



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
							
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 Week 6. Our school has been extremely busy over the past few weeks with an influx of enrolments. We welcome Thomas Henry in Year 3 and Kobi, Clay and Nate Childs in Kindergarten.

Our enrolment now sits at 27 and with this has come an increase in our teacher entitlement. We currently have an advertisement in School Biz for a temporary teacher for the remainder of the school year. Applications for this position close on Friday 15th June.

I would like to express a sincere thank you to Hannah Pollard who has been fantastic in joining our team here at Somerton and working on the 3-6 class.

Don't forget to get your teams together for the P&C Trivia night to be held on 30th June. This should be a great night for a community get together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our students in Years 5 and 6 are currently enjoying a great week with students from other small schools in Canberra. This is a great opportunity for them and I would like to thank Mrs Sonja Hook for accompanying them on the excursion.

Ms Fritze, our School Administration Manager will be out of the school for the next four weeks as she moves into the Tamworth Office as a Customer Service Administrative Support Officer in a relieving capacity. She will be replaced by Ms Fiona McNiven during this time. We welcome Fiona and hope she enjoys her time with us.

Enjoy the fortnight ahead.

Kylie Lacey



School Excursions

This year our students have already participated in a number of day excursions. The purpose of excursions is to complement the learning that is occurring in the Key Learning Areas (English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, History and Geography, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Creative and Practical Arts). For students in a small school in particular; excursions are extremely valuable not only academically but also in terms of students' social development. At Somerton PS we pride ourselves on the opportunities that we are able to provide for our students and the very rich experiences that these opportunities bring. Should you ever have any questions or concerns regarding any excursion and its purpose please call the school and we would be more than happy to discuss it with you in greater detail.

School Parking

Thank you to all our parents who have been so cooperative in adhering to our new parking zones. Our school has grown significantly this term which means that pick up during the afternoon is particularly busy. By leaving a space at the front gate we are able to create a 'safe zone' for students where they can be clearly seen and kept safe.





Noticeboard




P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th June.


All Welcome!



School/Community Garden and Chook House




The school is beginning to collect materials and ideas to build our community vegetable garden and chook house. If you can help out in any way we would love to hear from you!




Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion 2018

This 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.



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FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-Yr2

Last week we welcomed triplets, Clay, Kobi and Nate into the Kindergarten. This brings our class to a total of 15 students.

Last week, students became keen investigators and researched butterflies. They used various texts to research and collect information. These texts included websites, videos, posters and books. With the information they found they categorised it into groups and then wrote sentences and paragraphs. This week students are learning and writing about frogs and so far have discovered some very interesting facts.

During maths students have had fun making and flying paper planes to discover formal ways of measuring length and difference. Currently they are discovering number patterns and identifying the rule that is being used in a series of numbers. i.e. 6,8,10,12 Rule: forwards by 2s.



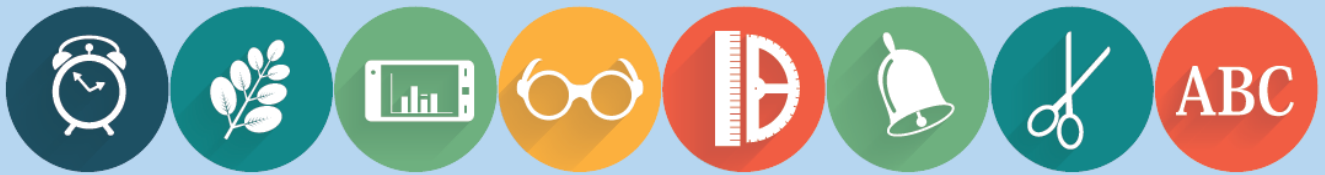
Yr3-Yr6

Last Friday the 3-6 class travelled to Woolomin for the Aeronautical Velocity Challenge. This challenge was run by the University of Wollongong and is a STEM initiative focusing on addressing Australia's shortage of scientists and engineers. Students were placed in teams and their task was to design and build a bottle rocket which was propelled by an air compressor. There were three judges in attendance on the day and they judged whose rocket went the furthest. There were approximately 150 children in attendance on the day and the team of Jye, Thomas, Myra and Zach made an amazing bottle rocket which came third. What an amazing achievement!

The students had a fabulous day being engineers as well as working on their teamwork skills.

Thank you to Mrs Pollard, Mrs Markwick and Miss Wilkes for accompanying the students on this great excursion. Thank you also to Woolomin PS for hosting such an amazing learning experience for the students.





Welcome!

Somerton PS welcomes Thomas Henry in Year 3.



We also welcome Kobi, Nate and Clay Childs in Kindergarten.



Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who represented Somerton PS at the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Congratulations to Nicholas Hook who has qualified to compete at the Regional Cross Country Carnival to be held at Coolah.

Currabubula Small Schools' Art Show

Somerton PS submitted many entries in to the Currabubula Small Schools' Art Show. The art show is a fantastic display of artworks from small schools from far and wide around NSW.

Congratulations to the following students:

Annie Hook -	1st Stage 3 Colour
	Highly Commended St 3 Colour
Sophie Hook -	1st Stage 1 Abstract
Max Daly -	2nd Stage 1 Colour
Nicholas Hook -	3rd Stage 2 Abstract
Howard Mackenzie-	Highly Commended St 2 Colour

Annie Hook was also awarded the Overall Champion of the Art Show. What a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to all of our students who participated.



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
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information.



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