



# THE GOORA GAZETTE



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# Term 1 2018

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	5 February	6 February	7 February Mrs Weis	8 February 4pm P&C Meeting	9 February	10 Feb	11 Feb
3	12 February	13 February	14 February Bective Swimming Carnival - Scully Pool Tamworth	15 February Parent meetings School Psychologist - Brenton Dick	16 February Ms Lacey - leave	17 Feb	18 Feb`
4	19 February Ms Lacey - leave	20 February Winanga-li Learning Alliance Meeting 4.30pm - 6pm	21 February Mrs Weis	22 February	23 February	24 Feb	25 Feb
5	26 February	27 February	28 February Principal Meeting Ms Lacey	1 March Principal Meeting Ms Lacey	2 March	3 Mar	4 Mar
6	5 March	6 March	7 March Mrs Weis	8 March Small Schools' Meeting OVPS Ms Lacey	9 March	10 Mar	11 Mar
7	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 Mar	18 Mar
8	19 March	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 Sat	1 Apr Easter Sun

# Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to the 2018 school year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas break and that we are all ready for a wonderful term. There will be many opportunities for involvement, growth, and learning once again at Somerton PS this year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We look forward to welcoming parents to the parent meetings to be held on Thursday 15th February where we will be able to discuss your child's goals, both academically and socially and emotionally for this term and create a plan of how we can help them achieve these goals.

As you will notice our term calendar is already filling up. We do pride ourselves on being able to offer many and varied opportunities for our students in our aim to educate hearts and minds.

Our first event this year is the combined Bective Swimming Carnival. This year we have changed the venue to the Scully Pool in Tamworth. This is a more suitable option for both us and Attunga PS as it cuts down travel and is ultimately a more central place for all schools involved. We hope to continue this arrangement into the future.

As always my door is always open. Should you have any concerns, questions or suggestions I am more than happy to chat with you.

Kind regards

*Kylie Lacey*



## Welcome Kindergarten 2018!

Our four new Kindergarten students have settled in marvellously. They have enjoyed a busy first week at school and have fitted in to the routines of the school and classroom seamlessly. We are so pleased to have them join our wonderful school and look forward to seeing them grow throughout the year.



## Welcome BBQ

It was great to see so many families attend our Welcome BBQ. Even with a little moisture from the skies it was a great night and a lovely opportunity for our families and staff to get together and have a chat. Thank you to all who attended. We were delighted that so many could join us for the evening.







# Noticeboard

## Annual General P & C Meeting

**The next P&C Meeting will be held this Thursday 8th February at 4pm.**

Come along to the first meeting of the year! No need to feel pressured, we won't make you take up any particular role. It is just a great opportunity to get to know other parents and the teachers. Being a small school we, as parents, have the advantage of being heard and involved. Make use of this opportunity and join us!

Our meetings are pretty casual. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 4pm. The kids are welcome to stay at school to play or to work on the computer while we have a cuppa and catch up. Kylie usually provides a principals report to give us more detailed information about what's happening at the school. We are also planning to have a few fundraiser events this year.

The P&C is always open to suggestions! Don't hesitate to and 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.***

## Playgroup

Playgroup commenced last Tuesday 30th January. Playgroup meets fortnightly 9:30am-11:00am. Playgroup will next meet on Tuesday 13th February.

All mums, dads & littlies are welcome.

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





# FROM THE CLASSROOMS

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## K-Yr2

Welcome back to another school year that will no doubt be busy and full of wonderful learning. Week one has already sped past like a flash!

Last week we welcomed 3 Kinders; Aggie, Daniel and Indigo and just yesterday, Jett started. That makes K-2 the biggest class in the school with 12 students.

Students have hit the ground running, getting back into the routine of L3 writing and reading each morning. In writing students will be focusing on characterisation and narrative in a range of quality picture books. This will involve students in developing their creative writing skills.

While in maths, lessons they are focusing on whole number and 2D shapes. Remember to incorporate opportunities for your child to count and reinforce the number skills at home. This may be as simple as counting the pegs in the peg basket or having them help measure ingredients in the kitchen.



## Yr3-Yr6

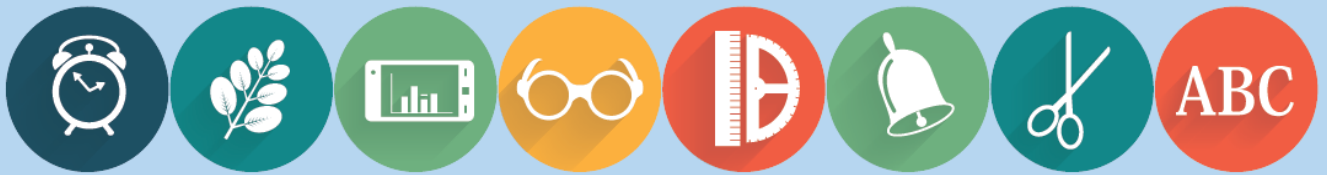
We have started the year settling in and readjusting our bodies back into routine. There have been plenty of weary faces during the first week!

On Tuesday we all wrote a personal profile including what we would like to achieve this year and what are current likes and dislikes are, favourite things and a tracing of our hand and our foot. We placed these in an envelope and plan to open them on the last day of school so that we can see how much we can change in a year and if we achieved what we set out to do.

This week we have started strong on our times tables by drilling them everyday. Our new Year 3 students have surprised themselves. We are going to have a class for of times tables whizz kids by the end of the year!

Last week we also focused on figurative language learning about similes, metaphors, idioms and hyperboles. Students enjoyed learning these and were surprised at how many they knew or had heard of (even if they didn't know what they were called).





## Belly Dance Classes

Yesterday afternoon our students enjoyed lots of shimmies and giggles at their first ever Belly Dance class. Both boys and girls enjoyed being able to jingle away in a coin belt. We will be participating in classes every Monday afternoon during Term 1.

### Did you know?

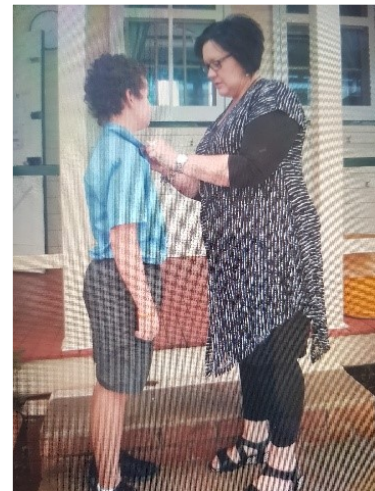
Belly dance is one of the oldest forms of dance.

Belly Dancing exercises lots of important body muscles. Belly dancing strengthens quadriceps, hamstrings, glutes, arms, and back muscles. By strengthening back muscles, it promotes good posture and prevents back injuries.



## School Leader for 2018

Yesterday Benny Markwick was presented with his 2018 School Leader badge. Congratulations Benny! We know that you will make an excellent school leader and be a great role model for your peers.



# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

## Somerton Public School Excursion Fundraiser

Somerton Public School will continue to 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.**

