



## THE GOORA GAZETTE



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# Term 1 2019

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 - 12pm	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 Easter Hat Parade and picnic lunch 12.30pm	13 April	14 April

# Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to week 8!

Classrooms have been busy and students engaged in their learning. It has been fantastic to see the progress of students this term and I commend our teaching staff on always trying to be innovative in their lesson delivery to ensure the level of engagement from students is maintained. I have seen lots of great lessons happening across the classrooms in all areas. There have been some exciting lessons occurring in maths across the school and I have been most impressed by some of the writing I have read from students in the Kookaburras' class.

Students are loving their science lessons on Fridays and staff are working together to provide a varied sport program each week. Next term we look forward to welcoming back Craig Louis to do tennis with the students from Years 3-6.

This week we look forward to participating in our first Winanga-li Learning Alliance activity for the term which is Harmony Day to be held at Duri PS.

Enjoy your week ahead.

*Kylie Lacey*

Parents are reminded that should your child arrive any later than 9.30am they **MUST** be signed in at the office. Similarly, if they are leaving early, please ensure they are signed out. We thank you for working with us on this matter.



## Behaviour of the Week Focus

*I can be a leader.*

## Growth Mindset Positive Affirmation of the Week

*Instead of 'I cant do this' think 'I am going to train my brain'.*





# 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.



## Harmony Day

A reminder that Harmony Day is this Thursday, 21st March. Students will need to be at school no later than 8:45am or they will miss the bus!

Also, please remember to bring all bus and lunch order money in by tomorrow, Wednesday, 20th March.



## 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

The Pelicans have continued to be very busy every day and students are certainly impressing us with their progress. It is very obvious that lots of practise is taking place at home with sounds. For the past week and continuing into this week we are revising sounds already learned this term. Students have been using their knowledge of sounds to make cvc (consonant vowel consonant). This week we are looking at words such as it, at and in and realising that if we know these simple words and we know our sounds then we can make lots of other words by adding a consonant to the beginning. For example if we know at then we also know cat, bat, mat, hat, fat and sat and if we know in then we also know bin, din, win, pin, tin and sin.

During maths we have been looking at groups. Yesterday students had fun sorting objects and making groups.

Lots of students have been busy reading every night. Remember that for every 5 nights of reading students can earn a Shooting Star.





# From the classrooms....

## Kookaburras

Students in the Kookaburra class have been continuing to improve their writing skills. Some have crushed some goals and are now writing a page or more of quality writing. Last week we began persuasive writing, which will continue for the rest of the term. Students wrote some convincing reasons as to why cats or dogs are better and wrote a letter to a parent to persuade them that they deserved a new dream pet.

Dear Dad,

I would really like a pet platypus because we have too many cats and kittens.

From Braxton

Dear Mum,

I really want a horse! Please! It can mow the grass and it can poop on the garden to make it grow. Plus I could ride on it which would be fun.

From Benji

In maths students have been looking closely at finding patterns which has transferred into learning about multiplication and division. Yesterday students enjoyed the book 'One Hundred Hungry Ants' and

learnt how a number can be divided into even groups. Pleasingly some students found

connections between multiplication facts and division facts.





# From the classrooms....

## Eagles

Stage 3 had the amazing opportunity to attend the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney! Students heard admirable stories and great advice from guest speakers, a crowd favourite was definitely Cate Campbell. Our students had a wonderful time and I'm certain they feel very inspired to be a great leader. Setbacks and challenges are a part of life, but a positive mindset will help us overcome these!







### Special Assembly - Friday 8th March

Our first special assembly for the year was held at the end of Week 6. The Eagles class have been learning sign language to songs and presented a beautiful item. They were very impressive!

Congratulations to Sophee Kneipp, Jacinta Mackenzie, Nate Childs and Aggie Daly, who were the very first students in the school to receive their Yellow Certificates.

WOW awards are also presented. Congratulations to the following students:

Pelicans

**Ruby Woodward**

Kookaburras

**Eli Madden**

**Felicity Mackenzie**

Eagles

**Bailey Madden**

**Will Hall**

**Jacinta Mackenzie**

### Footwear at School

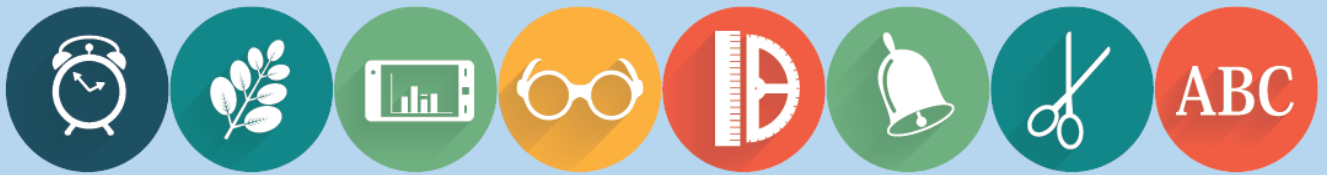
We ask that students do not wear work boots to school.

During soccer and football games at break times, students are sustaining injuries from accidental kicks to the shins.

Students may wear black leather school shoes or black sneakers only.







### Manilla CWA Visit

On Monday we had a visit from Michelle Eggs (Secretary of Manilla CWA) and Yvonne Penfold (President of Manilla CWA) to present each of our students in the Pelicans class with a water bottle. This was a lovely gesture and our students can always make use of a new water bottle!

Thank you to the Manilla CWA for thinking of us here at Somerton PS. We love having visitors here at Somerton!



### P & C News

The AGM for the P&C was held last Thursday.

The P&C are looking forward to a great year with lots of exciting things in the pipeline already.

President - Hannah Pollard

Vice President - Karen Henry

Secretary - Paula Pengilly

Treasurer - Drue Daly

Meetings are held monthly. Everyone is welcome to attend and the P&C would love to see some new faces with some fresh ideas!

### HealthWISE Visit

On Wednesday students in Years K to 2 learned about oral care during a visit from HealthWISE. They participated in hands on activities whilst learning how to care for their teeth.



Great prizes! Come & join us at the Somerton Village Hall

# Fun Bingo

## Evening

**P&C Somerton Public School Fundraiser**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**6pm for a 6.30pm start**



**\$10 per person \$5 child card**  
**10 games all with great prizes**

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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.



### Quality of School Life Survey

Somerton PS is conducting a survey on the quality of school life. Students have already completed the survey and it would be very much appreciated if parents could complete one also.

Answers remain anonymous and once completed you may deposit them into the collection box at the office before this Friday, 22nd March.

If you have any questions regarding this survey please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Kylie Lacey.

## Quality of School Life Survey

### Parents

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree
The school respects and values my family beliefs and wishes.			
I feel that my child's teacher cares about my child.			
The school sets clear, high expectations for student behaviour.			
I am comfortable talking to my child's teacher about my child.			
I am satisfied how my child is progressing socially, emotionally and behaviourally.			