

# Newsletter

Somerton Public School

*Developing Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness*

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Term 1 – Week 11

Tuesday 4 April 2017

## Ms Lacey's Message

Welcome to Week 11!

I'm not sure where the term has disappeared to but I do know that an incredible amount of work both in and out of the classrooms has been achieved at Somerton PS.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families and staff who worked extremely hard at our working bee. The students are certainly enjoying our revamped gardens and play area. It is wonderful to be a part of such a supportive school community.

Next term we will continue our focus of achievement for all in literacy and numeracy. Staff will be attending Staff Development Day at Tintinhull PS on Monday 24 April and will be working with Shauna Stoker on choosing & analysing texts to teach English.

I look forward to seeing you all at school on Friday to enjoy a BBQ lunch, Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Hat Parade. This will be a lovely way to end a very busy term.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful break. I know the students and staff have certainly earned it. I would also like to thank our school community for their support during my first term as Principal of Somerton PS. I look forward to continuing to work with you during the remainder of the year to make Somerton PS even greater.



## Easter Service & Play Invitation

To all parents, carers & community members  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 12:30pm

**Easter play at the old church in Somerton**

The students of the school have been practising and are very excited!

Come and see the students in old fashioned costumes re-enacting the Easter story!



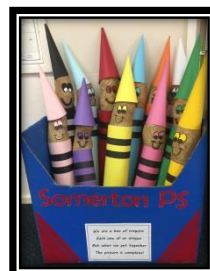
There will also be a free lunch for everybody afterwards!

We are looking forward to seeing you there; little ones are welcome to wear their bunny ears...

**HAPPY EASTER**

## Tamworth Show

A great day was had by students, despite the wet weather. Here are some photos of the students enjoying their day at the Tamworth Show...



## Easter Hat Parade & Harmony Day

On the last day of Term 1, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, students are asked to come wearing something orange to celebrate Harmony Day. This is a day for cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.



At 12:30pm families of the school and Playgroup are invited to join us for a sausage sizzle lunch. This will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and then an Easter Hat Parade.

Students are to make their Easter Hats at home; this will be a great activity to engage with your child/ren. If you require any cardboard, etc. for making the Easter hats, the school can provide any craft items/templates you may need.

On conclusion of the Easter Hat parade parents are welcome to collect their children to go home. See attached flyer.

**Please RSVP to the school for sausage sizzle catering.**



### P&C News

**Reminder:**  
**Next Meeting THIS**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 6pm**

## Operation Art Student Workshop

If your child is interested in attending this workshop (May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> May) please apply online:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/clone-operation-art-student-workshop-enrolment-form>



Don't forget to like our Facebook page if you haven't already done so. New photos of activities of learning are being uploaded constantly.

## ANZAC DAY 2017



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

It is a Somerton tradition for the students and staff of Somerton Public School to march with the Somerton Community on

ANZAC Day.

Marchers assemble outside the school at 7:30am. The students are to wear their full school winter uniform with **ties and black shoes**. Older siblings can march too and represent their schools as can other family & community members. We assemble at the front of the school and march with the community to the Somerton Hall where a service is held. Please keep this important event in mind, it is a very special occasion where we would like all the students to participate if possible.

*Community members please bring a plate to share for morning tea - tea & coffee provided.*



## Playgroup

Playgroup will break for the school holidays and recommence on Tuesday 2 May 2017 (Term 2 Week @) due to ANZAC Day. Playgroup meets each Tuesday at the school 9:30am-11:00am. Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



## Garden to Kitchen Program

Students have had fun making easter biscuits.



## NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN next term on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May. Letters will be sent home to relevant parents explaining all details of the NAPLAN process. If you have any questions, please contact the school.



**Why not visit our Website:**

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

## Assembly Awards

The next assembly will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2:30pm. All welcome.



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**Merit Award:** Congratulations to Jacinta Mackenzie for achieving a white merit award.

**Terrific Award:**

Keisha Johnston: fantastic effort in all areas.

Annie Hook: excellent work in numeracy.

**Superstar Award:**

Max Daly – being an amazing member of our school, always being a great helper & always using his manner.

Felicity Mackenzie – excellent writing & sounds work.

Jacinta Mackenzie – outstanding work in writing.



## Voluntary School Contributions

**Contribution** Each family is asked to make an annual voluntary contribution towards the school budget. This payment is used to purchase additional classroom resources for students. The voluntary contribution for 2017 is \$40.00 for the first child & then @20.00 per subsequent child.



## School Dates for 2017:

Term 1	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan (SDD) Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Students 1 <sup>st</sup> day) – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April (SDD) Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC Day-Pubic Holiday) Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> (Students Return) – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (SDD) Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> (Students Return) – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (Students last day) Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (SDD)

## TERM 1 2017 Dates:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	3 April Breakfast Club Canteen	4 Breakfast Club 9:30-Playgroup	5 Breakfast Club Cooking-\$2	6 Breakfast Club  12:30pm: Easter Service @ Somerton Church All Welcome	7 <b>Harmony Day</b> Library  <b>12:30pm</b> <b>Sausage Sizzle</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>Easter Hat Parade</b>  Last Day of Term 1  Happy Holidays ☺

## TERM 2 Week 1 2017 Dates:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24 April Staff Development Day	25 <b>ANZAC Day</b> 7:30am Assemble for March @ Somerton	26 Students first day for Term 2	27 Breakfast Club	28 Sport Canteen Library  2:30pm: Assembly