



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 2, 2017

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6	29 May Miss Warden L3	30 May 9:30am Playgroup	31 May	1 June Ms Lacey/ Ms Fritze Principal Network Meeting	2 June Sport Canteen Library	3 June POSTPON ED P&C Bush Dance	4 June
7	5 June Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Workshops at SPS	6 June	7 June	8 June 4pm P&C Meeting	9 June Pirate Day Sport Canteen Library 2:30pm Assembly	10 June	11 June
8	12 June Queen's Birthday	13 June 9:30am Playgroup	14 June	15 June	16 June Sport Canteen Library	17 June	18 June
9	19 June Miss Warden L3	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June Sport Canteen Library 2:30pm Assembly	24 June	25 June
10	26 June	27 June 9:30am Playgroup 11am NAIDOC Art Workshop Tamworth Gallery	28 June	29 June CWA International Day- Nepal Semester 1 Reports home	30 June Jump Rope for Heart Sport Canteen Library	1 July	2 July
1	17 July TERM 3 Staff Development Day	18 July First Day for Students	19 July	20 July Small Schools' Athletics Carnival	21 July NAIDOC Day Sport Canteen Library	22 July	23 July
2	24 July	25 July	26 July	27 July Small Schools' Meeting Willow Tree PS, Ms Lacey	28 July Sport Canteen Library	29 July	30 July
3	31 July Regional launch Ed Week Tamworth	1 August	2 August	3 August Visit Ms Ruythe Dufty, Director Public Schools NSW 4pm P&C Meeting	4 August Sport Canteen Library	5 August	6 August

Education Week

Ms Lacey's Message.....

I trust you all enjoyed a restful long weekend. Already another fortnight has passed us by and our term will soon be drawing to an end. During the past fortnight students have participated in poetry writing workshops run by the Dorothea Mackellar Memorial and enjoyed Pirate Day where we raised money for the Kids Cancer Project. Students and teachers alike enjoyed being able to come to school in their best pirate outfits. In keeping with our 'sidekick' theme we started at Easter where I was the bunny and Miss Warden was the carrot, I was the pirate and Miss Warden was the parrot. Sometimes you just have to be creative! The students even created pirate names for us all.

As the colder weather approaches us please ensure names are clearly marked on jumpers. We already have a few stray jumpers without homes. Having items of clothing named makes it much easier to return to their rightful owner.

Enjoy your fortnight ahead.

Student Progress Reports - Semester 1

It's almost that time of the year again! Student progress reports will be sent home on Thursday 29th June. Should you wish to discuss your child's report please see Mrs Fritze to book an appointment time.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Workshop

We were fortunate enough to have Ruth from the Dorothea Mackellar Memorial come to Somerton to run poetry workshops with all students. Students participated in word games discussing the importance of building a word bank in preparation for writing a poem. They were then able to look at some poems and then jointly constructed a poem.



This year all students from Somerton PS will enter a poem into the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition. This year the theme of the competition is *All over the world*. Students from the 3-6 have already begun planning and writing their poems. What a great experience for our students!

LMBR

Next term will see the beginning of LMBR (Learning Management Business Reform) training for both Ms Lacey and Mrs Fritze. LMBR stands for Learning Management and Business Reform. The entire Department of Education is in the process of implementing a modern, integrated IT system in human resources, payroll, finance and student administration to provide better service and value to staff, students, parents and the community. It will impact on every facet of school life. Among other things, LMBR will provide:

- Accurate reporting of financial operations.
- Better definition and reporting on services.
- A unique and secure student registration number and single source of up-to-date information about our students.
- Increased and improved information about student academic achievement and plans.
- Better tracking of important health, well-being and emergency contact information.

I will be absent from the school for quite a few Thursdays. Mrs Gallagher has already been booked in to take the 3-6 class on Thursdays to ensure there is minimal disruption to the learning program. Thank you for your support.



Noticeboard

Parent Online Payments Survey

As the school moves to the new LMBR system, we have the opportunity to offer Parent Online Payment (POP). This means parents can make their payments for excursions, school fees, etc online. However, this will incur a cost to the school of \$11.00 per month (\$132 per year) and a \$0.34 transaction fee for each transaction. We would like feedback from parents (by the end of this week please) if they feel this would be a service they would use?

(with consideration to the cost to the school given there are limited transactions parents make)

Please call the school for your feedback. Thank you.

NAIDOC Workshop @ Tamworth Gallery

The students have the great opportunity to attend the NAIDOC workshop @ the Tamworth Gallery on Tuesday 27th June 2017. Students will travel to Tamworth for the two hour workshop that commences at 11:00am.

Cost is \$5 per student.

A permission note will go home this week.



Our Languages Matter

2-9 JULY 2017

Playgroup

We have had a great fun-filled morning @ Playgroup with lots of mums and little ones attending. Playgroup now meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at the school 9:30am -11:00am.

Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.

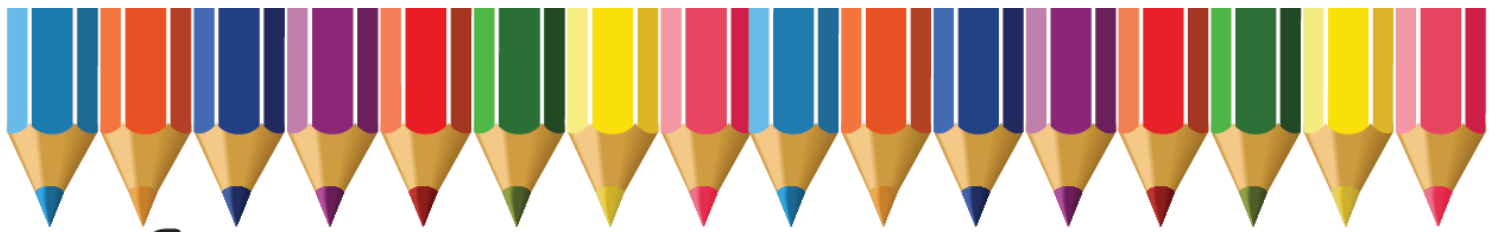


SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home today. Issue 4, 2017 orders & payment must be returned to school (in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it) or completed online by this Friday 23rd June 2017.



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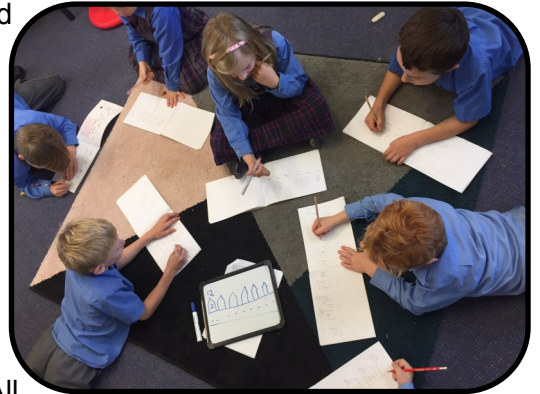


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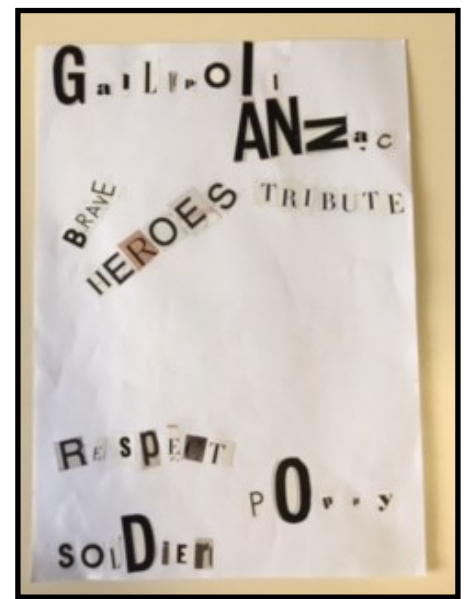
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This fortnight students have continued their focus on position in maths and have begun constructing their map of the school yard using multiple photos that they have taken. Whilst taking the photos some interesting conversation were had about determining what parts of our school are important and should be included. Students showed some negotiation skills in the process. Last week students began looking at basic multiplication by looking at arrays. This week they will continue this focus.

Last Monday students had a visit from Ruth who is from the Dorothea Mackellar ... She engaged the students in literary games which encouraged students to think and respond using detailed descriptions. All students wrote a short poem about an animal that they liked. Later in the week students continued with the theme of poetry using their 5 senses to write a poem about Sour Rainbow Straps and Smarties.



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Pirate Day

A fun day was had by all celebrating Pirate Day and raising money for the Kids Cancer Project. Students came dressed in an array of wonderful pirate costumes. Ms Lacey and Miss Warden embraced their inner child as the pirate and the parrot. They do seem to enjoy a good ole dress-up! Students completed activities in class on mapping and came up with creative pirate names for all. Total raised was \$26.00.



★ AWARDS ★

Terrific Award:

Shannon Colley - commitment to the vegetable garden

Max Daly - all round focused effort

Superstar Award:

Benny Markwick - always giving 100% effort

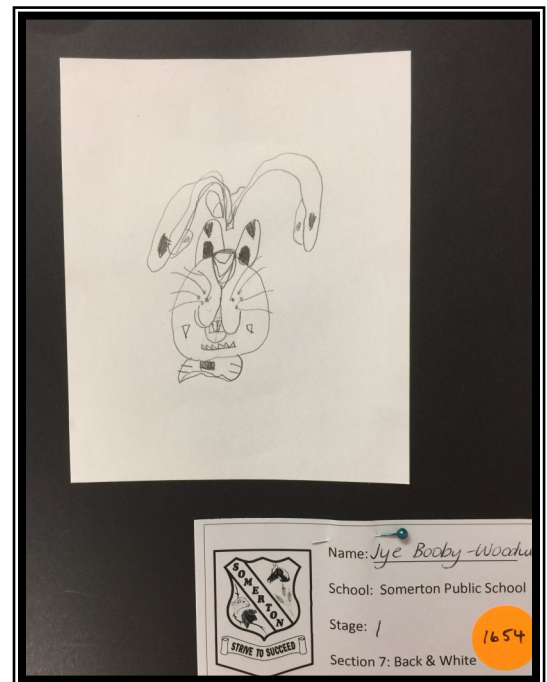
Felicity Mackenzie - accepting challenging tasks

During Assembly Sophie Hook and Braxton Woodward were presented with their Small Schools' Art Show ribbons for their artwork.

All student artwork will be framed and displayed at the school in the coming weeks.

Jye Booby-Woodward's artwork from the Small Schools' Art Show was also selected to be permanently displayed in the cancer ward at the Tamworth Base Hospital.

Congratulations Jye !



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)**
- **6 x 4m Trailer of Mulch \$40**
- **Lemon Butter \$5**

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

