



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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educating hearts and minds

Term 3 2018

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	30 July STEM Day Attunga PS Staff PL - iPads 5pm-7pm	31 July Miss Warden MAPA Training Gunnedah HS	1 August Bective Athletics Carnival	2 August	3 August	4 August	5 August
3	6 August	7 August	8 August	9 August	10 August	11 August	12 August
4	13 August	14 August Small School Spelling Bee Miss Warden MAPA Training Gunnedah HS	15 August	16 August	17 August	18 August	19 August
5	20 August Miss Warden L3	21 August	22 August	23 August	24 August	25 August	26 August
6	27 August Book Fair	28 August	29 August	30 August	31 August	1 Sept Tamworth Show	2 Sept Tamworth Show
7	3 September Great Aussie Bush Camp Yr 3/4	4 September	5 September	6 September	7 September Super Hero Day	8 Sept	9 Sept
8	10 September	11 September	12 September Korea VC 10.50am	13 September	14 September	15 Sept	16 Sept
9	17 September	18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September	22 Sept	23 Sept

Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to Term 3!

We have started the term with bang with our Winangali Learning Alliance NAIDOC Celebration Day. Last Thursday our school welcomed students from Attunga, Currabubula, Duri and Woolomin Public Schools. Students participated in a range of activities and were able to meet up once again with the friends they have made from the other smalls schools. Mark Atkins also joined us for the day doing some special games with the Year 6 students and of course entertaining us with his absolutely amazing didgeridoo playing. We are so very lucky to have Mark working in our schools with our students. The captains of each school joined together in a special cake cutting ceremony. A special thank you goes out to all who came along and helped for the day. What a magical way to start our term!

We look forward to many future learning, cultural and sporting opportunities with the schools in the Winangali Learning Alliance.

Have a great fortnight ahead!

A ship is always safe at shore but that it not what it's built for.

Albert Einstein

Kylie Lacey



2018 Small Schools' Conference

Educating, Evolving, Excelling!

On Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd July, our staff participated in the 2018 Small Schools' Conference. I have been privileged to be on the organising committee for this conference along with a dedicated group of principals from other small schools and one very hardworking SLSO!

Staff were able to participate in quality workshops on a variety of topics specifically targeted at small schools. There was certainly lots of quality professional learning and networking that took place during the two days. A highlight of the conference was Bruce Sullivan, the keynote speaker who got us all thinking about being the best version of ourselves, embracing change and being resilient in an ever changing world.

We all took some great ideas, and practices away from the conference. A great two days!

P&C News

Small Schools' Conference Catering

Our P&C assisted with the catering for our small schools' conference. They joined forces with the Tintinhull P&C and the Carroll P&C to provide the most delicious spread of food over the two days.

I would like to acknowledge Jodie Markwick, Drue Daly, Hannah Pollard and Carmel Mackenzie for their contributions and hard work. The P&C have made \$2300 for their efforts over the two days. Well done and certainly a very worthwhile fundraising exercise!






Noticeboard




P&C Meeting


The next P&C meeting will be held on
Thursday 2nd August at 4pm.
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 31st August to secure your child's seat on the bus.



Lemon Butter for sale

We have lots of lemon butter for sale at the moment. It's absolutely delicious!

\$5 per jar.

All proceeds to the school excursions fund.





FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-4r2

On Monday our whole school attended a Winanga-li Learning Alliance STEM Day. Students participated in a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics activities focused on sustainability and caring for your environment.

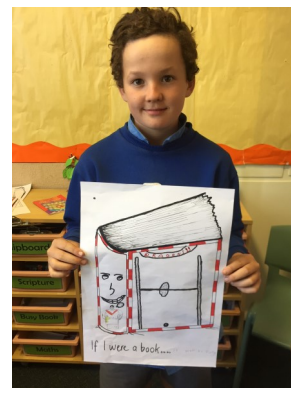
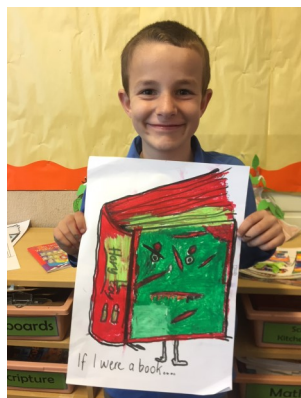
K-2 wrote about what they learned at the STEM Day at Attunga on Monday.

- Yesterday I discovered that eagles attack drones so Max and I were able to design a disguise for the drone. The disguise looked like a bird. *Matthew Pollard, Year 2*
- I learned to save the environment. *Aggie Daly, Kindergarten*
- I have learned how to make a robot move. *Clay Childs, Kindergarten*



4r3-4r6

In class 3-6, we have been learning about persuasive texts and getting to know our new teacher, Miss Moore! We have also been developing artworks of what we would look like if we were turned into a book. On Monday this week we all got to participate in the small schools STEM Day at Attunga Public School, which was enjoyed by one and all!





Welcome Miss Moore and Miss Mullins

We are pleased to welcome Miss Moore and Miss Mullins to the staff of Somerton PS.

Miss Moore joins us as the 3-6 teacher. She has previously been working at Tamworth South PS. Miss Moore brings with her a love of technology and we look forward to her input in including more STEM activities to our teaching and learning programs.

Miss Mullins also joins the 3-6 class as the Student Learning Support Officer.

We welcome them both and hope they enjoy their time with us here at Somerton PS.



Canteen - Change of Day

Please note - Our canteen day has now changed from Monday to Friday.

This Friday Mrs Markwick is making delicious home made sausage rolls!

Lost Property

Please note that we still have a lot of lost property at school. There are several jumpers, jackets and track pants. We would love to find their owners!

School Parking

Parents are reminded that there is **NO PARKING directly outside the front entrance gate**. Please adhere to the NO PARKING signs placed along the fence. This is for the safety of all our children. We need to keep the area near the entrance clear so that all children can be clearly seen. Drop off and pick times can become quite busy at school and we must remain vigilant to ensure all our students and younger siblings are kept safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



Photo by: Baz The Landy at Xplore - Out & About

DOING IT FOR OUR FARMERS DONATION DRIVE

New and unopened items.

Some examples include but are not limited to the following products:

Non Perishable Food:

Canned Food
Glass Jar Food
Sauces
Soups & Noodles
Breakfast
Snacks
Confectionery
Pasta, Rice & Grains
Coffee & Tea
Drinks

*please check best before date to allow sufficient time for distribution and consumption

Household Items:

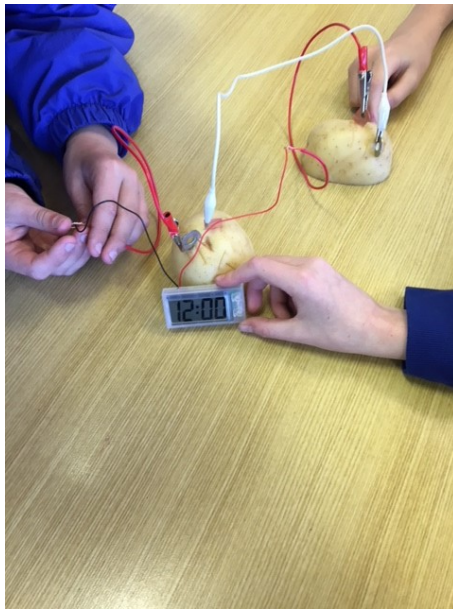
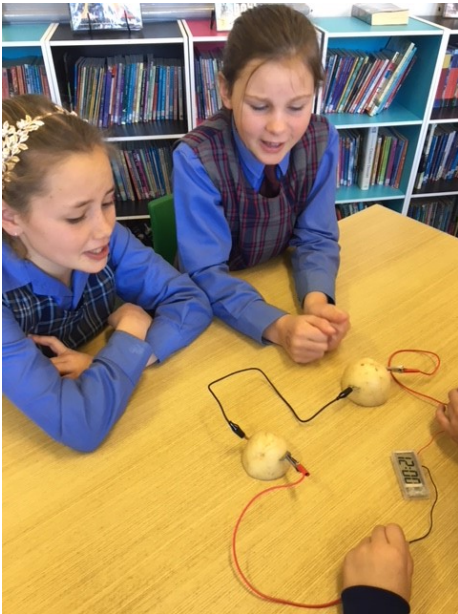
Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothpaste & Brushes
Floss
Soap
Sunblock
Nail Clippers
Tweezers
Tissues
Cleaning Products
Razors
Aftershave
Deodorant
Bodywash
Lotion
Hair Gel
Hairbrush

Lotion
Hair Spray
Hairbrush
Hair Dye
Sanitary Items
Dry Shampoo
Nappies
Wipes
Formula
Baby Wash
Baby Shampoo
Baby Lotion
Bibs
Socks
Handkerchief
Bodywash

"This is a wonderful thing to do. About 20 years ago we were in a severe drought and we were all desperate. Sydney organise a care package of toiletries to be sent out to the farmers wives. I was one lucky person to receive one of these. I never thought I was depressed until that moment. I cried and cried. It meant so much. Even to this day it still brings tears to my eyes."
Veronica







Winanga-li Learning Alliance STEM Day

