

Newsletter

Somerton Public School

Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 2 – Week 10

Tuesday 28 June 2016

Mr Clark's Message

We have had a busy and exciting term with a number of wonderful opportunities. It has been pleasing to see how proud the students are of their school and the maturity they show when attending events outside the school. This week Shannon is attending the Canberra excursion with Mrs Gallagher and the staff and students from other small schools in our network. We look forward to hearing about their wonderful experience when they return. Over the past few weeks the students have been participating in weekly health lessons provided by HealthWISE NSW. Last week we were fortunate enough to have the University of Newcastle join in and deliver a healthy eating session. The students engaged in a number of creative, hands on activities including making a delicious and healthy lunch to conclude the session.

Term 3

Students return to school on Tuesday 19th July with Monday 18th July being a pupil free day. All staff will be attending the Small Schools Conference on Sunday 17th July and Monday 18th July. We will be participating in a number of professional development workshops to build our capacity to further provide quality programs and opportunities for the students at Somerton Public School. We hope that all students have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Community Sausage Sizzle!

Our community BBQ is this Friday at 1:15pm. We would like you to come join us and stay for our assembly afterwards. There will be some special visitors at this week's community sausage sizzle and assembly.



Why not visit our Website:

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



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End of Term Disco

Carroll Public School have invited us back to attend their end of Term Disco tomorrow afternoon which is a Pyjama Party. The Disco begins at 4pm and ends at 5:30pm. Entry is \$4 and includes a lucky dip. Parents are required to transport their children to and from the disco and staff from Somerton Public School will be attending. We hope you can make it. Please see attached flyer.



P&C News

The Federal Election will be held on the 2nd July 2016 which is the first weekend of the school holidays.

The P&C will be running a cake stall to raise money for the school.

If anyone is able to bake some cakes and slices and bring to the front office on Friday the 1st of July it would be greatly appreciated.

Please list all ingredients used on the container or packaging as we cannot sell food without these.

Christmas in



Thank you to the students who have sold returned raffle tickets. If students

require more tickets please see the office.

Cooking

K-6 will be cooking this week on Thursday. Please bring \$2.



Hooks Trip to Germany

Annie, Nika & Sophie were keen to send the school a photo of their departure to Germany. We look forward to hearing of their fun adventures when they return next term.



Canberra Excursion 2016



Shannon and Mrs Gallagher have arrived safely in Canberra! Here is Shannon looking the part as a 'sergeant in arms'...ready for a parliament sitting!



Holiday Reading



To maintain the great progress in reading this term we are encouraging the students to read over the holiday break. Each child will bring home a holiday reading pack with books at

their independent level. Please encourage your child to read and to record their reading in the reading log. You can also record any books you read together with your child. Everyone who reads and returns their reading pack will receive a special treat. Thank you for helping your child to maintain their reading skills by participating in this program.

School Photos

School photos will be taking school photos on Monday 25th July (Week 2 Term 3). Order envelopes have gone home and information for online orders. If you would like sibling photos, please contact the school.



Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Rope for Heart Day went well last Friday 24th June. Thank you to students who gained sponsorship and donations.



Playgroup

Playgroup will break for the school holidays.



Weekly Focus Concept: Safety on the Bus



Students are privileged to be able to catch a bus to school. Parents and staff need to remind the children that when traveling on the bus, they need to wear a seatbelt, stay in their seat and be respectful of other passengers. Reminding children about the need and importance of seatbelts in all vehicles is extremely beneficial with the holidays fast approaching.

Weekly Assembly



Week 8

Terrific Award:

Brendan Colley – excellent effort in reading

Superstar Award:

Matlida Holden – excellent effort in writing



Look at the fabulous student work:



Week 9

Terrific Award:

Tiarna Harrison – consistent effort in all areas

Superstar Award:

Jye Booby-Woodward – excellent effort reading



More fabulous student work:



TERM 2 - 2016 Dates

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 2pm- HealthWISE visit	1 July Canberra Excursion Years 5&6 Golf in Gunnedah Music 1:15pm Community Sausage Sizzle 2:00pm Assembly Scripture <i>Wishing all the students a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing you in Term 3 ☺</i>

TERM 3 - 2016 Dates

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	18 July Staff Development Day - Small Schools Conference	19 Students First Day Back for Term 3	20	21	22 Sport Music German 2:00pm Assembly Scripture

Native Trees for Sale

Somerton PS SRC have native seedlings from the North West Local Lands Service for sale.

There is Silver Leaf Iron Bark and River Oak for sale.

Trees are \$5 with stakes and a guard. Limited number available.



WHAT IS GONSKI?

IN 2012, THE GONSKI REVIEW FOUND THAT AUSTRALIA IS INVESTING TOO LITTLE IN SCHOOLS, AND THAT THE WAY WE DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY IS NEITHER FAIR NOR EFFECTIVE.

IN DISADVANTAGED AREAS,

1 IN 5 15 YEAR OLDS DO NOT HAVE BASIC LITERACY SKILLS

GONSKI FUNDING IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE RIGHT RESOURCES ARE IN EVERY SCHOOL FOR EVERY CHILD.

2/3 OF GONSKI FUNDING IS DUE IN THE LAST 2 YEARS

KIDS EXCEL WHEN THEY HAVE PROPER SUPPORT.

GONSKI PROVIDES SMALLER CLASS SIZES / EXTRA LITERACY AND NUMERACY PROGRAMS / SPEECH THERAPISTS / ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLING KIDS / ONGOING TRAINING FOR TEACHERS / ADDITIONAL SPECIALIST SUPPORT BETTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / GREATER SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

GONSKI: FAIR FUNDING FOR EVERY CHILD NOW.

Authorised by John Elcos, General Secretary, NSW Teachers Federation, 23-33 Mary St, Surry Hills 2018.

“ UNDER-INVESTING HAS SEEN ALARMING GAPS IN ACHIEVEMENT BETWEEN STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. GONSKI 2012

62%

OF TEACHERS SAY THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY AT THEIR SCHOOL ARE NOT BEING PROPERLY MET

SOURCE: ABU 2014 'STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS' SURVEY

FUNDING SHARE

65% 35%

FEDERAL FUNDING STATE FUNDING

CARROLL PUBLIC SCHOOL END OF TERM 2

"PYJAMA PARTY"

4 pm
to
5.30pm

All carroll,
somerton and
community
kids.

Wed
29th June
\$4 includes a
lucky dip



kids
up to year
6 age are
Welcome.



GALUMALAANHA GOMEROI WALAYBAA *caring for gomeroi country*



Community NAIDOC Day
Sunday 3rd July 2016
10am - 3pm

Galala
under Bicentennial Walk Bridge
Tamworth
(corner of Gipps St & Solander Dr)

**FREE Activities Stories & Dance with
Gomeri Dance Company Boomerang &
Spear Throwing & Artefacts Display with
Tom Barker Peel River Tree Planting Activities
& Potting Workshop Bird Box Making for the
Peel River Weaving Workshop NSW Fisheries
Rock Climbing Wall Walk Up Tree, All Acoustic
Performers Welcome! Tamworth Birdwatchers
River Walk & Stall FREE BBQ, Curries & Stews**

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Holiday Clinic Fun



**JOIN IN THE FUN!
REGISTER YOUR CHILD
IN A NETBALL NSW
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
CLINIC NEAR YOU!**

GREAT HOLIDAY FUN FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 10

- 3-hour clinic run by accredited coaches
- Tailored to all abilities
- Learn and improve your netball skills
- Make new friends
- Get lots of exercise in a safe environment
- Receive a Netball NSW goodie bag; and Certificate of Participation

ONLY \$40 PER CHILD

When: Monday 11th July 2016
Time: From 9:00am – 12:00pm with
Registration at 8:30am
Where: Tamworth Netball Association
Address: Jack Smyth Drive, Tamworth
Bring: Healthy snacks, drink bottle,
sunscreen and a hat
**Registration
closing date:** Friday 8th July, 2016

For further information or to register visit letsplaynetball.com
Call (02) 9951 5000 or email netball@netballnsw.com



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