



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 4 2017

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	30 October Transition to HS Miss Warden L3	31 October	1 November 10am Food & Fibre LMBR training - Ms Fritze	2 November LMBR training – Ms Lacey	3 November	4 Nov P&C Bingo Night	5 Nov
5	6 November Kinder GO!	7 November 9:30am-Playgroup	8 November	9 November LMBR training - Ms Fritze	10 November LMBR training - Ms Fritze	11 Nov	12 Nov Sydney Excursion Depart
6	13 November	14 November	15 November	16 November	17 November	18 Nov	19 Nov
 SYDNEY EXCURSION					Sydney Excursion return		
7	20 November Kinder GO! Planning 2018-2020 PL Ms Lacey - Gunnedah HS	21 November 9:30am-Playgroup	22 November	23 November Planning 2018-2020 Currabubula, Attunga, Woolomin	24 November Ms Lacey, Mrs Fritze - EFPT Training—THS	25 Nov	26 Nov
8	27 November Kinder GO!	28 November	29 November	30 November Planning 2018-2020 Currabubula, Attunga, Woolomin	1 December	2 Dec	3 Dec
9	4 December	5 December 9:30am-Playgroup	6 December	7 December	8 December	9 Dec	10 Dec
 School Swimming Scheme							
10	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec Reports home	14 Dec Presentation Night	15 Dec Last Day Students	16 Dec	17 Dec
11	18 Dec SDD Planning 2018	19 Dec SDD Planning 2018	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	23 Dec	24 Dec

Ms Lacey's Message.....

The term does not seem to be getting any quieter! We have been very busy finalising our excursion to Sydney. We are set to leave on Sunday and the staff and students are very excited to enjoy a week of learning and adventure at the Sydney Academy of Sport and exploring our state's capital and all its treasures.

Anzac Memorial Centenary Project Soil Collection Program

Today Somerton PS was honoured to be a part of the Anzac Memorial Centenary Project Soil Collection Program. In 2016 the artist Fiona Hall was selected through an art commission process to create an artwork for the Anzac Memorial extension. Fiona Hall proposed that a plaque be created for every town, suburb and locality around NSW that enlistees for the First World War gave as their place of address. A sample of soil collected from the area will be displayed alongside the place name. The plaques will line the walls of the Hall of Service.

Today, here at Somerton, we have honoured the memories and sacrifices of the men and women from our town and district who served in the First World War. As a school we were proud to be a part of this and hopefully one day we can visit the memorial and see the soil sample that we have contributed on behalf of our town and its people.

Ms Lacey



Sydney Excursion

Two more sleeps and we are off on the train to Sydney! Don't forget to pack a sheet and pillow case. Staff will pack some activities to help keep children occupied on the train but we do encourage you all to take a few things in your back pack for you to do on the train. Remember no valuables and a limit of \$30 spending money. Any medications should also be packed in a snap lock bag clearly labelled with your child's name and instructions.

We look forward to seeing you all at the train station at 9.30am on Sunday.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for our adventures through the week!

P&C Bingo Night

The P&C hosted another successful Bingo Night with lots of fun and prizes on offer. Well done to Hannah Pollard who worked hard to approach many business houses for donations for the evening. These events do not run themselves and require commitment from our dedicated P&C. Well done and thank you to all who came and supported.

Kinder Go!

We have two more Kinder Go days for the term; Monday 20th November and Monday the 27th November.

On the last day of Kinder Go we would like to invite parents for a small Kinder Go Graduation Ceremony and to enjoy a lunch with us. Mrs Weis will send home more information about this in Week 7.



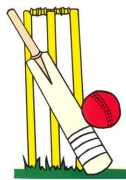
Noticeboard



P & C News
The next P&C Meeting will be
Thursday 7th December at 4pm.
All Welcome.

After School Cricket - Thursday Afternoons

Mr Mackenzie and Mr Daly will be running After School Cricket at Somerton PS on Thursday afternoons at 3.45pm. All students are welcome to attend. The cost will be a gold coin donation and students will be provided with fruit for afternoon tea. Please contact the school office for more information.



Kinder GO!

The next Kinder Go Transition Day will be held on **Monday 20th November**.

Playgroup

The next Playgroup will be held on **Tuesday 21st November 2017**.
Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



SCHOLASTIC

Anyone wishing to order book club - Issue 7, 2017 orders & payment must be returned to school (in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it) or completed online by Friday 10 November 2017.



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Noticeboard

2018 School Student Transport Scheme and Term Bus Pass

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. Note; not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued).





FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-4r2

Last week saw many people get involved with all things Halloween and K/1/2 was no exception. Students read and discussed the text 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson, who happens to be one of the class's favourite authors. The text tells the story of a witch who meets many animals whilst flying through a storm, all of whom ask to ride on her broom. However trouble strikes when the broom breaks and she is faced with the dragon.

Students enjoyed drawing their own fancy brooms and who they would take for a ride before writing a story telling of their adventure. They also wrote a recipe for a spell using alliteration in the magic words, just like witches from the book, 'Iggety, Ziggety, Zaggety, Zoom'. Students had spells ranging from turning people into animals to spells to make amazing machines.



4r3-4r6

During the past fortnight students have been busy learning to draw maps. We have drawn maps of Somerton and Somerton PS. Students have finished their 'My Place Somerton' stories to go with their Somerton maps. We have continued to read and enjoy the book titled 'My Place', learning about how Australia has changed since settlement.

This week students also completed some Sydney Harbour Bridge artworks which were inspired by the work of Australian artist, Ken Done. These artworks help to create even more excitement about our big trip next week.

During maths we have continued to focus on subtraction and have built up to 5 digit subtraction with trading in tens, hundreds and thousands. We are all becoming masters at it with our quick recall skills ever improving. This week we also learned that a pack of cards can be an awesome resource to learn maths and we played some really cool games practising our subtraction and multiplication skills.

See you when we get back from Sydney and we promise to have lots of great stories to tell.



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Somerton Public School Excursion Fundraiser

Somerton Public School is raising funds for their Sydney Excursion in Term 4. We have a number of items you can purchase to help reduce the cost to families.

Items for sale:

- Homemade Pickles \$5
- Homemade Lemon Butter \$5
- Homemade Passionfruit Butter \$5
- Marmalade \$4
- 6 x 4m Trailer of Mulch \$40

Please contact the school on 6769 7520 for orders.



Somerton War Memorial Hall

If you would like to hire this great facility please
contact
0427 697 566.



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— BRINGING NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER —

Connect with your neighbours

If you are fortunate enough to live with a sense of community, where you know the people who live near you, share experiences and help one another, then you'll probably agree, your life is richer for it. The Street by Street Project is seeking community minded people to turn streets into communities in your area, through simple social activities. We'll support you to do this. Contact Irene Oppen at irene@streetbystreet.org.au or 0413 706 233 and see www.streetbystreet.org.au for more info.

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AFTER EARLY CHILDHOOD
COME AND TRY DAY
FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 4 AND 7
DECEMBER 2, 2017 11.30AM - 1.30PM • CONSERVATORIUM

Children will rotate through 7 mini classes, 15 min each.
Instrument classes on violins, cellos, keyboards, recorders, P Buzz's, ukuleles and choir

Please contact the TRCM office on 67666911 to book in. Numbers limited!

