



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Terms 3 and 4 2017

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 LMBR Training- Ms Lacey Mrs Gallagher	15 September Ruythe Duffy - Director PS NSW 9am 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
1	9 October Staff & Students return to school	10 October	11 October	12 October Ms Lacey - Small Schools Meeting Woolomin PS	13 October	14 Oct	15 Oct
2	16 October LMBR Go Live	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October	21 Oct	22 Oct
3	23 October Kinder GO	24 October	25 October 2pm HealthWise Visit	26 October	27 October	28 Oct	29 Oct
4	30 October	31 October	1 November LMBR training - Ms Fritze	2 November LMBR training - Ms Lacey	3 November	4 Nov	5 Nov
5	6 November Kinder Go	7 November	8 November	9 November LMBR training - Ms Fritze	10 November 11am Power Museum LMBR training - Ms Fritze	11 Nov	12 Nov

Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to Week 10! As we complete one last busy week of school I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the Term 3 and the wonderful achievements of our students and staff.

During the past 9 weeks the classrooms have been a hive of activity with lots of progress in the areas of literacy and numeracy very evident. Our Kindergarten students are really beginning to demonstrate themselves as effective learners as they develop and extend their communication skills, build their self-confidence, learn to be creative, and develop skills their skills in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Many students in other year levels have also worked extremely hard during the past term to make marked improvements in specific areas and the love of learning evident in the classrooms is an absolute joy to watch.

We have had many visitors to the school this term and I am proud to say that we are always complimented on what a beautiful little school we have with great kids. Something we should be very proud of!

A note has been sent home recently outlining the trial of the new school times for Term 4. The school day has simply been moved back 30 minutes and this will eliminate the very long wait for the bus in the afternoon as well as giving every student the best chance to be at school on time and ready to start their day each morning.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Take a well earned break and get ready for an exciting and busy Term 4.

Make your week magic!



Sydney Excursion

Thank you to all parents who have given notification that their child will be attending the Sydney Excursion. As you are aware we had to have our final numbers into the Narrabeen Sport and Recreation. These numbers are now locked in and we are committed to paying for that amount of students. **The deposit of \$100 is now due.** Thank you to those who have already sent their deposit to the office. We continue to fundraise in hope to subsidise the excursion as much as we can.

Earn and Learn Stickers

Thank you to everyone who has sent in stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. We have also had stickers sent in from community members and others who have had a long association with Somerton PS. We certainly appreciate your support.





Noticeboard




P & C News


The next re-scheduled P&C Meeting is this
Thursday 21 September @ 4pm.
All Welcome.



FREE – COMMUNITY COACHES COURSE FOR CRICKET Sunday 24th September 2017 at Farrer High School




Nominations for the course close today at 5.00pm. please note all coaches are now required to have a MyCricket ID number for 2017/18 season and then be an accredited coach in 2018/19 so please attend this year while Cricket Australia are offering the course for local communities for FREE (**parents** & teachers). Pre registration is required or the course will be cancelled due to lack of interest.



(The course presenter is able to sign off on professional hours development for teachers who attend the course)



Cheers
Kathy Barber
Northern Inland RDM – Tamworth
Cricket NSW
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Playgroup

Playgroup will be in recess for the school holidays and resume on
Tuesday 10 October (Term 4 Week 1).
Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

Somerton Public School is collecting the last of the Woolworths earn and learn stickers. So far we have 3750 stickers. Please send in any stickers you may have before the end of the term..





FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-4r2

We can't believe that Term 3 is coming to an end! We have had lots of fun this term and have learnt lots of new skills.

In class I have been writing and drawing every day. I have done my 'familiar reading' every morning. *Braxton (Kindergarten)*

I love doing my Guided Reading with Miss Warden in the mornings. I have been learning how to read without pointing at the words. I really enjoy doing tricky work. *Felicity (Kindergarten)*

I have been practising my writing. I can write more words now. *Benji (Kindergarten)*

I like that I am getting better at reading, writing and drawing. I like doing my reading with Miss Warden because she helps me learn how to read properly. *Keisha (Year 1)*

This term I have worked hard on my writing. I can now spell more words and am reading more difficult books. *Sophie (Year 1)*

My favourite thing about 2017, is that I am at Somerton Public School. I love this school more than Singleton Heights PS because we go on lots of interesting excursions. I'm proud of my writing now because I have learnt how to write interesting sentences using commas, speech marks and adjectives. *Howard (Year 2)*

This term I have enjoyed creative writing every day and doing handwriting on Thursdays. I am getting better at reading and am on level 19. I enjoy reading chapter books and information books. *Jye (Year 2)*



4r3-4r6

During the past fortnight students have explored the theme of heroes in our unit on Indigenous Australia. In the lead up a study on the song 'Dreamtime Hero' we discussed the idea of heroes and what we perceive them to be. We discussed people in our own lives who we see as heroes and why they are special to us. We researched many real life heroes who have achieved things to either help people, stand up for a cause or just done things to help make the world a better place. During the course of this students learned about such people as Charles Perkins, Eddie Mabo, Bono, Rosa Parkes, Nelson Mandela and Muhammad Ali. Students are now continuing this work by choosing and researching an Australian Indigenous person who is seen as a hero.

In mathematics students have been learning about fractions and again discussing the importance of learning our times tables as they just keep popping up in all we do in mathematics!

Well done to all the students in the 3-6 class for their hard work this term. I am very proud of all that you have achieved!







7. Boys benefit greatly from silence.

Boys don't have the same innate tendency for reflection that girls are born with. Don't get me wrong, males of all ages have the ability reflect on their behaviours, values and their lives (when older) but they need the environment to be right for them to do so.

Quiet time and down time give boys the chance to let their thoughts wander around inside their heads. It also helps them get to know and even like themselves. Boys will often do their best thinking on their own, so they tend to retreat to their caves (bedroom) when things go wrong at school or in their relationships. They need to go within to find their own answer.

8. Boys just want to blend in

Boys are group-oriented by nature. They want to fit in. They tend to play group games and form themselves into structured friendship groups. Boys generally don't want to stand out from the crowd.

Don't put them down in front of their friends and understand that they may make poor friendship choices rather than be in a group of one – by themselves. They prefer the 'wrong friends' rather than no friends at all.

9. Approval is at the heart of working with boys

Approval is at the heart of working successfully with boys. They will walk over broken glass or hot coals if they feel you like them. In a sense this notion holds many of them back, as most boys will only work for a teacher if they like them and close down on learning if they sense the teacher doesn't like them.

Take the time to nurture a relationship with your sons or the boys that you interact with. Some boys like to talk; others like to share an activity; some like you as an adult to do something for them; others are very kinaesthetic and love to be touched, cuddled and hugged; while some just love gifts and mementoes. Work out the relational preferences of the males in your life and make sure you match these.

For more tips and tools for raising boys, please join us for online course at:

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/courses>

Performance of Aladdin in Gunnedah

During the past fortnight students and staff enjoyed a 'new age' live performance of Aladdin. Having the opportunity to see a live performance is a very valuable one for children and we were all certainly entertained. At the end of the performance students were treated with being able to meet and dance with the cast.

Rural Fire Service Visit

Last Friday the Rural Fire Service visited our school and talked to the students about fire safety. The student had a fun afternoon and got to sit in the fire truck and use the hoses.



Superhero Day

On Friday 8th September students enjoyed coming to school dressed as their favourite superhero. Students brought in a gold coin donation and all proceeds of the day went to support muscular dystrophy. During the day students discussed what it means to be a hero and that they don't necessarily wear a cape. Students talked about who their heroes are and why. Some fabulous art work was also completed and is on display in Miss Warden's classroom.



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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 \$5**
- **Homemade Strawberry \$4**
- **6 x 4m Trailer of Mulch \$40**

Please contact the school on 6769 7520 for orders.

Somerton War Memorial Hall

If you would like to hire this great facility please
contact

0427 697 566.

**Hall Committee meeting:
25 October @ 7pm**

Somerton Skin Checks

When: Wednesday
25th October

Where: Somerton
Public School Library

**By appointment
only.**

For more information, or to make an
appointment, please call:

Chloe: 0418 634 392

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LOUIS TENNIS ACADEMY

HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC & US OPEN HOT SHOTS TOURNAMENT

Date : Thursday 28th September 2017

Time : 9:00am - 3:00pm

Place : Wolseley Tennis Courts

Chandos Street Gunnedah

Cost : \$50 per player

COME & JOIN US
FOR A FUN DAY OF
TENNIS COACHING
& TOURNAMENT
PLAY

Please bring your Tennis Racquet, Hat,
Waterbottle, Packed Lunch & Snacks.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
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