



## THE GOORA GAZETTE



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# Term 1 and 2 2019

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>10</b>	1 April	2 April Newsletter Sketch to Scripture	3 April	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April
<b>11</b>	8 April	9 April Sterling's Cupcake Day. Easter Church Service with David Fisher	10 April	11 April United Mine Workers Cup Gala Day in Gunnedah (yrs 3-6)	12 April Easter Hat Parade and picnic lunch 12.30pm Last Day T1	13 April	14 April
<b>1</b>	29 April SDD Day at Attunga	30 April Students return to school	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May
<b>2</b>	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May
<b>3</b>	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May Family Day	17 May Life Ed Van	18 May	19 May
<b>4</b>	20 May	21 May Resilient Kids	22 May	23 May	24 May Science Day Duri PS	25 May	26 May
<b>5</b>	27 May	28 May Resilient Kids	29 May	30 May	31 May Special Assembly 9.45am	1 June	2 June

# Ms Lacey's Message.....

It is hard to believe that the term is quickly coming to an end. Whilst this term has provided us with challenges I do believe we have come a long way and are making progress. Student wellbeing has continued to be a focus and next term we look forward to being able to work with some external agencies to deliver some quality programs to our students on resilience.

Last week I received some very exciting news for our school. As we have grown and are continuing to grow a demountable has been approved and will soon be delivered to our school. This will ensure that our learning spaces are not overcrowded and will mean that the Pelicans do not have to share their classroom with the library.

I would like to welcome our new student, Paris to our school. Paris is in year 1 and already settled in well making some new friends. We welcome Paris and her family to our school community and hope you enjoy being a part of this great school.

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 use kind words.*

## Growth Mindset Positive Affirmation of the Week

*It's ok not to know but its not ok not to try.*





# 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 by Thursday what the week's menu will be and thank you to the wonderful parents who have cooked for the students so far.


## Woolworths Earn & Learn



Somerton Public School has registered for this year's Earn & Learn Promotion which begins on Wednesday, 1st May.



## 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**.



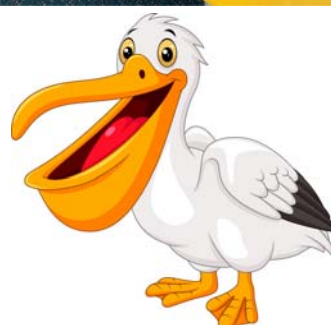
# From the classrooms....

## Pelicans

Once again students in the Pelicans class have been very busy and productive with their learning. We have been learning about area in mathematics and students have demonstrated their knowledge of how to compare different areas and how to measure area with informal units.

We have continued to practise our sounds and students are working hard to implement their sounds in their writing. It has been exciting to see students making great attempts at words during their writing.

During literacy we have been studying persuasive texts. Last week we read *I Wanna New Room* and students wrote letters to their parents asking for a new room, telling them things they would like in it and why.



# From the classrooms....

## Kookaburras

This term the Kookaburras have been learning many new skills and having lots of fun along the way.



Here are the things that the students have enjoyed and wanted to share with you.

"I learnt that platypus' have a duck like bill and live in freshwater creeks." - **Indigo**

"I enjoyed drawing pictures and writing stories." - **Clay**

"I liked playing with my friends and I also liked learning." - **Kobi**

"I liked sport because each week we learn different skills. I also like art because we do funny pictures and drawings." - **Aggie**

"I liked building and measuring spaces in maths. I also liked building with blocks." - **Daniel**

"I liked reading and watching The Three Little Pigs because it's so funny. Especially when the Big Bad Wolf jumped inside the chimney and burnt his bottom " - **Jack**

"In art I drew a rainforest and I enjoyed drawing patterns and using colours." - **Benji**

"I enjoyed the visit from Jack and Gwen this morning. They told us about the bible and brought along a very funny puppet called, Albert." - **Felicity**

"I enjoyed maths and scripture this term. But most of all I like art because we drew a funny portrait of The Three Little Pigs." - **Eli**

"At maths time I enjoy learning about new maths skills and games. I also liked the Sketch to Scripture show that visited this morning." - **Emelia**

"I like playing with my friends outside and inside. I like doing art." - **Braxton**



# From the classrooms....

## Eagles

We had a really enjoyable time at Duri PS for Harmony Day! We participated in activities like designing Henna Tattoos, baking fortune cookies with kind messages, and helped create the kindness tree. Jacinta, Mia and Max confidently stood in front of all the other schools and presented a speech each on "What being an Australian means to me". I was incredibly proud of everyone who attended and represented our school so well.





### 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.



### Winanga-li Learning Alliance

#### Harmony Day at Duri PS

On Thursday 21st March we enjoyed a great day at Duri PS. The teachers from across the 5 alliance schools organised some fantastic activities to celebrate both Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day. Students were placed in mixed groups with other schools and it is always great to see new friendships being formed and old ones being reunited. We thank Ms Anderson, her staff and wonderful P&C for all the work they did to be able to host the day.





# SOMERTON PS EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets \$1 each

**WIN ONE OF 4  
EASTER EGG & TOY  
HAMPERS**

Drawn at the Somerton PS  
Special Assembly on Friday  
12th April



Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets. Great prizes and all proceeds go to the school to enable us to continue to be able to provide great resources for our students.





YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR

# *Easter Hat Parade*

EASTER HAT PARADE, EASTER HUNT AND PICNIC  
LUNCH ON THE LAWN (BYO)

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

12.30PM

Younger siblings are welcome. Please let Miss Warden know numbers so we can cater for all children for the Easter Hunt.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK

# Somerton PS Family Day

Come and celebrate our school and  
community!

**THURSDAY 16TH MAY AT 9.30AM**

All welcome!

Come and join the fun with your  
children.

Free morning tea served.



# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS



## Somerton War Memorial Hall

If you would like to hire this great facility please contact:

Ph: 0427 697 566

## Somerton Hotel

Come join us for the Friday night weekly raffle at 7:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.





## FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

### Hyundai A-League 2018/19 Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC Saturday 13 April 2019 7.50pm ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Western Sydney Wanderers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney giants go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for *each* student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great evening of rugby league. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the below easy steps:

1. Simply go to the website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/>
2. Register details.
3. Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to enter ANZ Stadium via the gate listed on their vouchers to sit in general admission seating.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

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#### **Please note:**

- Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.
- Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student).
- Match ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this match.
- There is a limit of 8,000 vouchers/tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).
- Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.
- If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.
- Accessible seating is available within the allocated general admission seating area.

# Northwest Tennis Academy School Holiday Camps



Join Jarrod Campbell and the team of highly experienced and qualified coaching professionals at the upcoming school holiday camps. Heaps of fun and great activities to keep the kids actively entertained in a fun, safe and educational environment

Camp 1 | 15/4/19 - 18/4/19 (4 Day Camp) \$90  
Camp 2 | 22/4/19 - 23/4/19 (2 Day Camp) \$50  
or \$25 Per Day! (Eftpos Available)

8.30 am - 11.30 am Daily

Tamworth Tennis Club

Family Discounts Available

Call Jarrod - 0421287004

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**Make friends, have fun and  
get active with Netball!!**

<b>WHAT</b>	Tamworth Netball School Holiday Clinic		Net/Set (5-7yrs) and GO (8-10yrs)
<b>DATE</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	<b>TIME</b>	2pm-4pm (5-7yrs); 2pm-4pm (8-10yrs)
<b>WHERE</b>	Tamworth Netball Association - Tamworth Sportsdome Outdoor Courts, Jack Smyth Dr.		
<b>DETAILS</b>	\$20.30 per participant, with registrations online via the trybooking website: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BBP2K">https://www.trybooking.com/BBP2K</a>		
	Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and healthy snacks!		
<b>CONTACT</b>	Rowie Tunningley	M: 0437 075 771	E: <a href="mailto:rtunningley@netballnsw.com">rtunningley@netballnsw.com</a>

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## SCHOOL ZONE ROAD SAFETY Understanding the road rules



### No Parking

A driver must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within the vicinity of the vehicle.  
**Display No Parking sign \$337 fine & 3 demerit points**



### No Stopping

A driver must not stop in this area.  
**Display No Stopping sign \$337 fine & 3 demerit points**



### No Zone

Vehicles other than buses are prohibited from parking or stopping in this zone. Hours of operation may apply.  
**Penalties apply for 100% time out.**  
**Stop in the Zone \$337 fine & 3 demerit points**



### School Zone

40km/h speed limit during hours of operation. Double demerits apply for speed offences in a school zone.  
**Stop in the zone \$448 fine & 2 demerit points**



### Children Crossing

A driver must stop at the white hold line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians and must obey instructions from School Crossing Supervisors.  
**Stop in the zone \$337 fine & 3 demerit points**

## What you can do

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your child and others safer when drop-off and pick-up times occur at the school zone.

- ▶ Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns
- ▶ Be patient for children to get out of the car on the left side of the road to be away from passing traffic.
- ▶ Where provided, use Children's Crossings to drop-off & pick-up children.
- ▶ Always hold your child's hand - young children can be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

- ▶ Always give way to pedestrians especially when entering and leaving driveways.
- ▶ Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- ▶ Make sure your children are in the correct car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
- ▶ Make sure your child is wearing a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skating.
- ▶ Look out for buses - a 40km/h speed limit applies which school bus lights flash.

Always meet your child at the bus stop. Never meet them on the opposite side of the road and call them home.

**Your child's safety depends on you.**  
Young children can learn these safe habits from you.

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