



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 2 2018

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	14 May	15 May NAPLAN	16 May NAPLAN 9:30am Playgroup	17 May NAPLAN	18 May	19 May Currabubula Small Schools Art Show	20 May Currabubula Small Schools Art Show
4	21 May Life Ed Van - Carroll PS	22 May Winanga-li Learning Alliance Meeting 4.30pm	23 May	24 May	25 May 11:30am Musica Viva TAIKOZ- Gunnedah	26 May	27 May
5	28 May Miss Warden - L3 Mrs Pollard in	29 May	30 May 3-6 Korea VC 9:30am Playgroup	31 May	1 June Netball Science Velocity Challenge (Yr 3-6) - Woolomin PS	2 June	3 June
6	4 June	5 June	6 June	7 June	8 June Netball	9 June	10 June
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion</p> </div>							
7	11 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	12 June	13 June 9:30am Playgroup	14 June Ms Lacey - Small Schools' Meeting GSPS	15 June Netball	16 June	17 June
8	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June Netball	23 June	24 June
9	25 June	26 June	27 June 9:30am Playgroup	28 June	29 June Netball	30 June 6pm P&C Trivia Night	1 July
10	2 July	3 July	4 July	5 July	6 July	7 July	8 July

Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to the beginning of another very productive fortnight!

Yesterday our students enjoyed a visit to Carroll PS where we participated in the Life Education program. The Life Education presenters along with Harold the giraffe have been empowering children to make safer and healthier choices for almost 40 years. Our students participated in sessions focusing on cyber safety, relating, respecting and connecting and friendships. A fantastic day was had by all and we thank Mrs Ferguson and the staff and students of Carroll PS for their warm hospitality.

Our Canberra excursion for our year 5 and 6 students is fast approaching. During week 6 (4th - 8th June) I will accompany our year 5 and 6 students on the week long excursion to Canberra. This amazing excursion not only provides many rich educational opportunities but also importantly provides our students with the opportunity to network with other students their own age from other small schools in the Tamworth area. Mrs Pollard will be working with the 3-6 class during my absence.

Last week Jodie Markwick represented our P&C at a meeting at Tintinhull PS to discuss the catering for the upcoming Small Schools' Conference. This is a fabulous opportunity for our P&C to work along other parent and community groups to cater for the conference. We thank Jodie for attending on behalf of the P&C. I know our members will be valuable contributors to this event.

Last week our students in years 3 and 5 participated in NAPLAN. This is the first year in which it has been



completed on-line. Students in year 5 completed the whole NAPLAN experience on line whilst students in year 3 completed their reading, language conventions and numeracy on line with their writing being the traditional pen and paper test. I would like to congratulate our students on the way they all handled a week that was out of their normal routine.

Enjoy the fortnight ahead.

Kylie Lacey

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to Annie Hook, Jacinta Mackenzie, Benny Markwick, Nicholas Hook, Jye Booby-Woodward and Sophie Hook who will all be representing Somerton PS at the Zone Cross Country Carnival this Friday. We wish them all well and know they will be fantastic representatives of our school. Thank you to the parents who are assisting us with travel and transporting students to the carnival.



Noticeboard

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club has gone home. Issue 3, 2018 orders & payment must be returned to school (in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it) or completed online by this Friday 1st June 2018.



Canberra Excursion 2018

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

It is less than 2 weeks until students in years 5/6 head to Canberra on this bi-annual excursion. All notes with the list of items your child will need have gone home. Please note the time and place for departure.



Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion 2018

This is the bi-annual excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp is for our year 3/4 students. This will occur during Week 7 of Term 3 (3rd-5th September 2018). The school (through fundraising) will subsidise each student \$80 for this excursion. The P&C will also be donating \$100 per student as an 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 2 to secure your child's seat on the bus.

Taikoz Performance in Gunnedah this Friday 25th May 2018

This Friday students will be travelling to Gunnedah South PS (please note change of venue) to attend the Taikoz Japanese drumming performance at 11:45am (slight change of time). Thank you to those families who have returned the permission notes and payment. All permission notes and payment are due tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd May 2018.



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FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-Yr2

During the last two weeks K-2 has been working hard on writing information texts about ladybugs. Students collected information from a range of different places including books, the internet, posters and videos. Here are some of the finished products.

What a ladybug looks like by Felicity

Lady bugs are insects that are usually red and black but they are not all the same. They come in different colours. They can be red, yellow, orange or black. They can have spots, stripes or nothing at all. They all have all have 6 legs on their round bodies. They have 4 wings. 2 wings are smooth and the other 2 are hard.

Ladybug habitat by Emelia

Lady bugs can live in different places. When it is warm they live near rivers, on rocks, in forests and on farmer's crops. When it is cold they live and sleep in our houses.

Ladybug diet by Daniel

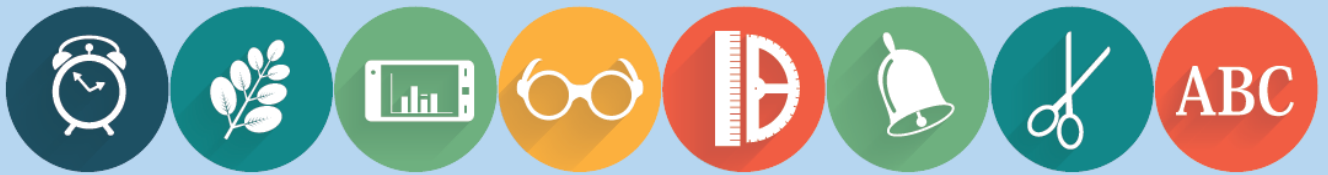
Ladybugs eat aphids.



Yr3-Yr6

Our 3-6 class have been participating in regular video conferencing with students from Korea. This has been a very valuable experience for our students. The fact that we are talking live to students who are 7020km away and to see them on a screen is quite incredible. Technology is just an amazing thing. This program which is run by the University of New England has enabled our students to learn about and understand a new culture first hand. One thing that students have quickly realised with the language barrier is the understanding of different concepts that the Korean students are trying to teach us and that we are trying to teach them. During our last video conference our students taught the Korean students about traditional Australian instruments. Our boys who are learning didgeridoo with Mark were able to play for the Korean students. This was quite special that we were able to do this. We are certainly very privileged to be having Mark coming out regularly to work with our boys. We look forward to continuing this experience with the Korean students for the remainder of the year and being able to teach them more about Australia whilst learning also about the Korean culture.





Life Education Van Visit at Carroll PS



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Somerton Hotel

Come join us for the Friday night weekly raffle at 7:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ph: 6769 7683

Somerton War Memorial Hall

If you would like to hire this great facility please contact:

Ph: 0427 697 566

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.



FREE child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: 31 May 2018
TIME: 1pm - 4pm
LOCATION: Kable Avenue between Roderick and Hill Streets
For more information contact Michaela Stevens on (02) 6767 5701. Bookings essential.



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