



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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educating hearts and minds

Term 3, 2017

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	7 August Canteen LMBR training- Ms Fritze	8 August 9:30am Playgroup 2pm Pillow Case Project	9 August	10 August LMBR Training- Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher	11 August Sport-Tennis Canteen Library Zone Athletics LMBR training- Ms Fritze	12 August	13 August
5	14 August Canteen	15 August Small Schools' Spelling Bee - Blackville PS 4pm-P&C Bush Dance Meeting	16 August	17 August Small Schools' Meeting - Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher	18 August 9am-Quiz Worx Sport-Tennis Canteen Library LMBR training - Ms Fritze	19 August	20 August
6	21 August Canteen LMBR training - Ms Fritze	22 August 9:30am Playgroup	23 August EAfS Network Meeting-Miss Warden	24 August LMBR Training - Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher	25 August Sport-Tennis Canteen Library LMBR training - Ms Fritze	26 August 5:30pm Bush Dance	27 August
7	28 August Canteen	29 August	30 August	31 August	1 September Sport Sport-Tennis Canteen BOOKFAIR LMBR training - Ms Fritze	2 Sept	3 Sept
8	4 September Canteen LMBR training - Ms Fritze	5 September 9:30am Playgroup	6 September 9.30am Aladdin - Gunnedah	7 September LMBR Training- Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher 4pm-P&C Meeting	8 September Sport-Tennis Canteen Library Superhero Day	9 Sept	10 Sept
9	11 September NAPLAN School Technical Readiness Test	12 September LMBR training - Ms Fritze	13 September LMBR training - Ms Fritze	14 September	15 September 12pm-Rural Fire Service Visit	16 Sept	17 Sept
10	18 September Science Week	19 September	20 September	21 September LMBR training - Ms Fritze	22 September Last Day Term UNE Discovery Bus LMBR training - Ms Fritze	23 Sept	24 Sept

Ms Lacey's Message.....

As the term moves on we look forward the social event of the year in Somerton, our P&C Bush Dance. The committee have been working hard to organise the event and I am sure that it will be a great success. I know that the P&C are happy for any assistance that can be given in the organisation of this so if you are able to help out, especially on the night, please let one of the P&C committee members know.

This Friday Annie Hook, Nicholas Hook, Jacinta Mackenzie and Shannon Colley will represent Somerton PS at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Tamworth. We wish them all the best and know they will be proud representatives of our school.

As our next cycle of school planning begins next year with the 2018-2020 School Plan, we are beginning to reflect and discuss our new plan and strategic directions. The school plan provides principals with the opportunity to lead educational innovation for the improved delivery of quality teaching, learning and leadership outcomes. Importantly, strategic directions and the design of a school plan will clearly reflect Department of Education Strategic Directions and Priorities, demonstrating the collective alignment and commitment to excellence for all schools as part of NSW public education. In the near future we will engage with the P&C, broader parent body and community to inform, consult, involve and engage the community to ensure strong foundations for a school plan that ensures achievement of school priorities to produce equity and excellence for all students. We look forward to beginning this process and as the new substantive principal of Somerton PS, I am excited to begin the process with the staff and community.

Make your day magic!



Parenting Ideas



- Are you tired of whingy kids?
- Are you annoyed by asking them a 1000 times to pick up their socks?
- Would you like to enjoy a coffee without having to get up for something?

1. How can we enjoy our kids more?
2. How do we create a happy home?
3. How do I get them to school on time?

We all get tired of being a Mum or Dad at some point. After talking to a friend of mine about issues I had with raising my children, and often simply not knowing how to respond to their naughty behaviour, she told me about Michael Grose. He is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He is also a school teacher and father of three children. In the beginning I was not too convinced it was for me because:

1. I am not a reader
2. I get so tired of "parenting tips" that don't work
3. My kids are not too bad...

But Michael Grose is different!

His advice covers all areas and phases of parenting. He gives practical, short tips on what works for kids.

I would like to share on blog per newsletter with you and hope that you will find him as easy to understand and follow and encouraging as I do! Please feel free to give feedback, tell us your stories or share changes you have noticed in your kids and yourself.

Please see attached flyer.

Sonja Hook





Noticeboard



P & C News

The P&C Bush Dance @ Somerton War Memorial Hall on Saturday 26 August 2017 has now been advertised.
The next P&C Meeting for Bush Dance organisation is scheduled for Thursday 15 August @ 4pm.

The next regular P&C Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 September @ 4pm.



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home. 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

Today the littlies & students enjoyed a surprise guest - a baby lamb! It was great to see so many mums and littlies here. All mums and littlies are welcome.

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



Woolworths Earn & Learn

Reminder: 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 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

This term students have been focused on improving their writing practice each morning during Literacy. Skills and strategies are being taught through the use of literature rich texts. So far students have studied and enjoyed Eric the Postie, Owl Babies and Puffling. Within each of the texts there has been a focus on the verbs and adjectives that the author has used to engage the reader and make the story interesting. As a group students have engaged in discussions, the creating of anchor charts, modelled, guided and interactive writing before writing independently. During week 4, The Gruffalo will be our focus text. Students will continue to identify verbs and adjectives and look at the characters within the text.

Maths has been very hands on in the last few weeks. Students have continued to learn about measuring the mass of an object by hefting and using an equal arm balance, focusing on estimating skills, measuring using informal units and the importance of accuracy when measuring.

Last week K-6 began working in groups to design and make a free standing tower that supported a marshmallow. Students could only use 20 pieces of dry spaghetti and 1m of masking tape in their design.

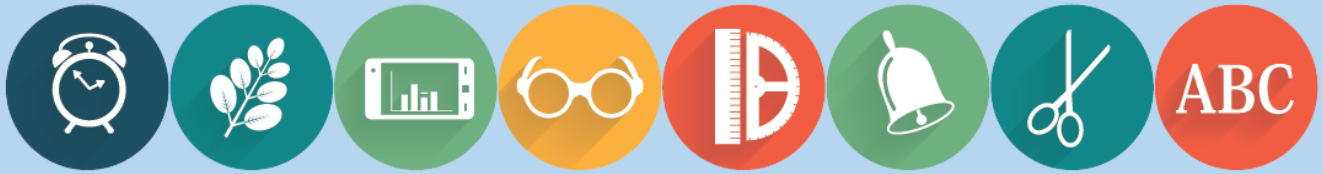


Yr3-Yr6

In the 3-6 classroom we have begun a new literacy unit titled 'Fox'. This unit of work is based on the text 'Fox' written by Margaret Wild. During the last fortnight students have chosen a character from the text to describe. We started by reading the text and discussing the characters and themes in the book. Students were then able to unleash their artistic talents to draw a picture of their given character on a poster. They then surrounded the picture with a variety of words that described their character's personality. From this task students then wrote descriptive sentences about their character before finally constructing a paragraph to describe only the personality of their chosen character. The students' writing is ever improving as we continue to explore vocabulary and the parts of speech.

During art lessons students have also had the opportunity to use oil pastels on black card and sketch pictures of Fox using the same techniques as were used in the illustrations in the text.



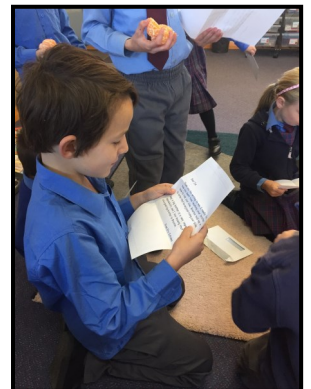
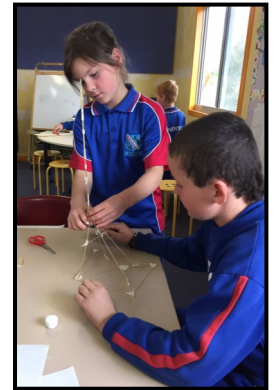


Scripture Outback Patrol Visit

Last Tuesday we had our annual visit from Gwen and Jack from Scripture Outback Patrol. Students enjoyed the art making and story telling that Gwen and Jack provided.



Fun in the Classroom



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 \$5
- Homemade Orange Jam \$4
- Native Trees \$5 (Variety available 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 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 War Memorial Hall

If you would like to hire this great facility please contact 0427 697 566.
Hall Committee meetings:
AGM - 23 August @ 6pm
Meeting - 25 October @ 7pm



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Free 1 day workshop
for parents & carers of
school-aged students
on the autism
spectrum!

Narrabri
23 August 2017

Register your place:

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