



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 2 2019

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	6 May	7 May Active Rural Kids	8 May	9 May	10 May Cross Country Moonbi PS	11 May	12 May
3	13 May NAPLAN	14 May Active Rural Kids NAPLAN	15 May NAPLAN	16 May Family Fun Day 9:30—11:30am	17 May Life Ed Van - Carrol PS visiting Tennis Yrs 3-6	18 May Federal Election	19 May
4	20 May	21 May Resilient Kids Active Rural Kids	22 May Responsible Pet Ownership K-2 Ms Lacey - Education Forum Armidale	23 May UNE Discovery Bus - Somerton PS	24 May Science Day at Duri PS	25 May	26 May
5	27 May	28 May Resilient Kids Active Rural Kids	29 May Autism Awareness Training - All staff 4pm	30 May	31 May Special Assembly 9:45 Biggest Morning Tea 11am Mr Young Visit 12pm Tennis Yrs 3-6	1 June	2 June
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Ms Lacey's Message.....

I hope you all had a well rested holiday and a lovely break over the Easter long weekend.

It was lovely to see so many students come along to the Anzac Day March. Our school was certainly well represented again this year. This is an important event for students to take part in each year as we remember all those who gave up their tomorrow for our today. Well done to Jacinta who spoke beautifully, to Howard, who carried the Australian Flag proudly and to Sophee and Matthew who laid our wreath. We thank the Somerton War Memorial Hall Committee for their continued work they put in every year to ensure that the march goes ahead.

As you will all have noticed by now this term is shaping up to be a very busy one. We have some fantastic initiatives happening with outside agencies. This term the students will participate in the Resilient Kids Program. At the completion of this the girls will also participate in a girl's program titled 'Ngaya' which is run by Joblink Plus. On Thursday of Week 3 we also invite you all to our Family Fun Day. This is being run during National Families Week and we have some great outside organisations coming along to run this event with us. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Our school is continuing to grow and we now have 35 students enrolled at Somerton. Due to our increase in student numbers we also have taken delivery of a new classroom. This will become our library and we look forward to when it is finished and ready to move into. The Pelicans class is looking forward to having their own room!

Enjoy the week ahead.

Kylie Lacey



Behaviour of the Week Focus

I have pride in my work.

Growth Mindset Positive Affirmation of the Week

Mistakes are proof that you are trying.



Noticeboard

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Somerton Public School has registered for this year's Earn & Learn Promotion which has begun and will run until 25th June.



A token sheet has been included with today's Newsletter and more are available from the office. You can deposit your token sheets into the collection box located in the Lounge area of the administration building.

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.

Stewart House - Donation Drive 2019 Entries

DUE THIS WEEK

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 this **Friday, 10th May**.

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 **Thursday, 16th May**.

Alternatively orders may be placed online at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



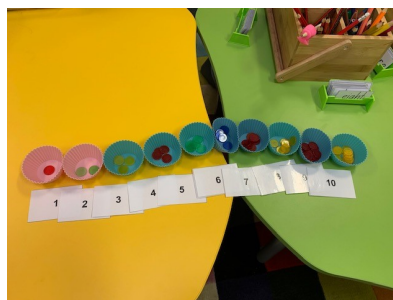
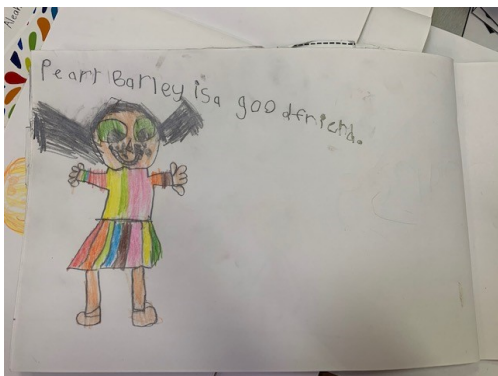
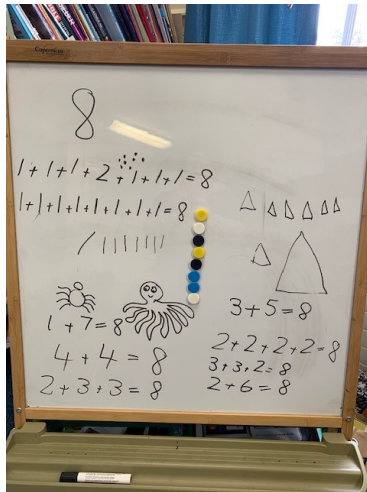
From the classrooms....

Pelicans

The Pelicans have returned from holidays very keen and eager to learn. It was great to see that so much home reading occurred during the holidays!

This term we are working on a literacy unit titled 'Friendships'. Last week we read Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley and discussed why friends are important and what makes a good friend. The students completed writing tasks about Pearl Barley being a good friend and what makes each of us a good friend.

During maths lessons last week we focused on numbers to 10. We started learning about our 'Friends of 10' and used the abacus to see the patterns.



From the classrooms....

Kookaburras

Term 2 has begun with a flying start and the Kookaburras have been hard at work. In writing this term we are looking at the concept of friendship in a range of picture books. This week we are reading the book 'Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley' and developing our understanding of what makes a good friend.

Last week students took home a red envelope with a list of words. Each week students are asked to practice reading, writing and spelling their individualised list. Envelopes are to be returned on Fridays and students are tested on Mondays. If students make an error they will practice the same list for another week. If they make no errors they will progress to the next list of words. The concept behind these words is for students to develop a wide range of vocabulary that they can use in their daily writing in class.



From the classrooms....

Eagles

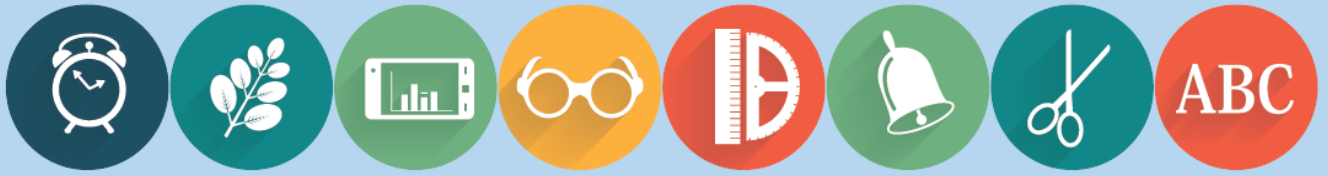
Wow! It's Term 2, Week 2 already... This term in the Eagles classroom we're going to be extremely busy. We've started our history unit focusing on The First Fleet, and the students are very eager to know more about our Australian history!

This term we now have a Student Representative Council (SRC), I'm extremely proud of all the students in 3-6 who took the time to prepare and deliver such persuasive speeches. It made deciding who to vote for very hard!

For the next four weeks, we are very lucky to have Nathan and Vinnie from Cricket NSW come out on Mondays to deliver a fun and fast paced cricket program. Students can wear their sports uniform on these days if they would like. Sport on Fridays this term we get an hour of professional tennis coaching, which is very exciting as I've already seen how amazing the student's tennis skills are.

Congratulations to Jayden for receiving our first Citizenship award. Jayden is always displaying lovely manners to his peers and teachers. Jayden is a great member of the Eagles classroom and is ALWAYS trying his best!

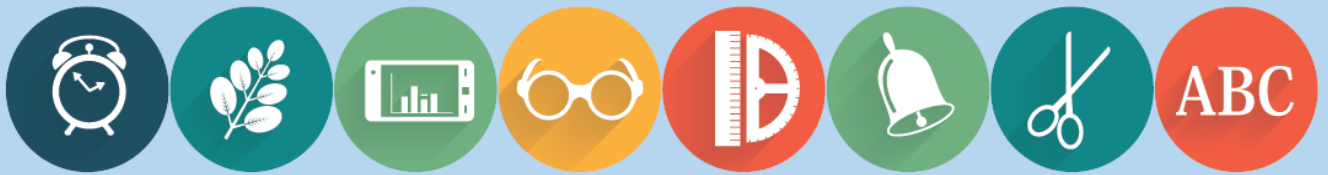




Anzac Memorial Centenary Project Soil Collection

In 2017 NSW Public Schools were given an opportunity to participate in this statewide project and to establish a deep and lasting connection with NSW history and the Anzac tradition. Schools were invited to collect soil material from their local school grounds as part of the Soil Collection Program and submit it for inclusion in the Anzac Memorial Centenary Project as a symbolic reflection of the value and importance the Anzac legend holds in the hearts and minds of all Australians. Somerton PS proudly took part in this project and sent a sample of soil in which was taken from the base of our flag pole. This project is now finished and in the holidays Ms Fritze visited the initiative at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park. She kindly sent us through some photos. What a great memorial for Somerton to be a part of!





Coal Miner's Cup

Last term many of our students from the Eagles class participated in the Coal Miner's Cup in Gunnedah. This was a great opportunity for our students to join with students from a number of other schools to form teams to play in a round robin competition for the day. Boys participated in Rugby League and girls participated in League Tag. We would like to send out a special thank you to Mr Carter from Mullaley PS for inviting us to be a part of this great day. Thank you also to parents for transporting our students and accompanying them on the day.



Special Assembly

On the last day of term we held our Special Assembly. Students from the Kookaburras class performed Reader's Theatre for us and what an amazing job they did! Congratulations also to students who received WOW Awards, Yellow Certificates and Red Certificates. Congratulations to all these students for their amazing work. The Easter Raffle was also drawn. The winners of the raffle were Pam Henshaw, Tom Henry, Kayla Trow and Willow Kneipp. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket.

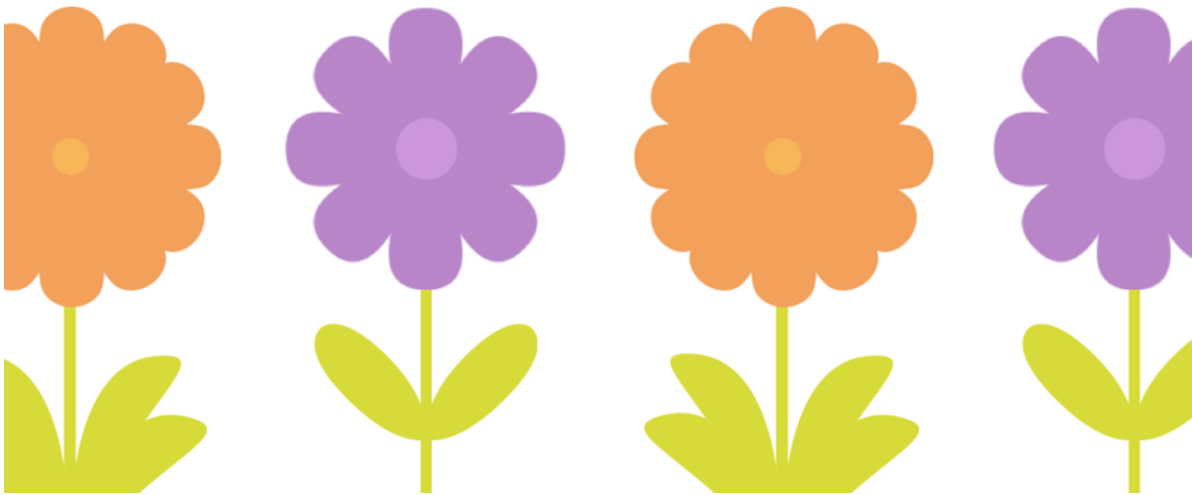


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Mother's Day Stall Thursday 9th May

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**Curlewis- Toddlers
(2 to 5 years)**

Starting Thursday 2nd May for
9 weeks

2:30pm to 3:10pm

Curlewis Public School

** 30 places available **

**Somerton- school age
(5 to 12 years)**

Starting Tuesday 7th May
for 9 weeks

3:45pm to 4:45pm

Somerton Public School

** 30 places available **



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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

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Somerton Hotel

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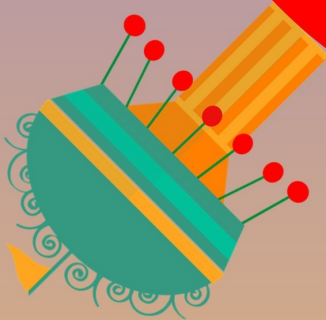
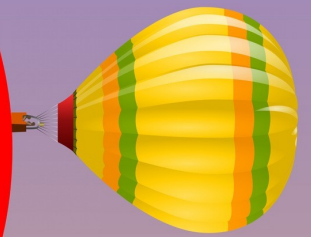
Somerton CWA



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.





"Coco" the movie

Pony rides, Jumping castle and Markets

Venue: Carroll Public School