



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 1 2018

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	19 February Ms Lacey - leave	20 February Winanga-li Learning Alliance Meeting 4.30pm - 6pm	21 February Mrs Weis	22 February	23 February Zone Swimming Carnival	24 Feb	25 Feb
5	26 February	27 February Conference Ms Fritze	28 February Principal Meeting Ms Lacey	1 March Principal Meeting Ms Lacey 4pm - P&C AGM	2 March Finance Reports PL Ms Fritze	3 Mar	4 Mar
6	5 March	6 March	7 March Mrs Weis	8 March Small Schools' Meeting OVPS Ms Lacey SAM Mtg- Ms Fritze School Counsellor	9 March	10 Mar	11 Mar
7	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 Mar Manilla Show	18 Mar
8	19 March School Counsellor visit	20 March	21 March Mrs Weis	22 March	23 March Harmony Day	24 Mar	25 Mar
9	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March 11;30am Outback Scripture	30 March Good Friday	31 March Easter Saturday	1 Apr Easter Sunday
10	2 April Easter Monday	3 April 2pm Reptile Awareness	4 April Mrs Weis	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April
11	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 April Last Day Term	14 April	15 April

Ms Lacey's Message.....

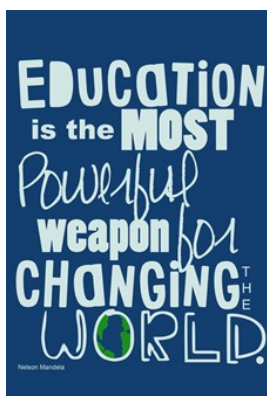
Welcome to Week 4.

Thank you to the parents who attended the parent teacher interviews. These meaningful conversations provide a great platform for putting together your child's Individual Learning Plan. Effective collaboration between school and home is an important component of your child's education. We look forward to a positive year of learning and growth.

Congratulations to the students on their participation last week at the Bective Swimming Carnival. As always our students were proud representatives of Somerton PS. Their level of participation and sportsmanship was very impressive. Well done to all and thank you to the parents who transported the students and stayed to help assist and cheer our students on for the day.

Enjoy your week ahead!

Kylie Lacey



P&C Fundraising

Congratulations to the P&C on their amazing fundraising efforts and team work on the weekend. At very short notice our hard working parents and students were able to band together to provide the catering at a local clearing sale. The weather was hot but everyone chipped in and made the day a success. Well done to you all. What a wonderful community to be a part of!





Noticeboard

P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C AGM will be held this Thursday 1st March at 4pm.

The P&C is always open to suggestions and new members are welcome. We encourage you to share your ideas. See you there!

Sonja Hook (P&C President)

Canberra Excursion 2018

This is the bi-annual excursion to Canberra for our year 5/6 students. This will occur during Week 6 of Term 2.

To help families prepare, we have received notification that the cost will be **\$554.50**. ***To make it easier for families it is recommended to make regular payments each week of \$30 so that total will be finalised prior to the excursion.***

Allergies, Asthma and Medical Conditions

To help the school accommodate your child's medical condition the department requires your child to be diagnosed by their family doctor and a written diagnosis supplied to the school. If your child has an allergy or asthma a written ASCIA or Asthma plan need to be completed by your doctor and a copy given to the school. All required medication needs to be supplied to the school accompanied by written permission to administer.

PLEASE NOTE: NSW Health advises that 'over the counter' medication may still be harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for non-prescribed medications as for prescribed medications.

Water, Water, Water

Parents and carers are asked to send their children to school with water only in their water bottles. Water is best for hydrating, particularly in the hot weather.

No cordials, juices, etc are to come to school in water bottles. Thank you.





FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-Yr2

I am looking forward to the year ahead and watching my students learn and grow with each new experience. Students have been working hard on descriptive writing over the last two weeks. They have learnt about using adjectives to make their descriptions of characters more interesting to the reader. Through making their own representation of a dinosaur out of recycled objects and then presenting it to the class, they discovered that we all have our own imagination.

As an introduction to measuring length I set a challenge for the students. Each student had to make the longest paper chain out of one single piece of A4 paper. Each student had a different approach. Some made chains of small links, while others used fat strips to make links. It was great to see how some changed their approach when they realise a more efficient technique. At the end of the challenge we measured the chains and discussed what length meant and the words we use to informally describe length.



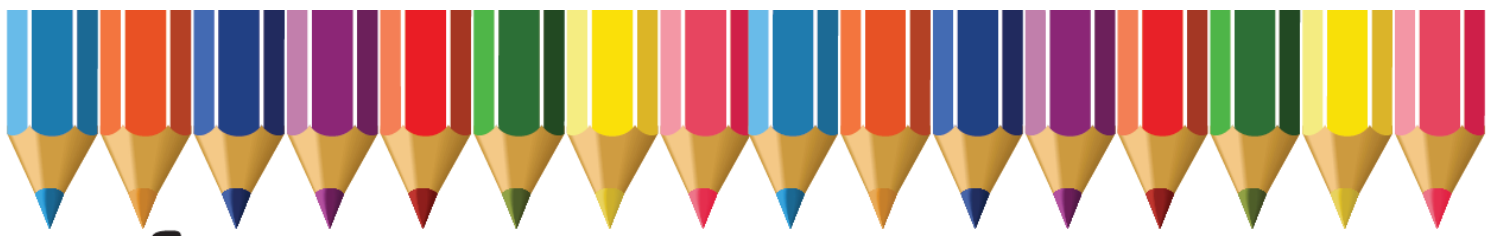
Yr3-Yr6

We have been very busy mastering our times tables. Every day as a part of our maths program we have been completing a times table challenge. Already, only after two weeks we have been able to see a massive improvement. The number of incorrect answers for everyone has improved dramatically and our times have decreased which means that we are recalling our facts quickly. Keep up the great work guys. Time tables matters in the making!

During literacy we have been studying the text, *The Lost Thing*. Last week we concentrated on writing descriptions and using banks of adjectives and adverbs to improve our writing. We wrote descriptions about a toy which we were asked to bring in. We then came up with a bank of words describing *The Lost Thing* and created a Wordle using www.wordle.net/. This was lots of fun and now we are working on descriptions of ourselves to create a personal Wordle.

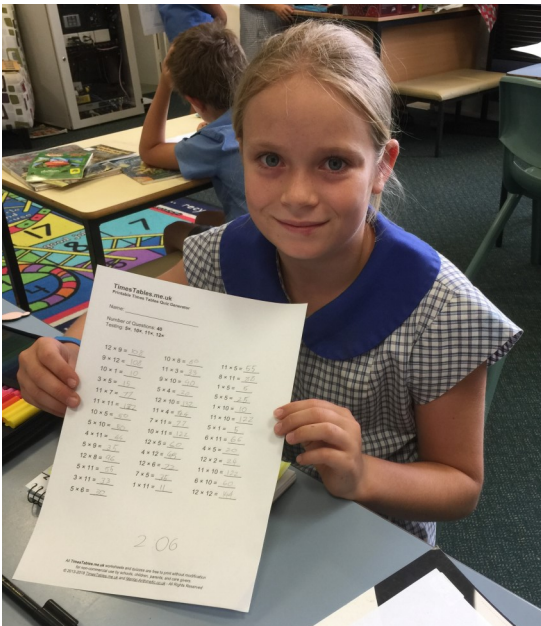
This Thursday students will have the opportunity to begin creating their own *Lost Thing*. They have been asked to bring in some old odds and ends that they can put together to create it. The students are really looking forward to being able to get creative!



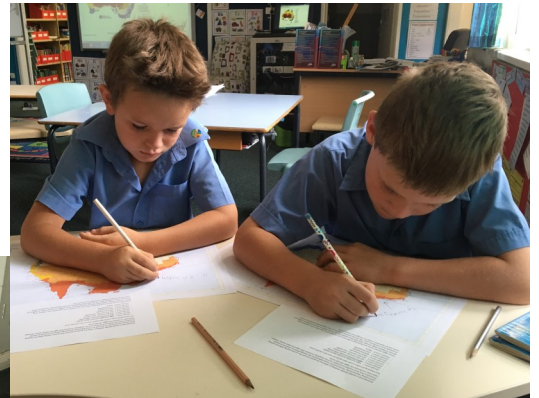


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Bective Small Schools' Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday 14th February our students participated in the Bective Small School Schools' Swimming Carnival along with students from Attunga PS, Currabubula PS and Duri PS. Although the weather was hot the students had a great time participating in a number of races and novelty events. The highlight, of course was having the opportunity to be able to have three turns each on the waterslide. We would like to thank Mrs O'Connor from Attunga PS for all of her wonderful organisation. As always, being able to interact with students from other schools is always a positive experience for the students.

Congratulations to our students who displayed a high level of sportsmanship. Many of them went in all the races they could and tried their hardest all day. We can never ask for more than that! Well done to all of you. You continue to make us proud.

An extra congratulations must go to Benny Markwick (Senior Boy Champion), Nicholas Hook (Junior Boy Champion) and Annie Hook (11yrs Girl runner up). A great achievement.

Benny, Nicholas and Annie along with Jacinta Mackenzie has all qualified to go on to compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations!



Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No 1: Responsibilities



Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

- (1) It is a parent's legal obligation to explain their child's absence within seven days
- (2) It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
- (3) It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
- (4) It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child's absence, please contact your school principal.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Somerton Public School Excursion Fundraiser

Somerton Public School will continue fundraise much needed funds for school resources and events. We have a number of items you can purchase to help reduce the cost to families.

Items for sale:

- **Homemade Pickles \$5**
- **Homemade Lemon Butter \$5**
- **Homemade Passionfruit Butter \$5**
- **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 Public School welcomes contributions to the community
classifieds.**

Please email or call the school with your classified.

