



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 Forums with DoE Secretary Ms Lacey	1 March Principal Meeting Ms Lacey 4pm - P&C AGM	2 March Finance Reports PL Ms Fritze & Ms Lacey	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 Small Schools' NRL Day	15 March Miss Warden - Learning & Support PL	16 March	17 Mar Manilla Show	18 Mar
8	19 March School Counsellor visit	20 March	21 March Mrs Weis	22 March Science & Engineering Challenge	23 March Harmony Day	24 Mar	25 Mar
9	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March 9:30am Easter Service 11:30am Outback Scripture 12:30pm Easter Picnic & Egg Hunt	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 6. Last week I was out of the school attending some valuable professional learning opportunities. Whilst time away from my class can be difficult, the role of a teaching principal often requires this and we always ensure that the students' learning program is not disrupted. We were lucky once again to have Mrs Gallagher on the 3-6 class in my absence.

On Wednesday I attended the Principal Forum hosted by Mark Scott, Secretary Department of Education, Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary School Operations and Performance and Georgina Harrison, Deputy Secretary Educational Services. This was extremely valuable in keeping me abreast of what's happening in the Department of Education and changes that are coming. It also gave principals the opportunity to discuss concerns and ask questions regarding issues at a school operational level. This has not been offered to us before so was a valuable opportunity and experience for principals. On Thursday I attended a network meeting for the Tamworth and Wollemi Principal Networks with Directors Ruythe Dufty and Mark Young. These meetings are always valuable in terms of school planning and networking. The principals of the Winanga-li Learning Alliance had the opportunity to forward plan for the year. We are all looking forward to a productive year of learning for our students and staff and being able to provide our students with opportunities to join together in working on some of the exciting learning, cultural and social experiences we have planned.

Kylie Lacey



Zone Swimming

Congratulations to Benny Markwick, Jacinta Mackenzie, Nicholas Hook and Annie Hook who represented Somerton PS at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 23rd February in Tamworth. Our students had a great day and as always were wonderful representatives of our school. The four students also made up our relay team and finished third in the Earl McGee Relay. What a great effort!





Noticeboard



P&C Annual General Meeting Thursday 8th March at 4pm

The P&C is always open to suggestions and new members are welcome. We encourage you to share your ideas. Looking forward to see you on Thursday !

Sonja Hook (P&C President)



Canberra Excursion 2018

This is the bi-annual excursion to Canberra for our years 5/6 students. This will occur during Week 6 of Term 2 (4th-6th June 2018).



Thank you to families who have paid ahead for this excursion. The school (through fundraising) can subsidise each student \$100 for this excursion. The cost is **\$554.50**, with the school subsidy it will be **\$454.50** per student.

Payment is recommended this term to secure your child's spot on the bus.



Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion 2018

This is the bi-annual excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp is for our years 3/4 students. This will occur during Week 7 of Term 3 (3rd-5th September 2018). The school (through fundraising) can subsidise each student \$80 for this excursion.



The cost is **309.00**, with the school subsidy it will be **\$229.00** per student.

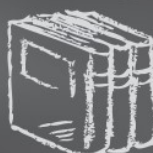
Payment is recommended by the end of Term 3 to secure your child's spot on the bus.



If Your Child is Late to School

If your child arrives at school late (ie after 9:30am) it is a legal requirement they need to be signed into school.

Please sign your child into school at the office if they are late. Your child is not to be dropped at the front gate during school hours.



Noticeboard

Easter Raffle

Somerton PS is running an Easter raffle to help raise funds to reduce the cost of the major excursions in 2018. Tickets are \$1 each and booklets have gone home with each student to sell. The prize is a yummy basket of Easter eggs. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 27th March.

All tickets are to be returned to the school by beforehand.
Thank you for supporting our school.



School Items for Sale

The school has some items for sale to the public. Please contact the school if you are interested in purchasing (priced to sell) the following items:

- 3 x computer tables (\$25 each)
- 1 x school desk (\$10)
- 3 x low padded chairs (\$10)
- Metal shelving pieces (make an offer)
- Old style balance beam (free to good home)
- Old submersible pump (make an offer)
- Filing cabinet (\$40)
- Computer and Monitor (all DoE data removed)



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

Students have been continuing to work hard on their descriptive writing and have been introduced to writing a detailed retell of a narrative. The year one and two students have just completed a retell of the narrative 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. In their retells, they focused on identifying the three main parts of a story; orientation, complication and resolution. For each part of the narrative they wrote a detailed paragraph retelling the important events. While Kindergarten focused on drawing their retelling of the same story. On Monday they attempted writing a sentence about the ending of the story. All Kindergarten made a fantastic effort that they should all be proud of because Miss Warden sure is!

Maths last week was all about patterns; sound patterns, colour patterns, shape patterns and number patterns. This meant that there were lots of opportunities to be creative and be hands on.

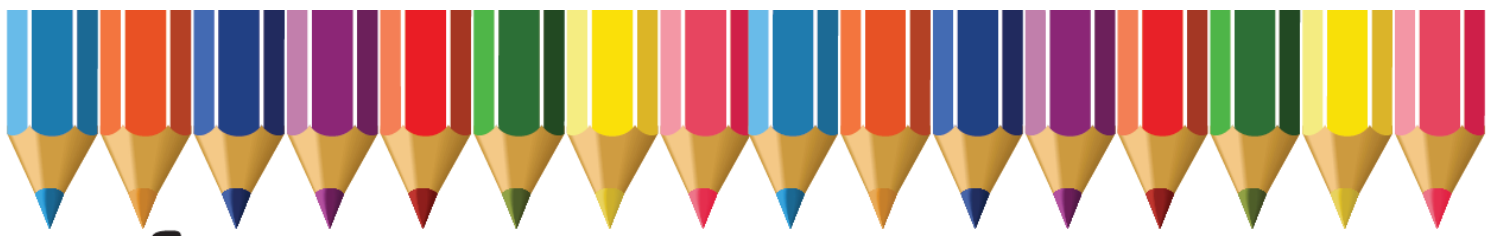


Yr3-Yr6

In the 3-6 class we love grammar and students have already been making pleasing progress this term! Our year 3 students have been introduced to parsing sentences which is being able to identify the part of speech for each word in the sentence. To be able to do this students must be able to identify a noun, adjective, pronoun, verb, adverb, conjunction and a preposition. Students in years 4 to 6 have really started to master this after all their practice last year and the students in year 3 are gaining more confidence every day as we continue to make grammar a significant focus in our literacy program. Understanding parts of speech is very important as it can help to make us better writers. If we want to write well then it is important that we know the tools of the trade!

One of the most exciting things happening in the 3-6 room at the moment is our construction of our own *Lost Things*. Students have designed their *Lost Thing* on paper and collected an array of old objects to recycle and their design. Students have really enjoyed getting out the power tools and engaging their imagination! This has been a great learning experience and shown how we are able to link our Key Learning Areas and provide different learning opportunities to suit all learning styles.

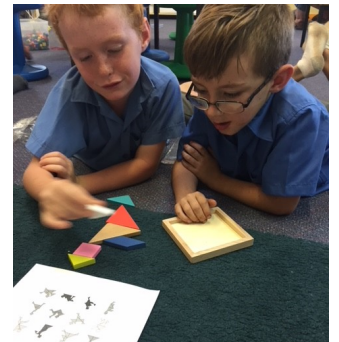
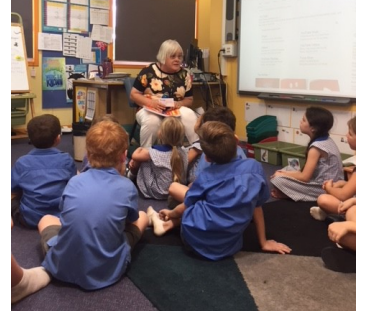
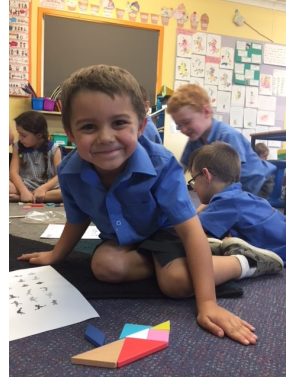




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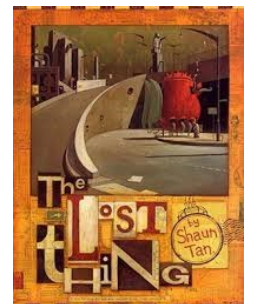
K-Yr2



Yr3-Yr6



Fun creating our
Lost Things





Coles Sports for Schools Voucher

We are currently collecting the Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers. We have had a fantastic response and have already collected lots of vouchers. We have a collection box at school and there are also collection boxes located at Coles Southgate and Northgate.

Canberra and Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursions

This year our Stage 3 students will have the opportunity to join other students from small schools in the Tamworth network on an excursion to Canberra (5 days, Wk 6 Term 2) and our Stage 2 students will have the same opportunity to be a part of the Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion (3 days, Wk 7 Term 3). Having been on both of these excursions I can say what a wonderful experience they are for the students. These excursions are costly so we have continued our fundraising at school and we are able to subsidise each of the excursions. The Canberra excursion will be subsidised \$100 per student and The Great Aussie Bush Camp will be subsidised \$80 per student. I look forward to attending both of these excursions with the students.

Excursion Fundraising - Easter Raffle

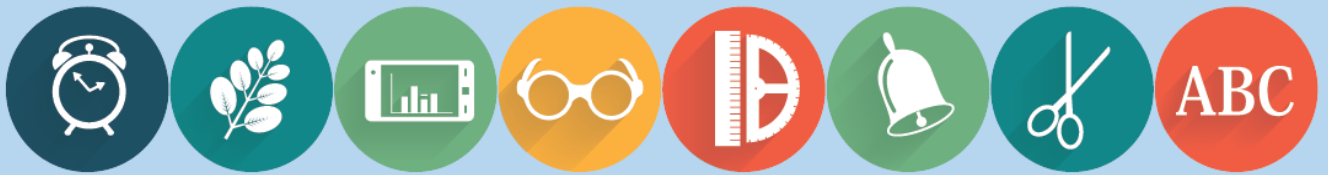
Although we continue to sell our lovely homemade range of pickles and spreads we also are running an Easter Raffle. All money raised will go towards our excursion fundraising pool to assist in subsidising excursions this year and our 2019 Melbourne Excursion. Today with the newsletter all students have been given a book of raffle tickets to sell.

Staff have made up a lovely Easter Hamper full of eggs in a lovely large tin caddy. Tickets are \$1 per ticket and the raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29th March. More books are available at school if you wish to sell more tickets. We thank you for your continued support of our great school.

NRL Wests Tigers Wellbeing Visit

With the NRL Game between the Wests Tigers & Newcastle Knights coming to Tamworth's Scully Park in April we are lucky enough to have some Ex Wests Tigers Players coming to Tamworth for a couple of days in March to do some school visits to promote the NRL Fixture. The school visits consist of a Wellbeing Presentation that touches on respect, belonging & nutrition. Students in years 3-6 from the Tamworth small schools will have the opportunity to attend this workshop on Wednesday 14th March at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. This is a great opportunity for boys and girls and Ms Lacey will accompany our 3-6 class on the day. A permission note is attached to the school newsletter. Please return this to school by Monday 12th March.





Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday our students participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Students worked hard to pick up rubbish both in the school and around the school boundaries.

Following on from this we are going to separate our rubbish this week and do an audit of how much waste we produce in a week at school.



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

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Somerton Public School welcomes contributions to the community classifieds.

Please email or call the school with your classified.

