



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	17 July Staff Development Day at Tintinhull PS	18 July First Day for Students	19 July	20 July Small Schools' Athletics Carnival Mrs Gallagher	21 July NAIDOC Day	22 July	23 July
2	24 July Canteen	25 July 9:30am Playgroup	26 July	27 July Small Schools' Meeting Willow Tree PS, Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher	28 July Sport-Tennis Canteen Library	29 July	30 July
3	31 July Regional launch Ed Week Tamworth Canteen	1 August	2 August	3 August Visit Ms Ruythe Duffy, Director Public Schools NSW 4pm P&C Meeting	4 August Sport Canteen Library	5 August	6 August
4	7 August Canteen	8 August 9:30am Playgroup	9 August	10 August LMBR Training, Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher	11 August Sport-Tennis Canteen Library	12 August	13 August
5	14 August Canteen	15 August Small Schools' Spelling Bee, Blackville PS	16 August	17 August Small Schools' Meeting, Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher	18 August Quiz Worx 9am Sport-Tennis Canteen Library	19 August	20 August
6	21 August Canteen	22 August 9:30am Playgroup	23 August	24 August LMBR Training, Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher	25 August Sport-Tennis Canteen Library	26 August	27 August
7	28 August Canteen	29 August	30 August	31 August	1 September Sport CSport-Tennis anteen Library	2 Sept	3 Sept
8	4 September Canteen	5 September 9:30am Playgroup	6 September 9.30am Aladdin, Gunnedah	7 September LMBR Training, Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher P&C Meeting	8 September Sport-Tennis Canteen Library	9 Sept	10 Sept

Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to Week 10! Another term filled with great learning experiences and partnerships has passed us by. I can never quite believe all the things we manage to fit into a term. I know the students are going to enjoy a very well-earned break.

Next term promises to be just as busy as this term with the commencement of LMBR training for Mrs Fritze and myself. As I have previously explained I will be out of the school on a number of Thursdays next term; however, Mrs Gallagher will be taking the 3-6 class on Thursdays to ensure the learning program continues to flow.

During week one of next term we have the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival at the TRAC in Tamworth and NAIDOC Day. We have invited Bendemeer PS, Currabubula PS and Carroll PS to join us for NAIDOC Day. Days like this provide a wonderful opportunity for small schools to network and come together to enrich the social experiences of our students. Parents are also welcome to come along and join in the fun.

We have been busy raising funds to lower the cost of the Sydney excursion. We have sold quite a few jars of pickles, lemon butter and trees. We have plenty more so spread the word! Thank you to Sonja Hook for sending in some beautiful home grown lemons for our lemon butter. We will also run a BBQ on NAIDOC Day and any money raised from this will go towards our excursion fund. If any parents are able to assist we would greatly appreciate it.

I thank you for your support of our school this semester. I wish you all a happy, safe and restful break and look forward to another great term of learning when we all return.



Staff Development Day, Term 3

Staff Development Day is on Monday 17th July. Students return to school on Tuesday 18th July.

Our Staff Development Day will once again be held at Tintinhull PS and will provide a wonderful opportunity for our staff to work with colleagues from other small schools in the Tamworth Network. We will take the opportunity to look at assessment practices and work together to build an assessment schedule across the small schools network.

Our new library!

Last Friday we moved the library from the K-2 room to the empty classroom next to the 3-6 room. Miss Warden and K-2 are very excited to have their classroom all to themselves now and the new library looks wonderful. There was plenty of room to house all of our books and four of our computers have also remained in the library. The students were very excited to see the new learning space on Monday morning. We would like to thank John Etheridge for coming out and assisting us in putting up the new shelves and helping us move all of the books.



Noticeboard

Canteen

The canteen will continue to operate on Monday's and Friday's in Term 3.

Here are some photos of students enjoying spaghetti! Thank you Miss Warden :)



NAIDOC Day @ Somerton PS

Next term on Friday 21 July, Somerton PS will be hosting NAIDOC Day. We will be joined by Bendemeer PS & Currabubula PS. This will be a fabulous day of activities in celebrating our nation's first people.

We are looking for parent helpers to assist with the catering on the day. This will be a BBQ fundraiser for the Sydney excursion. Please contact the school if you are able to help on the day.



Our Languages Matter

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Playgroup

Playgroup will be in recess over the school holidays and will resume on Tuesday 25 July (Week 2 Term 3). Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

Somerton PS will once again be participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn program. A sticker sheet has gone home with each student today. Anyone can collect stickers for your school from 26 July until 19 September. The school benefits from choosing valuable educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids. Get ready to start collecting



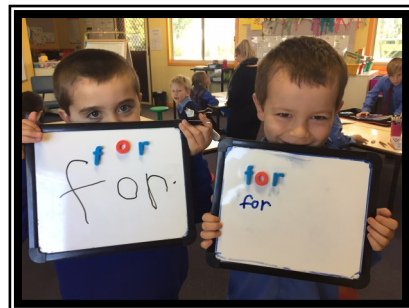


FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-Yr2

As term 2 draws to an end, students have not stopped working hard. During writing students have been composing poems for the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition. Students have learnt that poems don't always rhyme and are written in a way that helps the reader imagine pictures in the mind. The kindergarten boys have been working hard during guided reading and writing. They have been learning to write more high frequency words that they can use in their writing.

On Friday the library was relocated from the K-2 room to the spare room in the main building. This has given the students more learning space. The room now includes a colourful and comfortable reading corner and tee pee; however, keep tuned as it's a work in progress!



Yr3-Yr6

The 3-6 class have been busy writing poetry to enter in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition. The theme is 'All around the world' so students have been busy researching places they would like to visit. They began by looking at pictures to come up with a bank of words that describe their place of choice. They then researched facts about their place. Students have done a wonderful job. Writing poetry is not easy and students have learned that there is definitely an art to it!

We have also been busy working with the K-2 class to research Nepal for the CWA Country Study project. Students have worked in small groups to research education, food, culture and famous places in Nepal. We will present our work to the Somerton CWA Branch on Thursday morning.

Students have displayed their creative talents through their dioramas depicting an Australian scene. There have been many wonderful ideas and a great use of materials. These will be on display in our new library when we they are complete.





Poetry from 3-6

Somerton by Jacinta Mackenzie

There is a little village on the way to Gunnedah town,
That not many people know about,
But the fishing is renown,
As you drive on by why don't you check it out.

There is a little school,
It's the best in New South Wales,
Where the kids and teachers are cool,
With a playground full of laughter and tales.

Our village may only be small,
But lots of big things happen here,
The locals welcome one and all,
Drop into the pub and have a beer.

There is a quaint little church,
Where we gather once a month,
Full of history to search,
We are a happy bunch.

The sunsets are quite stunning,
Campsites are aplenty,
Along the river running,
With the locals warm and friendly.

A place in history this village has played,
Big things were meant for here,
But we are happy small it stayed,
With big Tamworth town right near.

If you are coming through,
And need a drink and bite to eat,
Stop at the servo with a view,
And some of the friendly locals you may meet.

So next time you are travelling around,
Why not stop in on us,
A friendly smile and warm welcome are bound,
Us Somerton locals are sure to make a fuss.





Poetry from 3-6

The Bermuda Triangle by Naomi Evans

Where ships go missing,
And sea monsters lurk,
The water hissing,
And ships jerk.

The mysterious disappearances,
Of all those unlucky boats,
And they never made another appearance,
At the bottom of the sea there will be undiscovered notes.

Over the Bermuda Triangle planes will fly,
Then they are gone nowhere to be found,
They seem to drop right out the sky,
To an eerie place without a sound.

If you're thinking of going you better think twice,
Your ending may be unfortunate and not very nice!

Uluru by Annie Hook

I paid a ticket for a big balloon,
I wanted to look at Uluru,
People said the flight will take off soon,
Staying on schedule we'll be there at two.

Some people say it's the heart of our land,
The biggest rock on Earth,
Tall and proud it will always stand,
The rock is so old no one even knows its birth.

I saw Uluru from a distance. It was a tiny dot.
Its beauty and rarity like a form of art,
Surrounded by dessert it is always so hot,
The people told the story about when white man came
and sadness filled my heart.

A rare and special treasure is our Uluru,
Why don't you go visit you'll surely enjoy the view.



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS



Somerton War Memorial Hall

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

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.



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**
- **Native Trees \$5 (with stakes & guard)**
Wattle (7), Bottlebrush (7) Sheoak (6), Red Cap Gum (2)
- **6 x 4m Trailer of Mulch \$40**
- **Lemon Butter \$5**

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

