&C.



PLEASE REMEMBER PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE.

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

Total cost will be \$555.50 less \$100 from ProTen and \$50 from P&C. A note with a payment schedule has been sent home.



P&C News

All parents and friends are welcomed to attend. There will be a movie showing for the children if there are concerns about babysitting. The meeting time has been brought forward to 5:30pm in consideration of the winter season, and should conclude by 7:00pm at the latest.

Great Aussie Bush Camp 2016

PLEASE REMEMBER PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE. Thank you to those families who have COMPLETED and returned their permission notes. Remember the students are being subsidised \$100 from ProTen and \$50 from the P&C. This camp will be held on **Monday 5th September to Wednesday 7th September 2016** for Years 3&4.



The cost will be \$315.00 less \$100 from ProTen and \$50 from P&C. A note with a payment schedule has been sent home.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home today.

Issue 3, 2016 orders & payment must be returned to school by **Friday 27th May 2016** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.







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Remaining School Dates for 2016

Some Pics from the Spirit of ANZAC Experience



TERM 2-2016 DATES

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	25 April ANZAC Day	26 Staff Development Day	27 Start of School Term for All Students Welcome Back ☺	28 Spirit of ANZAC Library	29
2	2 February	3	4	5 First Aid Schools Program Library	6 Golf Music German Scripture 2:00pm Assembly
3	9	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN Library	13 Cross Country Carrol PS
4	16	17	18	19 Life Education @ Carroll PS Library	20 Golf Music German Scripture 2:00pm Assembly
5	23	24	25	26 Library 5:30pm P&C Meeting	27 Golf Music German Scripture 2:00pm Assembly
6	30	31	1 June	2 Library	3 Golf Music German Scripture 2:00pm Assembly
7	6	7	8	9 Library	10 Golf Music German Scripture 2:00pm Assembly
8	13 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14	15	16 Library	17 Golf Music German Scripture 2:00pm Assembly
9	20	21	22	23 Jump Rope for Heart Library	24 Golf Music German Scripture 2:00pm Assembly
10	27 Canberra Excursion Years 5&6	28 Canberra Excursion Years 5&6	29 Canberra Excursion Years 5&6	31 Canberra Excursion Years 5&6 Library	1 July Canberra Excursion Years 5&6 Golf Music German Scripture 2:00pm Assembly