

Newsletter

Somerton Public School

Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness

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Term 1 – Week 3

Tuesday 7 February 2017

Ms Lacey's Message

What a great first week back! It has been very hot and students have been coping well with the heat. Lots of days the students have been inside in the cool for their breaks.

Please ensure they bring a drink bottle with water and a hat.

This year we will be holding our assembly fortnightly, our first one for the year will be **next** Friday (Week 4). All parents are welcome to attend.

**Welcome to Somerton Public School –
Ms Lacey & Miss Warden:**



Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival is being held on Thursday 16th

February at Werris Creek Pool. All information is on the note that has gone home and we would appreciate if the notes could be returned as soon as possible. Parents are asked to transport their children to and from the carnival. There will be a bbq and canteen available on the day if required.



Kitchen Garden Cooking

Students will be cooking as one class each Wednesday with food from our garden. Cost of cooking is \$2 per student each week. This week students will be making a Greek Salad...Yum!



Term 1- Swimming for Sport-Fridays

This term students will be travelling to Gunnedah Swimming Pool for sport. The school has hired a bus for transport. A permission note is attached to this newsletter and will need to be returned by this Friday for our first session. For this week only the students will be transported to Gunnedah by staff and parents.



BBQ Reminder

A reminder that **this Thursday, 9th February**, is our meet and greet bbq. This is a great opportunity for staff and parents to get to know one another. We encourage all parents to attend. The school will be providing the food and drink.



Breakfast Club



This year our **breakfast program will be on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings**. If for some reason your child misses having their breakfast they are welcomed to have breakfast at school consisting of cereal, toast and milk.

Playgroup

This year playgroup will be held on a Tuesday at the school. Come join us for some fun on Tuesdays 9:30am-11:00am. Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



Canteen

Canteen will be available on Mondays and Thursdays at the cost of \$2, which includes lunch, fruit dessert and drink. Mrs Markwick has sent home the yummy menu for the term.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home today. **Issue 1, 2017** orders & payment must be returned to school by this **Friday 3rd March 2017** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.



Good for Kids good for life

LUNCHBOX STARS

A child's lunchbox should provide 1/3 of their daily food needs. It is important to pack healthy foods that will help them to grow and learn.

Why not try some of these healthy snack options:

- Vegetable sticks
- Reduced fat yoghurt
- Popcorn (homemade or pre-packaged)
- Wholegrain crispbread with reduced fat cheese slices
- Sultanas
- Cherry tomatoes
- Rice crackers
- Fruit English muffin



P&C AGM

P&C AGM will be held next week. All 'new' and 'old' members are welcome to attend. The P&C are a wonderful support to the staff and students. It is an evening of sharing, discussing and planning school activities, as well as getting to know other parents and community members over a cuppa and snack.

The date for next week's meeting is:

**Wednesday 15th February
@ 6:00pm**



Why not visit our Website:

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

TERM 1 2017 Dates:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 January Holidays	24 Holidays	25 Holidays	26 Public Holiday	27 Staff Development Day
2	30	31	1 February	2 Library	3 Sport Music & Drama German Scripture
3	6 Breakfast Club Canteen	7 9:30-Playgroup	8 Breakfast Club	9 Breakfast Club Canteen Library Ms Lacey- Tamworth Office 6pm – Meet & Greet BBQ	10 Sport-Swimming Music & Drama
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11	3 April Breakfast Club Canteen	4 9:30-Playgroup	5 Breakfast Club	6 Breakfast Club Canteen Library	7 Last Day of Term 1 Happy Holidays ☺

Newcastle Permanent's
Cinema
under the **stars**



Free!



Friday 10 February
Bicentennial Park, Tamworth
Zootopia (PG)

Entertainment from 5.30pm, movie from sunset

Visit newcastlepermanent.com.au/cinema or 'like' us at [facebook.com/newcastlepermanent](https://www.facebook.com/newcastlepermanent)

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Department
of Industry
Resources & Energy

Support to Pay Electricity and Gas Bills*



**Help is available to pay
your energy bills.**

**For information on
rebates and emergency
assistance go to:**

**[www.resourcesandenergy
.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)**

**or phone Service NSW
on 137 788**

** eligibility criteria apply*

YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE REBATES/ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Family Energy Rebate* – \$150 or \$15 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household, have dependent children and receive a DHS payment called Family Tax Benefits (Part a or B), you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on application deadlines is available from our website.

NSW Gas Rebate* – \$90 per year – If you have natural gas or use LPG for cooking, heating or hot water, you could qualify for this gas rebate. To be eligible you will also need to be the gas account holder and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA.

Medical Energy Rebate* – \$235 per year – You could qualify for this rebate if you, or someone living with you, have an inability to self-regulate body temperature which is often associated with medical conditions such as Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis. The electricity account holder in your household must have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card.

Low Income Household Rebate* – \$235 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA, you could qualify for this electricity rebate.

Life Support Rebate* – If you are required, or have someone living with you who is required, to use approved energy-intensive medical equipment at home, you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on approved equipment and rebate rates is available from our website.

EAPA* – Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme – helps people experiencing a short term financial crisis or emergency to pay their electricity or natural gas bill. The scheme helps people stay connected to essential energy services during a financial crisis. EAPA is not means tested and you do not need to hold any DHS or DVA concessions cards to access this scheme.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AND WHERE DO I APPLY?

The Department of Industry website has all the information you will need to determine if you are eligible for an energy rebates or emergency assistance. Go to www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates for further information.

If you do not have access to the internet you can call Service NSW on 137 788 and talk to a customer service officer about your circumstances. Service NSW can also post you application forms.

If you have an electricity or natural gas account with an energy retailer you can call them to apply over the phone for the Low Income Household Rebate and NSW Gas Rebate. Your retailer can also provide you with application forms for other rebate programs.

REMEMBER

**If you have a DHS (Centrelink) Health Care Card you could qualify for the
Low Income Household Rebate and/or NSW Gas Rebate.**



This is your opportunity to tour our campus and see what Farrer can offer your son

OPEN DAY 2017

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY
9.00AM – 2.00PM

We are the only boys' agricultural Government selective school in Australia. Farrer has established an enviable reputation as a centre of excellence in academics, agriculture, welfare and sports programs. Catering to the education of both day and boarding students Farrer is set on 191 hectares of prime agricultural land, 10 kilometres from Tamworth, New South Wales.

Register online at <http://farrer.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/>

By Tuesday 21st February 2017

6764-8607 – Kerry Hussey – Enrolments Officer

Wear casual clothing & bring a hat.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.



Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
585 Calala Lane, Tamworth NSW 2340
6764 8600 www.farrer.nsw.edu.au

Reasons to enrol your son at Farrer

A broad curriculum offering academic, practical and creative learning opportunities, taught by a cohesive, collaborative team

A 78 year tradition of pride in our school with core values of respect, excellence and fairness

Vision Statement
“Proudly committed to producing thinking, well-educated, skilled, flexible and caring people capable of confident effective participation in society.”