



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 3, 2017

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 School Photos 2pm Sketch & Scripture	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-Tennis Canteen Library	5 August	6 August
4	7 August Canteen	8 August 9:30am Playgroup @pm-Pillow Case Project	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 9am-Quiz Worx 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 5:30pm Bushdance	27 August
7	28 August Canteen	29 August	30 August	31 August	1 September Sport Sport-Tennis Canteen 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 Superhero Day	10 Sept

Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to Term 3. I hope everyone enjoyed a well earned break with some quality family time.

We have started Term 3 on an extremely busy note. Last week our students participated in the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival. I would like to congratulate all our students on their fantastic behaviour, sportsmanship and level of participation on the day. The wonderful thing about being a part of a small school is having these fantastic opportunities to come together with other small schools regularly and enjoy days like this one. A special congratulations must go to Annie Hook on winning Junior Girl Champion, Nicholas Hook on winning Junior Boy Champion and Shannon Mitchell on winning Senior Boy Champion. What an amazing result of a school with an enrolment of 16 students to win 3 of the 8 champions medallions for the day!

Last Friday students enjoyed participating in our NAIDOC Celebration Day. We invited Bendemeer PS and Currabubula PS. Students enjoyed Aboriginal Art, Bush Tucker and Story Telling activities. Students sampled Kangaroo Stew and made damper (doughboys) on the fire. We were also very fortunate to have Lenny Walters visit for the morning and perform a smoking ceremony, story telling and playing of the didgeridoo. Lenny intrigued the students with his story telling and language; teaching our students some words of the Kamilaroi people. He was wonderful to listen to and his strong messages of perseverance and resilience through his storytelling made for a fantastic start to the day.



Fundraising

The staff of Somerton PS have been busy raising money to cut the cost of the excursion to Sydney. During the holidays Ms Lacey and Ms Fritze have been busy making pickles, lemon butter, passionfruit butter and sweet orange jam. So far we have raised \$471 through this venture. We are still cooking so spread the word!

At school we have also raised money through BBQs when we have had combined days with other small schools and this to date has totalled \$355.50. We have also raised \$100 through the sale of trees.

All together this totals \$926.50. A wonderful start to our fundraising campaign which will benefit all our students and go towards cutting the cost of the excursion.

Our next fundraising venture.....

With the P&C Bush Dance coming up we thought it would be an ideal opportunity to raise a little more money towards our excursion. We have decided to run a silent auction on the night which will consist of a variety of hampers. These hampers will be placed on a table in the hall and people who attend the bush dance will be given a bidding number. Bids of what people are willing to pay for the hamper can be recorded with their bidding number. There will be a cut off time for bids and at this time the last recorded bid (the highest) will be the winner.

We are asking each family to donate an item/s for a GOURMET HAMPER. Ideas for items could include biscuits or crackers, olives, tapenades, nuts, dried fruits, pesto, pickles, chutneys or chocolates. Items can be left at the school office. We thank you for your support.



Noticeboard

P & C News

The P&C Bush Dance @ Somerton War Memorial Hall on Saturday 26 August 2017 has now been advertised. See attached flyer.

The next P&C Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday 3 August @ 4pm.

All Welcome.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home today. Issue 5, 2017 orders & payment must be returned to school (in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it) or completed online by Friday 18 August 2017.

Playgroup

Playgroup resumed today, Tuesday 25 July. It was lovely to see new faces. All mums and littlies are welcome.

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

Canteen

The canteen will continue to operate on Mondays and Fridays in Term 3. Lunches are \$2.00—what a bargain!

Woolworths Earn & Learn

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





FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-Yr2

Last week the K-2 students returned to school full of enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. We all enjoyed reading about Eric the Postie. He is an echidna that had a dream to become the postman of Wattleford. Through hard work and some sneakiness, his dream came true. Eric enjoys receiving mail just as much as he likes delivering it, so the students wrote him a letter telling him about their holidays and delivered it to his letter box in addressed envelopes. We are all hoping that he has time to write back and tell us about what he has been up to.

I would like to congratulate the students in K-6 who competed at the Bective Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Students displayed sportsmanship and gave their best efforts when they competed in the events. I am very proud of the students of Somerton Public School and it is a pleasure to take them to events such as this.

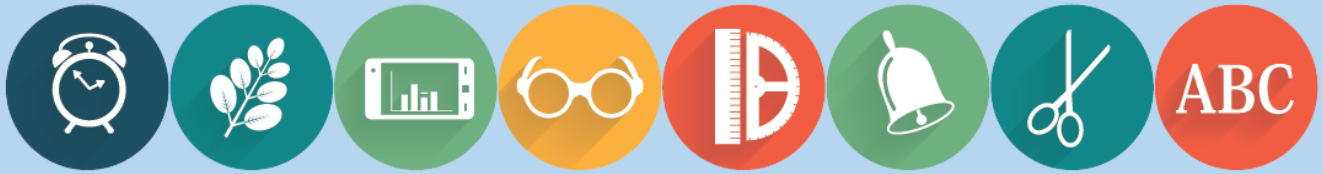


Yr3-Yr6

This week 3-6 have been busy competing research projects on World War I. Parts of the project were to research people who paid an important part in the war, different battles which took place during the war and total number of casualties and lives lost. Students have enjoyed delving into history to find out about this great war.

NAIDOC Day last Friday has been a great introduction of our next unit of work which will be on Indigenous Australia. Students will be learning about the language, culture and traditions of the first Australians and all students K-6 will be able to be involved in the design and building of a bush tucker garden.





Playground makeover!

During the holidays our playground received some loving attention. Our cubby house had a coat of paint, some more work was done on our Very Hungry Caterpillar and our Pirate Ship was finished. The students were very excited to come back to school to find the improvements to their play area.

Tamworth Show 2017

Somerton PS has just received notification that they were awarded second prize at the recent Tamworth Show for the Scarecrow Competition. How fantastic! The prize was a gift voucher from Collins Bookstore that the school will be able to utilise to add to its new library. Well done Somerton Public School!



Bective Small Schools Carnival:



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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 Rich BBQ Sauce \$5**
- **Homemade Pickles \$5**
- **Homemade Lemon Butter \$5**
- **Homemade Passionfruit Butter & Curd \$4**
- **Homemade Orange Jam \$4**
- **Native Trees \$5 (Wattle, Bottlebrush, Sheoak (6), Red Cap Gum—with stakes & guard)**
- **6 x 4m Trailer of Mulch \$40**

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

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.

