



## THE GOORA GAZETTE



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# Term 1 & 2 2018

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>8</b>	19 March School Counsellor visit	20 March 9:30am Playgroup	21 March Harmony Day Woolomin PS	22 March Science & Engineering Challenge	23 March	24 Mar	25 Mar
<b>9</b>	26 March	27 March	28 March Debating workshop - Annie & Jacinta	29 March 9:30am Easter Service 11:30am Outback Scripture 12:30pm Easter Picnic & Egg Hunt 4pm Disco Planning Meeting	30 March Good Friday	31 March Easter Saturday	1 Apr Easter Sunday
<b>10</b>	2 April Easter Monday	3 April 9:30am Playgroup 2pm Reptile Awareness	4 April Mrs Weis	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April
<b>11</b>	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April 4pm P&C Meeting	13 April Last Day Term 5:30pm P&C Disco @ Hall	14 April	15 April
<b>1</b>	30 April Staff Development Day	1 May First day Term 2 for students	2 May 9:30am Playgroup	3 May	4 May Cross Country - Carroll PS	5 May	6 May
<b>2</b>	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May	13 May
<b>3</b>	14 May	15 May	16 May 9:30am Playgroup	17 May	18 May	19 May	20 May
<b>4</b>	21 May Life Ed Van - Carroll PS	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May 6pm P&C Trivia Night	27 May

# Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to Week 8! This term is quickly passing us by. With four weeks remaining we still have so many more exciting opportunities on offer for our students.

Tomorrow we join Woolomin PS, Nundle PS and Dungowan PS for a day of Harmony Day celebrations. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities and workshops. On Thursday Annie, Nicholas, Benny and Jacinta will join students from Duri PS and Currabubula PS to make a small schools team to participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge run by the Newcastle University. This is an exciting opportunity for these students and I know they will have a day packed full of learning and fun.

Next week we welcome Mrs Kylie Taber to our staff. Kylie will be teaching the 3-6 class on Thursdays for the remainder of the year. Recently we had a new staffing allocation and this has enabled us to employ and extra teacher for one day per week. This will enable me much needed extra time on administration tasks with the opportunity to also be able to work closely with some students on a one on one basis on a Thursday morning. We look forward to welcoming Kylie for her first day on Thursday 29th March.

Next Wednesday I also look forward to taking Jacinta and Annie to Oxley Vale PS for the day to participate in a Debating Workshop. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students and I look forward to being able to share this experience with them.

*Kylie Lacey*



Book Bunnies...





# Noticeboard



## P&C Meetings

**Thursday 29th March at 4pm - Disco Planning Meeting**  
**Thursday 12th April at 4pm - Regular Meeting**  
**Friday 13th April 2018 - Disco & Costume Party - Spooky Night Theme**

The P&C will be holding an end of term disco for school students, family and friends in the surrounding communities. This will be on **Friday 13th April 2018** and it will aptly have a spooky theme. Please see attached flyer.

## Canberra Excursion 2018

**Term 2, Week 6: 4th-6th June 2018**

Permission notes and information for the 5/6 Canberra excursion have gone home. Thank you to families who have paid ahead for this excursion.

The cost is \$554.50 per student. The school is subsidising each student \$100 from school fundraising. The P&C will also be donating \$100 per student as additional subsidy for this excursion. Thank you to the P&C for their generous support in helping to ease the cost of this major excursion. The price includes coach travel, shared accommodation, meals (except lunch on day one) and entry fees to all venues in Canberra.

Therefore the subsidised cost to for each student is now **\$354.50**.

***Payment finalisation is required 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 P&C will also be donating \$100 per student as additional subsidy for this excursion.

The cost is **\$309.00**, with the school & P&C subsidy it will be **\$129.00** per student.

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



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# FROM THE CLASSROOMS

## K-Yr2

Last week our writing focus changed from imaginative to persuasive texts. Students discussed and learnt that it is important to have an opinion about a topic but it just as important to be able to give reasons for their point of view. Here are Max's and Matthew's opinion pieces.

### School Days are better than Weekends

*Some people prefer weekends but I don't agree because I love doing sport, writing and maths at school. Sport is the best because I get to play tee ball and I always hit it a long way. In maths I love times tables.  $2 \times 2 = 4$  See I love it! I also love, love, love writing. It is the best because I enjoy thinking and putting my words on the page. I enjoy my hand hurting from writing and craft. I also enjoy craft and drawing and making things. When playing with my friends, I play octopus. I never win but I am quite good.*

Max Daly – Yr 2

### School Days are better than Weekends

*I prefer school to weekends because of maths, art and breaks.*

*I think maths is exciting because it's always different. I love art because it has nothing to do with a lead pencil. The reason that I love breaks is because you don't have to do any work and you get to play. I also want to say how I feel awesome about reading. I am in between levels 21 and 22.*

Matthew Pollard – Yr 2



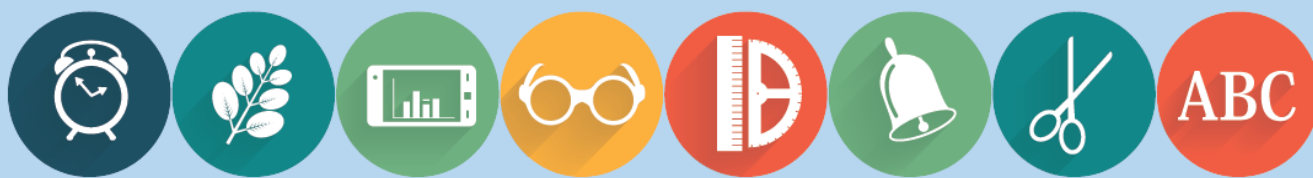
## Yr3-Yr6

Students in the 3-6 class continue to work hard making great progress. We have been writing some fantastic descriptive writing pieces using sizzling starters to grab the reader's attention. Students have been experimenting with the use of metaphors, similes and imagery to paint a picture with words.

Students continue to work hard on their times tables and we really do have some champions in our room. By drilling our tables every day we have shown that practise really does make perfect! We have also realised that when we are really good at our tables and can quickly recall facts that it makes maths so much easier!

This week students in Years 3 and 5 are doing their Practise NAPLAN test which will be administered online this year. The test is designed to just give them an opportunity to see how it works online so that when they sit their NAPLAN later in the year they are familiar with this new format.





## Harmony Day At Woolomin Public School

Somerton PS will be travelling to Woolomin PS tomorrow to celebrate Harmony Day 2018. Students are encouraged to wear orange mufti (colour of Harmony Day and anti-bullying). Permission notes were sent home last Friday. The cost is \$10 (this covers bus hire & supplies). All students need to bring there morning tea and lunch and money to if they would like to purchase something from the cake stall.

Students will need to be at the school by 8:30am (if dropped off) or when the school bus arrives as we will be leaving immediately to get to Woolomin PS in time for the days activities.

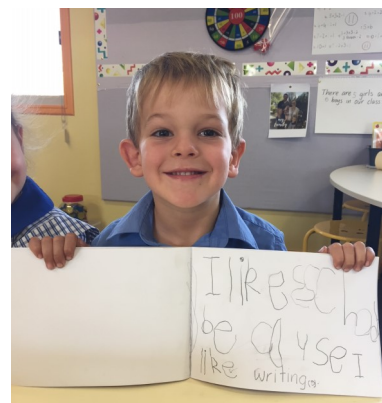
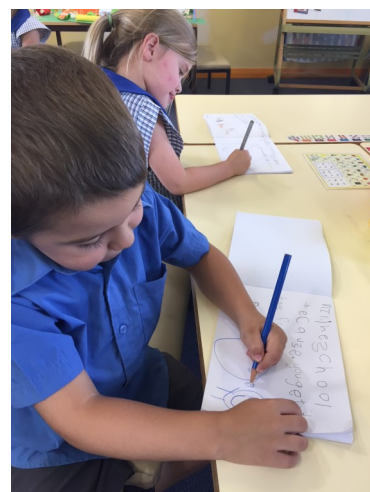
## Coles Sports for Schools Voucher

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.

## 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 Thursday 29th March. All tickets and money are to be returned to school by Tuesday 27th March.

Thank you to students who have enthusiastically sold lots of tickets.





# 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**
- **6 x 4m Trailer of Mulch \$40**
- **Homemade Passionfruit Butter \$5**

Please contact the school on 6769 7520 for orders.



## 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**

## 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)



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**Please email or call the school with your classified.**



# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

## Somerton Hotel

- Open 7 days a week (9am Mon-Fri and 12 noon on weekends)
- Post office available until 6pm Monday to Friday (paying bills, account deposits and posting mail)
- Take away dinner available Tuesday to Saturdays.
- Kids meals now come with a free ice-cream cup with the choice of chocolate or strawberry topping.
- Open for dinner Tuesday to Saturdays from 6pm.
- Friday night raffles drawn at 7.30pm (4 meat trays, etc)
- Dinner specials Fridays and Saturday nights.
- Somerton Hotel now has a wider refreshments.
- We can cater for functions, so any questions please don't hesitate to call or pop in for a chat.

A massive THANK YOU to all who made it on the 10th for the band and dinner. It was lovely to meet you all and we hope you all had a lovely time. We hope to have another date booked in soon. You can find us on Facebook under *Somerton Hotel* to keep up to date with what's going on.

We will be closed Good Friday so the normal Friday night raffles will be held on Thursday 29th March.

Have a Safe and Happy Easter from us at Somerton Hotel

Kristie and Brendan

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