



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 1 2019

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6	4 March	5 March Newsletter	6 March Ms Lacey Principal Network Meeting Tamworth	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March Stage 3 Leadership Excursion
7	11 March Stage 3 Leadership Excursion	12 March	13 March Healthwise Visit K-2 Oral Health 1pm	14 March Ms Weis - IL	15 March Mr Young, Director visit 9.00am	16 March	17 March
8	18 March Mrs Bettington School Counsellor	19 March Newsletter	20 March	21 March Harmony Day at Duri PS	22 March Ms Lacey Tamworth Office 8am - 10.30am	23 March	24 March
9	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March	30 March P&C Bingo Night	31 March
10	1 April	2 April Newsletter Sketch to Scripture	3 April	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April
11	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April

Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to week 6! Thank you to those who attended our Welcome BBQ. It was lovely to see so many faces and it presented a lovely opportunity for staff, parents and students to get together and chat in an informal setting. Thank you to our amazing staff for cooking and then cleaning up.

The past two weeks have certainly been busy and it doesn't appear as though things are going to get any quieter before the end of term with many opportunities for students to be involved in great learning experiences.

We are very pleased that a new air conditioning unit was installed in the 3-6 classroom. It has certainly made things a lot more pleasant in that room.

Kindergarten students completed their Best Start assessment last week and I thoroughly enjoyed being able to work individually with each of the students on this. Parent feedback notes were sent home in students' reader bags.

Kylie Lacey



Behaviour of the Week Focus

I can work as a team and take turns.

Growth Mindset Positive Affirmation of the Week

Instead of 'I made a mistake' think 'mistakes help me learn.'

"Failure is an
opportunity to grow"

GROWTH MINDSET

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude
determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try
new things"





Noticeboard



Friday Lunches

Students may purchase lunch each Friday for \$3 which includes a main dish, jelly or custard and a popper. We will let you know each Thursday what the week's menu will be and thank you to the wonderful parents who have cooked for the students so far.



Scholastic Book Club

Students today received a Scholastic Book Club Catalogue. If you would like to purchase any items from the catalogue please complete the order form on the back page and return it to the school with the correct amount of cash or cheque by **Friday, 15th March..** Alternatively orders may be placed online at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Somerton Public School Nut Policy

We have a current student who is severely allergic to nuts and in accordance with the policy of the Department, peanuts, tree nuts(which include but are not limited to, almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, chestnuts, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, pine nuts, shea nuts and walnuts) and nut products will be excluded from Somerton Public School. This does not include foods labelled "may contain traces of nuts".

Please ensure that peanuts, tree nuts and nut products are not used as ingredients for food being provided from home in school lunch boxes.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Stewart House - Donation Drive 2019

Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes have been sent home to families today. A donation of only \$2.00 provides an entry into the draw for a family holiday worth \$4000.

If you wish to enter the competition, please complete the entry form, enclose your donation and return the envelope to the school by Friday, 10th May.



From the classrooms....

Pelicans

Things have been busy in the Pelicans room. We have been very busy learning our sounds everyday and students are really impressing us with the practise that they are doing at home. We have been looking at our sounds and putting sounds together to make words. Everyday we are focusing on our sight words adding new ones regularly. Last week students enjoyed working with magnetic letters to make words they know.

It has been very pleasing to see students eagerly reading every night and we already have many students who have received Shooting Stars for every 5 nights of reading that they do.

During maths we have been learning about length. Students worked with a variety of materials to demonstrate their understanding of short and long and show how they can compare the lengths of different objects.

Congratulations to Sophee who is the first person in the whole school to receive 10 Shooting Stars. Well done Sophee. What a great effort!



From the classrooms....

Kookaburras

Week 6 and halfway through Term One already! Wow!

The Kookaburras have continued to work hard in writing. Last week we shifted focus towards writing our own creative narratives. To help us come up with some imaginative and funny ideas we used the online Scholastic Story Maker. When writing students were encouraged to avoid the usual 'once upon a time' and begin their stories at a point of action or interest to help engage the reader. They also learnt that all narratives have a complication or problem which causes a series of events to occur, often being some kind of adventure. Here are a few story starters that were written.

"Underneath the sea there was a school. One day the principal was late." – **Kobi**

"Dandelion the yellow bird always dreamed of making ice cream. But he had a problem. He was slow at making ice cream so he would have to build a super dooper fast ice cream machine." – **Daniel**

"Once there was a famous yellow bird who loved making ice cream. He was very good at it but not for long. It was a total disaster." – **Aggie**

During mathematics some students focused on teen numbers whilst others continued their practising of counting beyond 100. All students learnt about place value and demonstrated their knowledge by using the MAB (flats, longs and units or hundreds, tens and ones equipment) to show the value of each numeral within a number.



From the classrooms....

Eagles

On Thursday, 28th March, the Eagles were given an amazing opportunity to travel to the Tamworth Sports Dome and experience the Planetarium. The students and I were so amazed by the virtual dome showing the sun, moon and stars movement across earth. We are so thankful for Fiona's Mini Bus service, Liberty Fuels and Joblink Plus for helping make this excursion possible!



During sport last week the students had a turn at putt putt golf, where they used all sorts of objects and materials from our sports shed to create an obstacle course. I must say, a lot of creative thought went into making their courses tricky!





Icy Pole Friday

During Term 1 we will continue to have Icy Pole Friday. This money is being collected for Sterling's Wish list.

Hats

Please be reminded that students are to be wearing their school hats each day in the playground. The weather is very warm and we need to ensure that we are protecting the precious skin of our students by encouraging them to wear their hats. If they do not wear a hat they need to stay in a shaded area. There is also sunscreen in each of the classrooms for students.

Special Assembly

We will be holding a special assembly on Friday, 8th March at 9.45am at the Somerton Memorial Hall. Families and friends are welcome to attend.



MY COMMUNITY PROJECT

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My Community Project is a new NSW government funding program that is all about local ideas, local projects and local decisions.

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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 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.

