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# Term 2, 2017

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>3</b>	8 May	9 May NAPLAN Language Conventions/ Writing	10 May NAPLAN Reading	11 May NAPLAN Numeracy	12 May 11am Mother's Day Morning Tea and Assembly	13 May	14 May
<b>4</b>	15 May Ms Lacey Evaluation Essentials	16 May <b>9:30-Playgroup</b>	17 May HealthWise visit	18 May Cross Country @ Carroll PS Ms Lacey PDP non teaching staff	19 May Sport Canteen Library	20 May <b>Currabubula Small School Art Show</b>	21 May <b>Currabubula Small School Art Show</b>
<b>5</b>	22 May <b>9:30am Life Education van</b>	23 May	24 May John Heffernan Author visit	25 May	26 May Sport Canteen Library 2:30pm Assembly	27 May	28 May
<b>6</b>	29 May Miss Warden L3	30 May <b>9:30-Playgroup</b>	31 May	1 June Ms Lacey Principal Network Meeting	2 June Sport Canteen Library	3 June <b>6pm P&amp;C Bush Dance</b>	4 June
<b>7</b>	5 June	6 June	7 June	8 June	9 June <b>Pirate Day</b> Sport Canteen Library 2:30pm Assembly	10 June	11 June
<b>8</b>	12 June Queen's Birthday	13 June 9:30-Playgroup	14 June	15 June	16 June Sport Canteen Library	17 June	18 June
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# Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to our new look newsletter! This has been in the making for the past term. Our idea was to give the newsletter a name that encompassed the Somerton community as a whole, not just the school. The new name *The Goora Gazette* came about after we researched the history of Somerton. In a book titled *City on the Peer / A history of Tamworth and District 1818-1976*, we found the following excerpt;

1840 - Police Base established at Somerton (then known as Goora) with 10 white officers and several 'black trackers'.

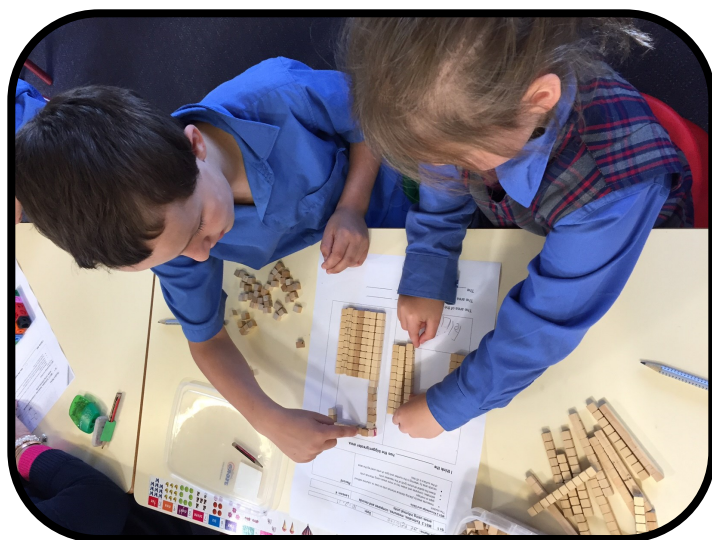
With this information found we decided to use this name as it is unique to Somerton and its history. We hope that the newsletter can be distributed throughout the Somerton community and invite community groups to utilise the newsletter to also share their news and events.

Term 2 promises to be a very busy term. The students will once again be presented with many wonderful learning opportunities in the coming weeks including a poetry writing workshop through the Dorothea Mackellar Awards and a visit from author John Heffernan. These opportunities are exciting for both students and staff and we certainly look forward to them.

Our P&C are also hosting a Bush Dance on Saturday 3rd June at the Somerton Hall. This should be a fantastic family night. Please spread the word to ensure the success of this event.



## Students Learning Activities in the Classroom








# Noticeboard


## Small Schools Cross Country



Somerton Public School will be joining Carroll Public School and Tambar Springs Public School for our annual Cross Country Carnival. It will be held at Carroll Public School this Thursday 18th May. A permission note is attached and is to be returned tomorrow. If you are able to help with transport please contact the school.




## John Heffernan Visit



Author, John Heffernan will be visiting Somerton PS next Wednesday 24 May. Carroll PS and Attunga PS will be joining us for this great opportunity. Please see attached information for book purchases. John will be available at the end of the day for sales and book signing.

Students can order recess and lunch for \$6.00. This will include fruit, biscuits and slice and a cup of drink for recess and a sausage sizzle (coleslaw and onion also available) and a popper for lunch. Please send in your orders and money to school by Monday 22nd May.



The school is looking for parents to help with the lunch on the day. This will be a fundraiser for the end of year excursion to Sydney.




## Sports Term 2—Hockey

Due to the unavailability of a Touch Football Coach, we will now be offering Hockey for term 2 sport. The students have had a great time the last couple of weeks with a specialist hockey coach delivering the sessions.



## Playgroup



Playgroup now meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at the school 9:30am-11:00am. Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



# Noticeboard

## Life Education Van

The Life Education Van will be visiting Somerton PS next Monday 22nd May. Carroll PS will be joining us for the morning. The cost of the visit is \$10.00 per student. A permission note has gone home. Please return note and money if you have not done so. Thank you.

A sausage sizzle will be available for lunch for \$2.00 each (including drink). Please send in order and money to the school (in envelope with name/s on it)



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.



Why not visit our Website:

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

## P&C News



The P&C will be holding a Bush dance @ Somerton War Memorial Hall on Saturday 3 June. Please see attached flyer.

**The next P&C meeting will be Thursday June 8th @ 6pm.**



## Book Club

Book Club has gone home. **Issue 3, 2017** orders & payment must be returned to school by this **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017** in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it.





# FROM THE CLASSROOMS

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## K-Yr2

It has been a busy start to the term in the K/1/2 classroom. Kindergarten has continued to learn a new sound each morning and are beginning to use them in their reading and writing. Year 1 and 2 have been learning about words that end the diagraphs 'ff' and 'll' and next week will focus on 'ss' and 'zz'.

In literacy this term we are reading texts about Australia with the focus on stories that have been written by Indigenous Australians. Currently, we are enjoying reading and studying a beautifully illustrated book by Bronwyn Bancroft called 'Why I Love Australia'.

In maths we are looking at area and how to measure it using informal units of measure. Students have discovered that to measure accurately you need to select a unit of measurement that is the same and that fits together without leaving any gaps.

In Geography we are studying our local area by starting with looking closely at the school environment. Next week students will create a map of the school yard ensuring that all the important zones are featured.



## Yr3-Yr6

The 3-6 class have been enjoying our English/History unit titled *One Minute's Silence*. We have engaged in many beautiful picture books about Australia's involvement in World War 1. Students have particularly enjoyed the ABC website, Gallipoli—The First Day, where they have been able to watch 3D re-enactments of the landing at Anzac Cove and listen to accounts from World War 1 Diggers. This week students have written some 5W poems about Gallipoli.

We continue to focus on sounds rather than particular spelling lists each week. This week we are focusing on the *dge* sound.

This week in mathematics Years 5 and 6 have focused on prime and composite numbers and what a factor is and Year 3 and 4 have been looking at counting by tens and the 8 times tables.





# ★ AWARDS ★

## White Merit Award:

Congratulations to:

Annie Hook  
Shannon Colley  
Naomi Evans  
Jacinta Mackenzie

for achieving a white merit award.

## Terrific Award:

Sophie Hook - participation in gardening

Nicholas Hook - interest in our history unit

## Superstar Award:

Benji Johnstone - coming along in leaps and bounds

Jacinta Mackenzie - excellent writing



# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

CURRABUBULA RED CROSS



18 - 21 May 2017

## Somerton CWA

The CWA meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All interested ladies are welcome. Please contact Lynette Menadue on 0439 018 819 for more information.



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at Somerton Hall  
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There will be a trading table with cakes, plants, books etc.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each.

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# **SOMERTON**

# **BUSH DANCE**



**SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2017**

**5.30 for a 6pm start**

**Somerton War Memorial Hall**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**Adults & kids \$5 | family \$20 | under 5 free**

**Barbeque, soft drinks, tea & coffee available**

**BYO other beverages**

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