



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.....

What a busy past fortnight at Somerton PS! Congratulations to the P&C on the fantastic Bush Dance which was held on Saturday 26th August. It was a fantastic night with lots of great dancing and the entertainment by 'Chalk it up' was amazing. There were lots of great prizes on offer and the silent auction on the night raised a further \$850 towards the cost of our excursion to Sydney. The hall was adorned with hay bales, bunting and gum leaves and the effort put in was a real credit to the P&C. Thank you to everyone who made the night possible. It was certainly a great community event and we received lots of positive feedback on the evening.

Last Friday students unleashed their creativity in the form of Book Week costumes. Students chose a character from a book and came to school dressed up and ready to enjoy our Book Fair. Thank you to all who attended our special assembly and morning tea. The Book Fair is still set up in the library for anyone wishing to purchase books.



Make your week magic!



Aladdin in Gunnedah

Tomorrow students will be attending Aladdin in Gunnedah. Please ensure students are at school by 8.50am ready to board the bus and leave at 9.00am sharp.

Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Annie Hook, Nicholas Hook, Jacinta Mackenzie and Shannon Colley for their participation in the Regional Athletics Carnival.

We were very excited to hear the news on Friday that Annie came first in the high jump and will now go on to compete at the State Carnival in Sydney. Well done Annie. What a fabulous effort!

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.





Noticeboard



P & C News

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



Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who joined us for Book Fair. Staff and students had a great day of fun dressing up as their favourite book characters. It was lovely to also celebrate the student's achievements at assembly. The school has benefited from \$110 worth of book fair books to add to the library.

The school has book another Book Fair for 2018.



Playgroup

All mums and littlies are welcome to join us Tuesday fortnightly 9:30am-11:00am. We meet next on Tuesday 5th September. All Playgroup parents and littlies are invited to the Book Fair, see details above.

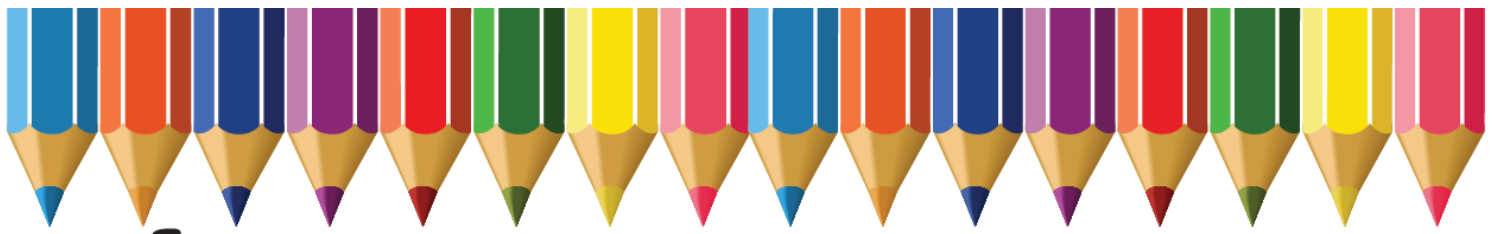
Please contact Drue Daly for more information on 0428 210 928.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

Reminder: Somerton PS is participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Thank to those staff and students who are collecting and returning completed sticker sheets. A sticker sheet has gone home with each student. Anyone can collect stickers for the school from 26 July until 19 September. If you require more sticker sheets they can be collected from school. The school benefits from choosing valuable educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

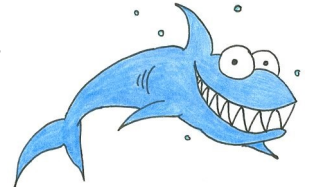




FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-Yr2

Students are continuing to work hard as the end of the term is drawing ever so near. In literacy, students have been researching and investigating the life of sharks. From their research they have all written an informative text, telling the reader several interesting facts about shark's appearance and natural habitat. In their writing, students focused on correct punctuation, topic specific language and paragraphing.

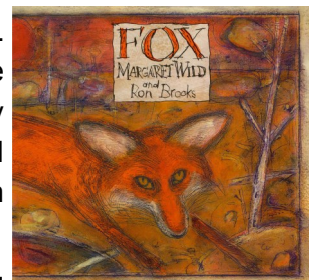


In mathematics, students have been introduced to skip-counting. With the understanding that skip-counting can be used as an efficient strategy to count a group of items quickly and making connections to multiplication; students are learning to master the skill. This week students are moving on to measurement with the focus on the concept of time.



Yr3-Yr6

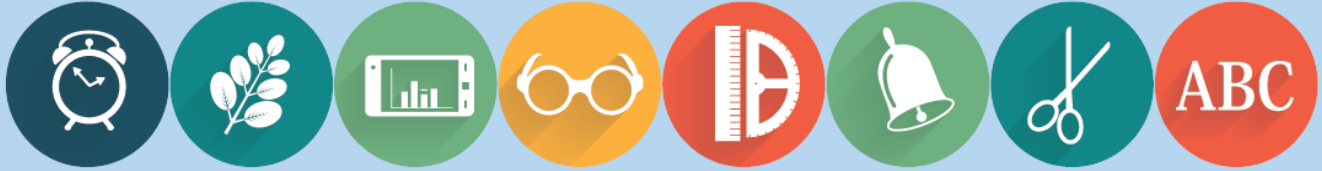
During the past fortnight students have continued working hard on our unit titled *Fox*. Students have studied the choice of words in the text and discussed how they have been used to intensify the story. They explored the use of colour and font to convey the meaning of different words and phrases used in the text. Students also explored what might have happened further to the ending of the story and wrote their own epilogues.



In mathematics students have been learning about multiplication and division and exploring the relationships between both. Students learned that in a multi-digit whole number, a digit in one place represents ten times what it represents in the place to its right. Students grappled with why multiplying by a power of ten shifts the digits of a whole number or decimal that many places to the left.

During cooking students enjoyed making rocky road in coffee cups for Father's Day. We hope that all the rocky road made it home safely and that all the fathers enjoyed their treat!





Parenting - Hang in There!

How you are going? Did you read the Blog in the last Goora Gazette? I would love to know your thoughts!

I am sure, that most of us have similar things going on with our children. It would be great to share the joy and the worries by bouncing back ideas and thoughts!

Have you been in a situation where you didn't know how to respond? Did you see another parent do something that you thought was poor or really helpful?

I struggle every day with responding in the right way to my kids behaviour. If it is bad, I don't just want to reprimand, but I want them to understand and grow from the experience (and not do it again...!) If it is good, I hope to acknowledge this in a way that they want to do it again. It would be encouraging to hear your thoughts. Please feel free to drop a note into the school, either with your name or anonymous.

This week's blog is about resisting children's pester power! Hang in there!

5 ways to resist children's pester power by Michael Grose

Do you have a child who won't take "no" for an answer? "Mum, can you buy me a treat?" "MUUUMMMM, can you get me some new clothes?" "It's not fair. You never let me have any fun."

Sound familiar?

Kids have a way of getting under your skin when they really want something. You can refuse their request for a treat, some extra time out of bed or some new clothes, and they can keep at you until you give in.

Whining, tantrums and appeals to fairness are common tactics that kids use to break down parental resolve.

Some kids when they receive a knock back from one parent, will try the other parent out. "Okay, mum said no to an ice cream, I'll just check to see what dad says" is the type of tactic I'm talking about here.

Solo parents can easily become worn down by pester power as there is no one to share the burden with.

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Pester power hasn't always been a problem for parents. In the days of large families, when four or more children were common, not only was there less propensity to give kids what they wanted but siblings had their own way of dealing with rebellious or 'prima-donna' type behaviour.

There is no doubt that kids' pester power is alive and well and living in Australian homes right now. In these times of smaller families the voice of one child resisting can be the only voice a parent hears.

If your kids don't take no for answer, particularly when they want you to buy, buy, buy consider these well-tested resistance strategies:

1. Keep explanations to a minimum.

It's worth remembering that it's okay to say no... without always having to explain yourself. While kids should know why we don't give/allow them something that doesn't mean we have to give answers every single time. Most of the times kids know why we say no, but they just keep pushing the boundaries.

2. Make yourself scarce.

My wife was an expert making herself scarce physically or psychologically when my kids used to argue the point with her. She would ignore attempts to change her mind, going about her business as if they weren't there. They soon realised that arguing was futile. So have I... except it took me a little longer!!

3. Communicate with your partner.

Teenagers are adept at putting pressure on parents to acquiesce to their demands, particularly when it comes to going out. Get into the habit of bringing your partner into the picture. "I'm not sure about that. I'll check with your father/mother and get back to you" is a handy response.

4. Draw strength from a friend.

It helps, particularly if you are on your own, to phone a friend to check if you are being reasonable. It's easy to doubt yourself, and your sanity, when you are on your own.

5. How can you make this happen?

Sometimes it's best to put the onus on to kids, particularly when they pester you to buy them things. "Sure, you can have a new mobile phone. Have you got enough money to buy it now or do you have to save for it?" is the type of response I suggest for kids who just love you to be their automatic teller machine.



★ AWARDS ★

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Book Week Assembly.

Keisha Johnston - Making connections in mathematics

Sophie Hook - Great effort and improvement in writing.

Benji Jonstone - Writing super sentences.

Benny Markwick - Great effort working on our 'Fox' unit.

Annie Hook - Outstanding effort in mathematics.

Naomi Evans - Excellent contributions during class discussions.

Mathletics Awards

Annie Hook, Benny Markwick and Naomi Evans

Reading Eggs Awards

Brendan Colley, Jacinta Mackenzie, Nicholas Hook

Silver Award

Keisha Johnston - for receiving 5 merit awards.



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 \$5**
- **Homemade Strawberry \$4**
- **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 meeting:

25 October @ 7pm



Mini Market Day

**ANZAC PARK
Tamworth
9am-2pm**

Saturday 16th September

Come and celebrate Baby's Day Out at our Mini Market Day. There will be plenty to look at and lots of activities for the kids, including a **jumping castle**, **face painting**, **coffee & cake stall**, **yabbie races** and a **sausage sizzle**.

Come along and support this great not-for-profit organisation.

If you are interested in holding a market stall on the day or you would like more information, please contact the local ABA group at:

**tamworthbdo
@gmail.com**



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