



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 4 2018

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	15 October Term 4 commences All staff and students return to school	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 October SAP HR Ms Lacey & Ms Fritze	20 Oct	21 Oct
2	22 October 12:45-1:25pm- Responsible Pet Ownership	23 October	24 October Korea VC 11am	25 October Kinder Go Choral Concert	26 October	27 Oct	28 Oct
3	29 October	30 October	31 October 12:30-2:30pm— PHS Yr5 Taster	1 November Kinder Go Ms Lacey Evaluation Essentials Armidale	2 November	3 Nov	4 Nov
4	5 November	6 November T.Tochel- Spraysafe PL	7 November 12:30-2:30pm— PHS Yr5 Taster	8 November Kinder Go	9 November	10 Nov	11 Nov
5	12 November Miss Warden L3	13 November	14 November Korea VC Ms Lacey - Principal Network	15 November Kinder Go	16 November	17 Nov	18 Nov
6	19 November	20 November	21 November 12:30-2:30pm- PHS Yr6 Transition	22 November Kinder Go Ms Fritze -End of Year Mtg PL	23 November	24 Nov	25 Nov
7	26 November	27 November	28 November	29 November	30 November	1 Dec	2 Dec
8	3 December	4 December 10am—PHS Orientation Day	5 December	6 December	7 December	8 Dec	9 Dec

Ms Lacey's Message.....

What an amazing past fortnight it has been. The highlight over the past few weeks has been the amazing trip to The Central Coast that our students, staff and parents were able to be a part of. Our school was blessed with the generosity and kindness of The Entrance PS. We are so very lucky to have been able to be part of such a wonderful experience and are now fortunate enough to have a great connection with a school on the coast.

Congratulations to the P&C on another wonderful Bush Dance. A great night was had by all and it was certainly a good opportunity to get the community together. The staff and students appreciate the work done by the P&C within our school and community.

It is with sadness that today we farewell The Pollard Family who are moving to Warialda. Matthew (Yr2) and Daniel (K) will be missed by all of their friends and teachers. Hannah and Ben Pollard have been great supporters of our school and worked hard on the P&C to support our school. Hannah has also worked as a casual teacher at our school and has taught scripture. It is always sad to say goodbye but we wish them all the very best in their new ventures. We hope that they will not be strangers and come back for a visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their amazing work this term and wish them a restful and well earned break. Thank you also to the P&C and wider parent body for your continued support of our amazing school.

Enjoy the holidays!

Kylie Lacey



Central Coast Excursion

On Wednesday 19th September we were very fortunate to be able to enjoy a trip to The Central Coast. Students experienced the beach, pelican feeding, had fish and chips by the water, went out for dinner and had lots of fun at the circus. We would like to extend a huge thank you to The Entrance PS and their amazing staff, students, P&C and wider community for sponsoring this trip to ensure that it was completely free for all students. We were absolutely blown away by the generosity of all involved. Not only were we given these experiences but we had many items donated to us from the school and community. This week families were fortunate enough to each receive a hamper of grocery items as well as students receiving a large bag of special gifts. We returned to Somerton so much richer for the experience that was afforded to us. There are just not enough words to express our thanks for what we have been given.

This story was also extensively covered by the media. Hopefully everyone was able to see or listen to the stories done by Prime 7, NBN Central Coast (can be viewed on the internet), ABC Online, ABC Radio, The Northern Daily Leader and Behind the News.

Fruit Break

Could parents also please ensure that fruit that students bring is prepared for them to eat. Fruit break is a quick break and we do not have time to be cutting and peeling fruit. Thank you for your cooperation.





Noticeboard



P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 1st November 2018

All welcome!



Parent Help for Library Book Covering

Calling on parent volunteers to assist with some much needed library book covering. If you are able to help please see Michelle in the office. Thank you.



Class Cooking Term 4

Starting next Term 4 2018, students are asked to contribute to the food purchased for regular cooking lessons. To make it easy for parents, each students is asked to pay **\$10 per** term for cooking to their teacher.



School Swimming & Water Safety Program

Monday 10th - Friday 14th December 2018



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FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-4r2

Through the last few weeks in writing students have learnt a lot about endangered animals and have become aware of the impact that humans are having on the animals and their habitats. They were saddened to discover that there are animals that they will never get to see in the lifetime. In maths students began to use make between multiplication and division processes. Ms Weis engaged students in a lesson about sharing a tray of biscuits and had some fun trying to share a packet of 11 Tim Tams amongst a group of people. From that lesson students learnt that 11 is one of many prime numbers that can only be shared between one or eleven.

It's been one of the busiest terms I've experienced but one of the most enjoyable. During last week's excursion to the Central Coast I was lucky enough to see all my students have a wonderful time learning new things, enjoying time with their friends and continuing to grow into beautiful individuals. I look forward to helping them continue to learn and grow next term!



4r3-4r6

What a big couple of weeks we have had in 3-6 class at Somerton! Our excursion to the central coast was the biggest treat and taught the kids so much. From feeding the pelicans, to building robots, to archery, to a trip to the circus - every single person had an extraordinary time. We are overwhelmed by the generosity shown to our school and appreciate all the support so very much.

This week, as we have been wrapping up for the term, we have completed information reports about different species of sharks for literacy and have been learning to convert fractions into percentages and decimal figures in numeracy. The class has been working very hard to collect bottles and cans and poppa containers to redeem for some money towards a present for the school and so far we have collected 310 of them! Well done to everybody who has been helping towards this. We are keeping track of our savings in class and now have two special containers to use for our collection effort.

From the 3-6 classroom, I wish everybody a peaceful and restful holiday. I look forward to more learning and excitement with the kids in term 4.





Choral Concert

On Thursday 25th October the students in 3-6 will be performing in a Choral Concert at the town hall. This will be a great experience for our students and they will perform in a choir of 360 students from a number of schools in the Tamworth area. Students have been working hard with Miss Moore in music to learn all the songs that they will be performing. A note regarding this will be sent home at the beginning of Week 1. I am certainly looking forward to watching their performance.

Citizenship Ceremony

On Thursday 27th September students from Years 5 and 6 were fortunate enough to attend a citizenship ceremony in Tamworth. They witnessed a number of people become Australian citizens and sang The National Anthem. After the ceremony students were able to learn about local government and enjoyed a lovely morning tea with The Mayor. The students were accompanied by Mrs Markwick and were outstanding representatives of our school.



Mrs Markwick was also able to be the Mayor for a moment.



Term 4 Sport

During term 4 the school will be engaged in the annual swimming safety program. For the other weeks of the term, we are calling for parent helpers to coach cricket on Friday afternoons. Please contact the school if you are able to help.





Bikes at school

We are going to trial bike riding at lunch times for students as an alternative activity. We have the recreational area next door to us and this would be a great space for the children to use. Instead of children bringing their own bikes we are going to try and gather a bank of school bikes for children to use. If anyone has any old push bikes lying around that they no longer want we would gratefully take them off your hands.

Presentation Night - Save the date.

This year's presentation night will be held on Tuesday 18th December 2018.

Kinder Go

Please see attached flyer with information about the schools Kinder Go program. If you know of any children intending to start Kindergarten in 2019 please have them contact the school for preparation and enrolment for 2019.

Regional Athletics

On Friday 21st September Annie Hook represented Somerton PS at the Regional Athletics Carnival in high jump. Annie placed 6th at the carnival and we congratulate her on her efforts and for being a great representative of our school.

P&C Bush Dance

A great night was had by all at the recent P&C Bush Dance. We enjoyed great entertainment by local band 'Chalk it Up' which of course features our very own Director, Mr Mark Young. There was lots of dancing and laughs and a delicious BBQ dinner was enjoyed by all. This year there was also a 'Bake Off' included as a part of the fun. The variety of cakes, scones and slices provided a delicious supper. Our very own Miss Warden and Ms Lacey were the winners of the two categories of the Bake Off.













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\$50 PER PERSON

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Somerton CWA

The CWA meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All interested ladies are welcome.

Please contact Carol Bank (President) on 6760 6250 or Judi Swain (Secretary) on 6743 1701 for more information.



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:

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