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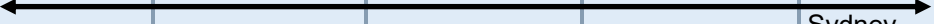

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Term 4 2017

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| 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 |
| <div style="text-align: center;">  SYDNEY EXCURSION <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> Sydney Excursion return </div> </div> | | | | | | | |
| 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 2pm Christmas Service | 8 December | 9 Dec | 10 Dec |
| <div style="text-align: center;">  School Swimming Scheme </div> | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 11 Dec | 12 Dec 11:30am CWA @ Hall | 13 Dec Reports home | 14 Dec 6pm Presentation Night & Christmas Tree | 15 Dec Student Celebration & Year 6 Farewell 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.....

Welcome to Week 10 and our final newsletter for the 2017 school year! I'm not quite sure where the year has gone. When I reflect; however, on the term planner for the year I am extremely satisfied that we have offered our students a vast variety of educational opportunities throughout the course of the school year. We may be a small school but we are definitely doing big things!

My first year as Principal of Somerton PS has been most rewarding. The vision I have for the school has begun to evolve and I look forward to building on this in 2018.

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to my staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide the very best for our students. There have been many hours of professional learning logged by staff. All of what we do is for the benefit of our students and is reflected in our classroom practice and teaching and learning programs. I am also particularly proud to be a part of a staff who are very willing to constantly go above and beyond to ensure our students are catered and cared for.

I am also very proud of our students and their achievements this year. Every achievement, no matter how big or small is a success and it has been an absolute honour to celebrate these successes with our students. Watching them grow throughout the year is just amazing to witness and gives me great satisfaction. We have students who have grown socially, emotionally and academically. I have witnessed students overcome fears and have those aha moments where it all just comes together. These moments are absolute gold!

We have worked hard this year to make improvements to our physical surrounds and the organisation of our school. It is particularly lovely to hear positive comments from visitors on how lovely our school is and the warm feel received when they enter our school.



I would also like to thank and congratulate our P&C, a small yet active band of dedicated parents who are happy to support our school and our students. We are very lucky to have you all as part of our school and certainly value your input.

To the community members who have supported us, dropped in to say hello and encouraged us, we thank you. What a lovely community to be a part of!

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I hope that you all take time to relax for a little while and enjoy your families. I look forward to working with you all again in the new year to continue to make Somerton PS the best little school in NSW!

Ms Lacey





Noticeboard



2018 School Return

Monday 29 January - Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 January - Students First Day for 2018

P & C News




Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. We hope to see you at Presentation Night.




The first meeting in 2018 tentative scheduled for
Thursday 8 February @ 4pm

Canberra Excursion 2018

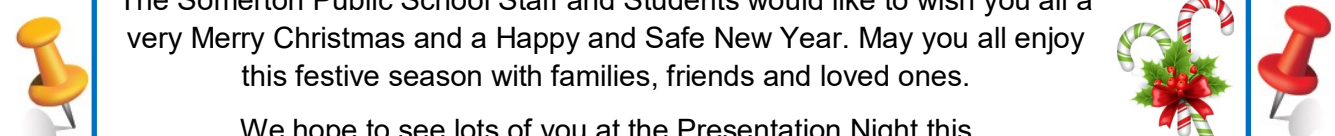


Next year is the bi-annual excursion to Canberra for our year 5/6 students. This will occur in Term 2. Details of excursion will be forwarded in Term 1 2018. To help families prepare, we have received notification that the cost will be **\$554.50**. ***To make it easier for families it is recommended to make regular payments each week of \$30 so that total will be finalised prior to the excursion.***

Playgroup



Playgroup has concluded for 2017.
It will recommence on Tuesday 6 February 2018 9:30am-11:00am.
All mums, dads & littlies are welcome.
Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



The Somerton Public School Staff and Students would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. May you all enjoy this festive season with families, friends and loved ones.

We hope to see lots of you at the Presentation Night this
Thursday 14 December.





FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-Yr2

Last week students participated in the Intensive Swimming program at Gunnedah Pool. Despite the strong chlorine, students took advantage of the time spent in the pool with Sarah-Jane their instructor. By the end of the week students were exhausted; however, all could say that they worked hard and had improved their swimming skills. It was pleasing to see that all students had put in their best efforts throughout the week.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to take the opportunity thank all parents, carers and students of Somerton Public School for welcoming me this year and helping me have a most enjoyable teaching year here in this fabulous school community. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching all the students and watching them grow and mature over the year.

I wish all families and friends of the school a safe and happy Christmas full of love laughter and good food! Merry Christmas to all!



Yr3-Yr6

What I have enjoyed about 2017

I have enjoyed doing craft activities and Ms Lacey teaching me new maths. *Jacinta Mackenzie Yr 4*

I liked going on the Sydney Excursion. My favourite part was meeting new friends and participating in night games. *Shannon Colley Yr 6*

I have enjoyed participating in sports. I really liked tee-ball and tennis. I also liked our writing activities like our poems and My Place story. *Benny Markwick Yr 5*

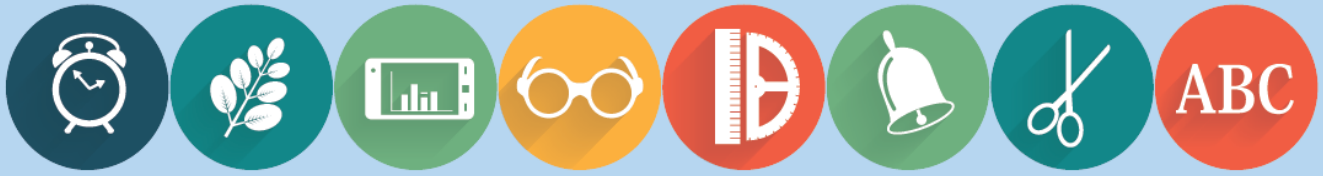
My favourite part of the year was when we got to go to Sydney on an excursion. In class I liked doing the unit on *My Place*. *Nicholas Hook Yr4*

The best thing about this year was working on my times tables and playing with my friends. *Brendan Colley Yr 3*

The things I liked the most this year were art and drama. I also really liked going to Sydney on the excursion. I got to make new friends. *Naomi Evans Yr5*

The thing I enjoyed the most was doing the unit on the book *Fox*. I also really enjoyed swimming, the Sydney Excursion and getting to represent North West and Somerton PS in high jump at the state carnival. *Annie Hook Yr 4*





Parenting - Hang in There!

The end of the school year is fast approaching.

We remember this years events with all it's successes and disappointments.

Some had more wins than others. My kids like boasting over all the ribbons and trophies they have won, displaying them clearly, impossible for the rest of the family to not see them.

Getting what we want makes us feel good. But is that all that counts?

I hope you enjoy this weeks Blog! Hang in there!

When Finishing 4th Beats Winning

BY MICHAEL GROSE

Winning is great!

We love it when our kids win a game or a race.

It's great to see their faces light up when they win.

Winning is a good feeling.

Winning means they're doing well. It's equated with success.

It's a good habit to develop.

..... or so the theory goes.

I beg to differ.

Winning is just one story.

Not winning carries emotion, but it's not necessarily positive. Kids usually experience disappointment, annoyance and frustration – all unpleasant emotions.

But it's good for children and young people to experience unpleasant feelings from time to time.

It's good to learn that bad feelings happen, but they don't last. That things don't always go your way. This is a huge life lesson.

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Not winning also teaches kids to link success with effort. It teaches them that **perseverance** pays off eventually.

Helping kids accept setbacks and unpleasant emotions rather than block them out is the key to building their **resilience**.

What about the child who never wins?

Some children seem to never win, or hardly ever do. One of my kids always seemed to have 4th place sewn up in any race – just missing a ribbon – except if he was trying to get into a four person relay team. He'd usually finish 5th.

As a caring parent it was hard work keeping his chin up year after year. But that's what you have to do.

He eventually stopped doing some of the activities where he struggled in, replacing them with school subjects, sports and activities that more suited his interests and abilities.

But not before he learned the **value of struggle**.

As an adult he can now articulate the disappointment he felt coming close but never quite hitting the winner's circle; but he can see the value of hanging in there long after others gave up. That's possibly due in part to temperament, but I suspect in part due to some valuable lessons from not winning, or coming close, when he was young.

He knows persistence is one of his strongest assets.

Focus on struggles, not just on victories: Your focus as a parent reveals your values. If you value effort and



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Somerton Public School Excursion Fundraiser

Somerton Public School continuing to fundraise much needed funds for school resources and events. 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**
- **Berry Jan \$5**
- **6 x 4m Trailer of Mulch \$40**



Please contact the school on 6769 7520 for orders.
Thank you for your support.

Somerton War Memorial Hall

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