



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 3 2018

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	13 August	14 August Small School Spelling Bee Miss Warden MAPA Training Gunnedah HS	15 August	16 August	17 August RSPCA Cupcake Friday Mark Young, Director, Ed Leadership visit	18 August	19 August
5	20 August Miss Warden L3	21 August	22 August	23 August	24 August RSPCA Cupcake Friday	25 August School Working Bee	26 August
6	27 August Book Fair	28 August	29 August	30 August	31 August Zone Athletics	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 Choral Concert	14 September	15 Sept	16 Sept
9	17 September	18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September	22 Sept Bush Dance	23 Sept
10	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September	28 September Last Day Term 3	29 Sept	30 Sept
1	15 October	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 Oct P&C Car Boot Sale	21 Oct

Ms Lacey's Message.....

What a busy past fortnight we have had here at Somerton!

This week was highlighted by our students starring on the Prime 7 News in the drought story. I'm sure students were very excited to see themselves and our school on television.

This week we also welcomed Ms Fritze back into the office. Ms McNiven will also remain working at Somerton every second Wednesday (odd weeks). We now have someone in the office every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and every second Wednesday.

Parents are also 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.

Enjoy the fortnight ahead.

Kylie Lacey

Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin



Bective Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Bective Athletics Carnival. It was a great day, well organised by Duri Public School.

Students participated in a range of events and it was great to see them encouraging one another. The level of sportsmanship was exceptional!

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Zone Carnival to be held on Friday 31st August.

Jacinta Mackenzie - 100m, 200m, high jump, long jump, shotput and relay

Blake Webb - 100m, 200m, 800m, high jump and relay

Benny Markwick - 100m, 200m, long jump and relay

Jye Booby-Woodward - 100m, 200m and relay

Max Daly - 100m

Howard Mackenzie - 100m

Brendan Colley - 200m

Congratulations also to Jacinta Mackenzie who was Junior Girl Champion, Blake Webb who was the 11 years Boy Champion and Braxton Woodward who was the Minor Boys Champion.






Noticeboard



P&C Meeting


The next P&C meeting will be held on
Thursday 6th September at 4pm.
All welcome!




Working Bee

Saturday 25th August

**Bring your muscles to help us get our new vegetable garden built.
BBQ lunch will be provided for all helpers.
Many hands make light work!**





Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion 2018




Great Aussie Bush Camp for our year 3/4 students is less than 3 weeks away (Week 7, 3rd-5th September 2018). Thank to all students who have returned their notes. Please finalise all payments by **31st August**.

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.



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.



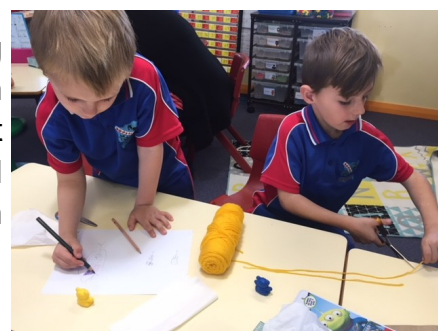


FROM THE CLASSROOMS

K-Yr2

K-2 has been busy reading lots of books of Aboriginal dreamtime stories and other stories told from an Aboriginal perspective. Last week we focused on 'Ernie dances to the Didgeridoo' Alison Lester and the class discovered that in Arnhem Land the weather and seasons are very different to those we experience in Somerton. This week we are reading 'Big Rain Coming' and learning about the drought. All of us are hoping that we have some big rain coming our way too!

Maths has been all about sharpening our addition skills and learning strategies to make us work smarter not harder. We have also been learning about formally measuring the length of an object. Last Thursday the class paired up and used a metre ruler to find and record as many objects in the playground that are longer than 1m, shorter than 1m or about 1m in length.



Yr3-Yr6

This fortnight, in Class 3-6, we are happy to have a new year 6 student, Joshua, join us. It is wonderful to see how friendly and welcoming the kids are when we have someone new come to the school.

In literacy, the class has been learning about the features of persuasive language, incorporating activities in English, Drama and Geography to research dream holiday destinations. We have also been starting to explore persuasive texts with a focus on Aboriginal culture.

In Numeracy, Class 3-6 have been enjoying the introduction of Prodigy on Tuesdays and Thursdays during maths. This is an online quest-based learning program aligned with the Australian curriculum for numeracy. Using this program reinforces learning outcomes from maths lessons and shows areas where students need further support.





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Good for Kids good for life

RAINBOW CRUNCH&SIP®

Feeling like you're stuck in a rut when choosing what to pack for Crunch&Sip®? Why not pack a rainbow? You could pack a different colour for each day of the week.

Red: Red capsicum sticks, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, red grapes.

Orange/Yellow: Carrot sticks, yellow capsicum sticks, oranges, mandarins, pineapple.

Green: Cucumber sticks, celery sticks, snow peas, green beans, kiwi fruit.

Purple/Blue: Red cabbage in salads, plums, blueberries.

Brown/White: Mushrooms, cauliflower rice, banana.



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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."

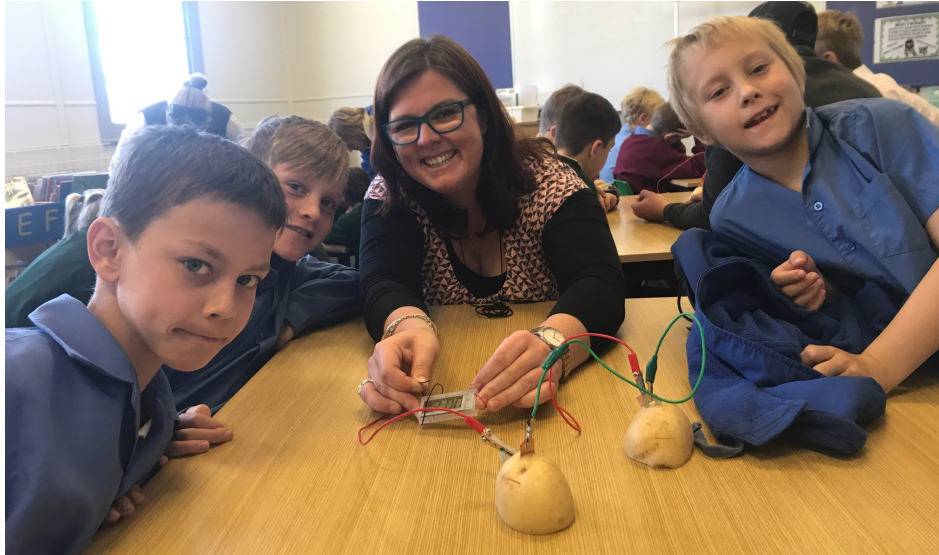
Veronica



Bective Athletics Carnival



STEM Day @ Attunga PS



Importance of Healthy Sleep

LEARNING & MEMORY

Sleep causes memory consolidation, enhances organizational skills, planning, multi-tasking, and executive functioning.

SAFETY

Overtired children have impaired hand-eye coordination, which can impact your child's fine motor skills.

MOOD

Children become more irritable, angry, and easily upset when they are overtired.

ILLNESS

Your body's immune system has more trouble fighting off illnesses when it hasn't got enough rest.

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How Much Sleep Do You Really Need?

Age	Sleep Needs
Newborns (0-2 months)	12-18 hours
Infants (3 to 11 months)	14 to 15 hours
Toddlers (1-3 years)	12 to 14 hours
Preschoolers (3-5 years)	11 to 13 hours
School-age children (5-10 years)	10 to 11 hours
Teens (10-17)	8.5-9.25 hours
Adults	7-9 hours

Source: National Sleep Foundation