



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 3 2018

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8	10 September	11 September	12 September Korea VC 10.50am Ms Lacey - leave	13 September	14 September	15 Sept	16 Sept
9	17 September	18 September Ms Fritze-ESA Conference	19 September Central Coast Excursion - Whole School	20 September	21 September	22 Sept P&C Bush Dance	23 Sept
10	24 September	25 September School Photos	26 September	27 September 10am Year 5/6 Citizenship Ceremony	28 September Last Day Term 3	29 Sept	30 Sept
1	15 October Term 4 commences All staff and students return to school	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 Oct P&C Market Stalls	21 Oct
2	22 October	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	1 November Kinder Go	2 November	3 Nov	4 Nov
4	5 November	6 November	7 November	8 November Kinder Go	9 November	10 Nov	11 Nov
5	12 November	13 November	14 November	15 November Kinder Go	16 November	17 Nov	18 Nov

Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to Week 8! The term is quickly passing us by.

In the past fortnight I had the pleasure of attending the GABC with the students from Years 3 and 4. This was a great experience and I congratulate all 8 students on their exemplary behaviour. It was a pleasure to accompany them and watch them make new friends, conquer some fears and above all have lots of fun.

NAPLAN results will soon become available to parents. This year we trialled the NAPLAN online and preliminary results have now become available to the school. As you get ready to receive your results please remember that the NAPLAN is a snapshot in time. Whilst NAPLAN information is valuable to us and we certainly use the data made available to us to help inform further teaching and learning; we also take it into account along with other forms of assessment. Assessment is an ongoing process and a tool that is constantly used to help inform further teaching programs. It is also a way for students to see not only where they are achieving success but what they are needing to work on.

The P&C are busy working on finalising the Bush Dance. Don't forget to get together next Monday afternoon at 4pm to check what has been done and what still needs organising.

Enjoy the week ahead!

Kylie Lacey



Central Coast Excursion

Recently I communicated in the newsletter about The Entrance PS contacting us and wanting to support our school and students in a time of drought. They were also very saddened to hear of the break in and wanted to also help replace some of the things stolen. They have had a bearded dragon and enclosure donated so our students will have a new school pet.

They have now organised a whole school trip for our students and staff to go the Central Coast for two nights. This is an incredibly generous offer and we cannot thank them enough for what they are doing for us.

Notes are being sent home today. Please send all permission/medical notes back by Friday 14th September.

Staff attending are Ms Lacey, Miss Warden and Miss Moore and parents attending are Jodie Markwick, Sally McFarlane, Lynde Bartel, Amanda Henshaw and Amanda Madden.

Fruit Break

We have had a number of students not bringing fruit for fruit break. Unfortunately we no longer have a supply of fruit at school as the fruit shop in Gunnedah that previously supplied fruit has closed down.

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
Monday 17th September at 4pm to finalise the Bush Dance.
All welcome!



Central Coast Excursion sponsored by The Entrance PS


Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st September
Please ensure all notes are returned by Friday 14th September



School Photos by Paul Matthews Photography

Tuesday 25th September 2018. Students need to come to school looking smart in their full school winter uniform, including the school tie and black shoes.

Please see attached order form for photo orders to be returned to the school on Monday 24th September. All orders and correct money are to be returned in a envelope labelled with child/family name.




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

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.





FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-4r2

K-2 have been learning about sustainability with a particular focus on endangered species. The text 'Oi! Get off our train' was our focus last week which introduced us to many animals that are endangered across the world. Students have discovered that the reason for animals becoming endangered is because of humans hunting or poaching them or human impact upon their natural habitat. This week students will be studying information texts about tigers to discover why they are endangered.



On Wednesday year 5 and 6 joined the class and worked on a STEM challenge, focusing on the book 'Oi! Get off our train'. Their challenge was to design and create a train carriage that could be used to transport an animal from the text, ensuring that they had food, water and adequate shelter that was similar to their natural habitat. Some groups included salt water ponds for the polar bear and pipelines that delivered fresh fish to the seal.



4r3-4r6

What a fortnight we have had in 3-6 class! Year 3 and year 4 have had an incredible time getting to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp for three days last week. Everybody learned so much and returned with big (and very tired) smiles on their faces. While Year 3 and 4 were away, Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying the small class group of 5 students and studying the concept of Sustainability across multiple key learning areas; discovering more about our oceans and our endangered species, such as the bee and the polar bear.

Last Thursday the whole class got to attend the first collective choir rehearsal for Tamworth Choral Festival 2018 and what an effort everybody put in! Thank you to the parents who volunteered with carpooling the kids to Tamworth South Public School and back, and thank you to everybody for your wonderful singing. It was a great experience for everyone!



Lastly, it looks like Somerton has a new student. Have you seen this little guy around the school garden? His name is Gnomeo, and he seems to like the garden beds. See if you can spot him each day!





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.

Choral Concert Practice

Last Thursday the 3-6 class attended the Tamworth Combined Schools Choral Concert Practice at Tamworth South PS. Our students are fortunate to be able to participate and enjoy this experience as a part of their music program. They will form part of a choir of 360 children and perform on stage at the Tamworth Town Hall next term.

Thank you to Miss Moore and Mrs Markwick for accompanying them on the day and to Amanda Madden, Cameron Mackenzie and Sonja Hook for also assisting with transport.



Archibald Prize

In its 97th year, the Archibald Prize has been held annually since 1921. An open competition the Archibald Prize is judged by the trustees of the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Entries to the Archibald Prize must be painted in the past year from at least one live sitting. Finalists are exhibited at the Art Gallery of New South Wales before embarking on a year long regional tour. The Archibald Prize will be on exhibition at the Tamworth Regional Gallery from 1 December 2018 to 27 January 2019. In addition to schools having the opportunity to visit the gallery during the exhibition students are being encouraged to participate in the Young Archie Competition.

Students from Somerton PS will participate in this competition by completing a portrait of someone special to them. As we are capped at 10 entries from our school we will run our own Young Archie competition at school where 10 portraits will be selected to go into the Tamworth Regional Gallery. There will be two categories; 5-8 year olds and 9-12 year olds. Prior to doing their portraits students will be looking at portraits in visual arts.





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.

School Security

In light of the schools recent break in, we are seeking to increase local community vigilance in reporting any form of suspicious activity in and around the school such as unknown vehicles loitering, unexplained late night noise, dogs barking for no apparent reason etc. It is important to stress neighbours should act immediately and contact the Police in the first instance and not wait to verify details or the morning. They can always call Police back and cancel the call if found to be a false alarm.

Y-PEP Child Protection Education Program

During the remainder of the term the Y-PEP Child Protection Education Program will be delivered to students at school. The Y-PEP program has been designed by a team of professionals from YWCA Australia in collaboration with the program steering committee, consisting of members of the Department of Education, NESAs (formerly known as BOSTES), Association of Independent Schools and Catholic Education Commission amongst others.

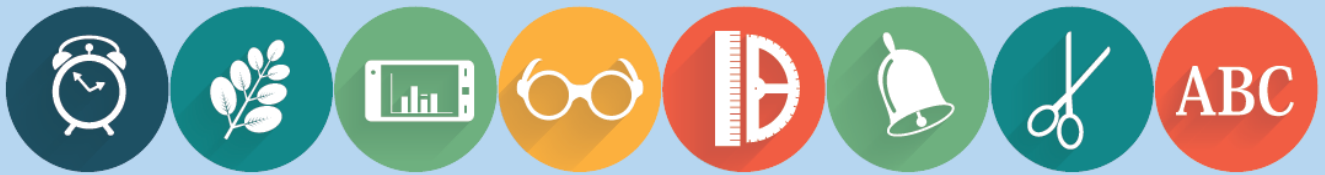
The program is aligned to the NESAs PDHPE Syllabus. The aim of the Y-PEP program is to strengthen the existing child protection education curriculum outcomes delivered by teachers.

As a result of the program, children will have an increased awareness of safe and respectful relationships, an increased knowledge and understanding of rights and responsibilities of relationships and increase their skills in recognising, assessing risk and responding to unsafe situations.

The program will be delivered by Y-PEP facilitators and teachers.

Should you wish to discuss this program please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to one of the teachers.





Zone Athletics

On Friday 31st August Jacinta, Howard, Max, Jye, Benny, Annie, Brendan and Blake represented Somerton PS at the Zone Athletics Carnival. A great day was had by all with all students being outstanding representatives of our school.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to attend the Regional Carnival on Friday 21st September.

Annie Hook - High jump

Jacinta Mackenzie - Shot put and relay team

Jye Booby-Woodward - Relay team

Blake Webb - relay team

Benny Markwick - relay team

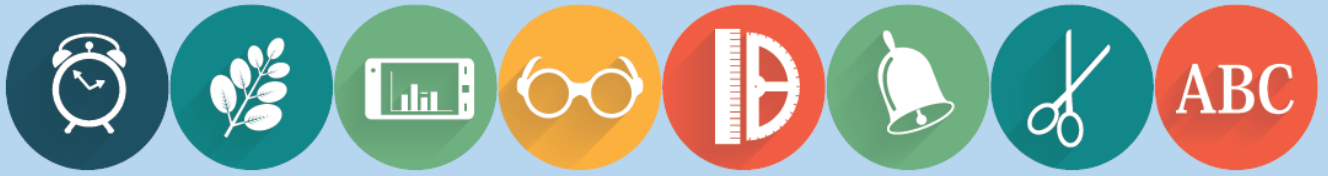
Well done to all students who participated and good luck to those going on to represent at regional level.



Great Aussie Bush Camp

Students in Years 3 and 4 were fortunate to be able to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp along with 7 other small schools from the Tamworth network. Students enjoyed a range of activities such as high ropes, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, Lost Island, low ropes and bush craft. Night games were also a hit, especially County Fair!





Are You Award We Care Campaign

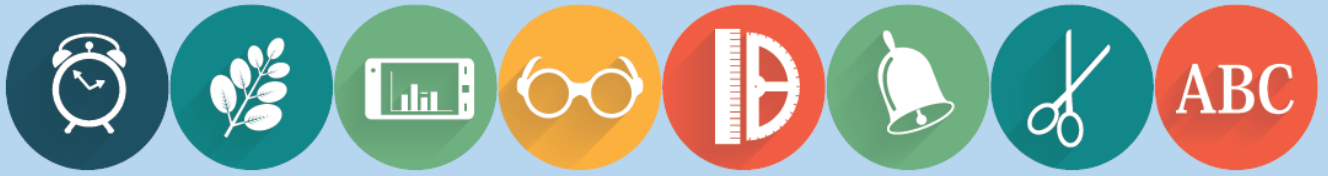
Fathers Day Donation

Last Friday the student went home with Fathers Day gifts for their dads after the 'Are You Aware We Care' Campaign surprised the school with a visit and donation of cooler bags filled with Darrell Lee chocolates. What an incredibly generous community the students (and dads!) are benefiting of being apart of.



School Photo Day Tuesday 25th September 2018





Book Fair



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS



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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:

Ph: 0427 697 566





Kinder GO

Transition to school program at Somerton Public School

- Thursday 25th October 9.30am - 11.45am (bring fruit)
- Thursday 1st November 9.30am - 11.45am (bring fruit)
- Thursday 8th November 9.30am - 12.30pm (bring fruit and lunch)
- Thursday 15th November 12.30pm - 3.30pm (bring afternoon tea)
- Thursday 22nd November Whole Day (bring fruit, lunch and afternoon tea)



Children will meet teachers and students here at school and will become familiar with the school routine. Your child will receive a school hat and a Somerton PS sports shirt to wear each week during transition.

Please phone Somerton Public School 67697520 for further information.

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BUSH DANCE

& an old fashioned

BAKE OFF



SATURDAY 22ND SEPT 2018

5.30 for a 6pm start

Somerton War Memorial Hall

Adults \$10 | Kids \$5 | Family \$25 (2A + 3K) | under 5 free

Barbeque available , BYO drinks

Gold coin donation for tea / coffee and to test our baking contestants hard work!

Proudly brought to you by Somerton Public School P&C

A great night for the whole family

LIVE BAND - CHALK IT UP

Somerton Village

Bake Off



We invite you to participate in a bit of fun whilst supporting Somerton Public School. As a small community we will hold a gold coin donation supper during our local bush dance. This year we are hoping to inspire bakers to help us by holding a bake off with some wonderful prizes that have been generously donated.

Saturday 22nd September

For further information or to arrange drop off please contact
Drue Daly 0428 210 928



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- * Categories Cakes
Slices
- * Cost is free
- * Judges will consider both taste & presentation
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