



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Term 3 2019

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	29 July	30 July	31 July STEM 4 TEN 3-6	1 August Ngaya - girl's program	2 August Rural Fire Service K-2 Tennis K-2 Tree Day	3 August	4 August
3	5 August	6 August Dance practice	7 August STEM 4 TEN 3-6 Dance practice	8 August Dance practice	9 August Tennis K-2	10 August	11 August
4	12 August	13 August Small Schools' Spelling Bee	14 August Trelawny Station STEM 4 TEN 3-6	15 August	16 August Tennis K-2	17 August	18 August
5	19 August	20 August	21 August STEM 4 TEN 3-6	22 August Ms Lacey - Principal's meeting	23 August Tennis K-2	24 August	25 August
6	26 August Ms Lacey LS Leave	27 August	28 August STEM 4 TEN 3-6	29 August	30 August Tennis K-2	31 August	1 Sept
7	2 September Ms Lacey LS Leave	3 September	4 September	5 September	6 September	7 Sept	8 Sept
8	9 September	10 September	11 September	12 September	13 September	14 Sept	15 Sept

Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome back. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful break. I have heard about some amazing holidays!

Term 3 kicked off with our staff attending the Winangal-li Learning Alliance Staff Development Day at Woolomin. The purpose of the day was to collaboratively strengthen assessment systems and protocols to collect and analyse data on student learning to differentiate practice; and enhance teacher knowledge and ability to use data to inform and differentiate their teaching and learning by mapping to the learning progressions. These aims support our work in our current school plan and ensure that we are supported by colleagues within the DoE to assist us in gaining the traction required to ensure that we are on track with our milestone plans. These days are invaluable to our staff as it means that we are able to access quality professional learning and have the opportunity to work closely with teachers from other schools to share our knowledge and skills.

Mrs Hudson will be taking some leave this term and will be away for weeks 3, 4 and 5. Mrs Pollard will replace Mrs Hudson in her absence.

I will then be taking two weeks leave during weeks 6 and 7. During my absence Miss Warden will be Relieving Principal and Mrs Pollard will teach the Pelicans class.

Enjoy a great week ahead!

Kylie Lacey



Parents and students are reminded that school rules and rules that are put in place for special events such as assemblies, sports carnivals and other special days apply to ALL children regardless of whether parents are in attendance or not. Rules are put in place for the safety and wellbeing of ALL students. We kindly ask parents that they too listen to the rules and encourage their children to adhere to them. We enjoy having parents being a part of our school and attending our events; however, we do ask you that you work with us and support us.

Behaviour of the Week Focus

I am being a great role model to others.

Growth Mindset Positive Affirmation of the Week

Fair isn't everybody getting the same thing....fair is everybody getting what they need in order to be successful.

P&C Pie Drive

Thank you to Leianna Kneipp for organising this great fundraiser. We had a great response with the P&C raising \$580. Thank you to all who supported us.





Noticeboard



Book Club

Students received a Scholastic Book Club Catalogue last Thursday. 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 this **Wednesday, 7th August.**

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

Book Club benefits Somerton Public School as every Book Club order placed earns us 20% (10% for home deliveries) of the order spend in rewards enabling us to purchase valuable education resources.

Kitchen/Garden

Students participate in Kitchen/Garden lessons each week. The cost of this is \$10 per term, per child. This assists us with buying ingredients and equipment to be able to facilitate these lessons. Money can be paid to Miss McNiven in the office. Thank you.

Friday Lunches

Students may purchase lunch each Friday for \$3 and a jelly or custard and a popper for \$1. 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.



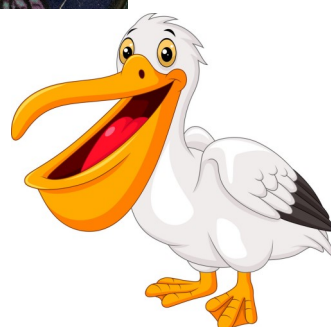
From the classrooms....

Pelicans

Students in the Pelicans class have been very keen and eager to get back into their learning after a lovely holiday break. We have started an English unit titled 'Dreaming'. In this unit students will participate in lessons to learn about the importance of storytelling in Indigenous culture. They will develop an awareness of the significance of dreamtime stories for Indigenous Australians in passing on their culture from one generation to another and develop understandings of the importance the land has for Indigenous Australians. Students will listen to, read, view, illustrate and respond to dreaming stories and record information and events and analyse characters. Drawing on their prior knowledge of text structures and features they will make connections to their own experiences and between texts read. Last week we began the unit with the story 'How the kangaroos got their tails'. We also took the opportunity to learn about kangaroos and wrote descriptive sentences about kangaroos. We were very lucky to have a visit from Twicky, a little eastern grey kangaroo who lives with Nate.

During maths last week we learnt about ten frames and how they can help us to count and add. Working with the tens frames is really helping us learn our friends of ten.

Well done to those students who continued with their home reading during the holidays. It is great to see that we have so many enthusiastic readers!



From the classrooms....

Kookaburras

Students have hit the ground running in the Kookaburra class. In writing this term they are focused on learning about Aboriginal culture through looking at various Dreamtime stories. During writing students will be learning more about the writing process and the practice that writers use to produce a published piece of work. The writing process involves planning, writing, checking, editing and then publishing.

During maths students have been learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects. They have studied the similarities and differences and have enjoyed playing a game called *Shape Toss* which requires students to identify a shape or object from a set of clues.

Students are reminded to continue home reading each night and exchange books each few days. Home reading is very important in helping students consolidate what they have learnt at school and helps them develop a love for reading for pleasure.

Also please encourage your child to practise their list of Magic Words each night. These words are important in building their vocabulary that they can use during writing. They are to return their folder with their completed practice sheet each Friday and are tested each Monday.



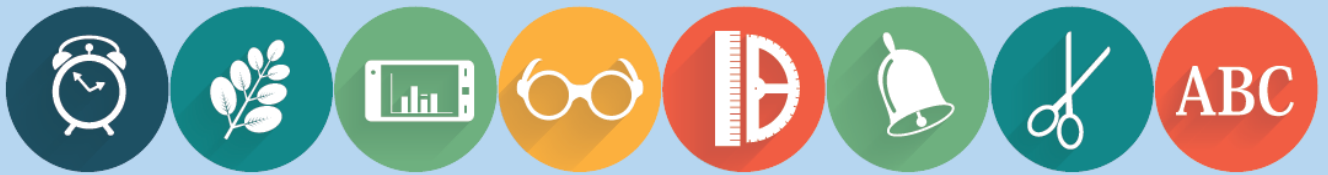
From the classrooms....

Eagles

Welcome to Term 3! The Eagles have lots of exciting things happening this term with one of them being STEM FOR 10 delivered every Wednesday morning to our classroom. STEM FOR 10 is run by Mr Dezius from Oxley High School and each week he will be bringing all sorts of engineering and robotic activities for us to learn about.

In Week 1 we looked at the characteristics of OzBots where we were able to see Ozbots race each other, have a wrestling match and follow a course through the sound of our hands clapping.





Toys at school

Students are asked not to bring their own toys and balls from home to school. There have been some issues with students doing this and it is causing fights and arguments in the playground and distractions in the classroom. We ask for parents to cooperate with us on this matter. If students bring things from home they will be kept in the office until the end of the day.

We have lots of great equipment for the students to share and play with at school.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Play Equipment

The play equipment at school remains out of bounds as it undergoes a refurbishment. The P&C are currently working on replacing the soft fall under the play equipment. A special thankyou goes out to Wes and Leianna Kneipp and Jordan and Karen Henry for all their hard work.

National Tree Day

Students will participate in National Tree Day this coming Friday. Students will plant trees around the village and then continue to care for them. We would like to thank Mr Wayne Chaffey for his organisation of this day.





Bective Athletics Carnival

Last Friday Somerton PS participated in the Bective Athletics Carnival. All students in attendance participated with excellent sportsmanship and gave their absolute best. We are so proud of each and every one of you!

To top off the day Somerton won the overall point score and was the winning school on the day. This can only be achieved by everyone participating and having a go. Well done Somerton PS!

Congratulations also goes to the following students:

Ryan Davies - Senior Boys Champion

Jacinta Mackenzie - 11 Years Girls Champion

Ariella Vallender - 11 Years Girls Runner-up

Jye Booby-Woodward - Junior Boys Champion

Braxton Woodward - Junior Boys Runner-up

Jye also broke the record in the 10 years boys 100m and the Junior Boys 800m and Braxton broke the record in the 8 years boys 100m.

Congratulations also to our relay team of Ryan Davies, Ariella Vallender, Jye Booby-Woodward and Braxton Woodward on winning the relay.





SRC

5 cent challenge



From the beginning of Term 3 until the end of Week 8 in Term 4, the SRC will be running a 5 cent challenge. Each class will be provided with a tin in which they will be working towards filling up with 5 cent pieces. At the end of the challenge the class with the most 5 cent pieces will be awarded with a class party. The SRC will be putting the money towards buying a new lectern to be used at assemblies and presentation night.



Let's get collecting over the holidays!



Class tallies will be published in the newsletter throughout the challenge.



COMMUNITY

CLASSIFIEDS

Annual General Meeting Hall & Recreation Ground Committee

28th August 2019

6pm

In the Supper Room at the
Somerton Memorial Hall

Somerton War Memorial Hall

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

Ph: 0427 697 566



Families and Communities that care, share and grow

Children and Parenting Support Program (CaPS)

Our CaPS program aims to provide support for families with young children up to 12 years of age in the Tamworth and Liverpool Plains Areas. Support workers can assist families to plan, co-ordinate and implement solutions that will reduce the impact of circumstances on their day-to-day living and parenting. Services can include:

- In-home case management to assist with: family functioning; health and self-care; safety; child development; housing; financial and employment concerns
- Crisis management and support
- Parenting programs and workshops
- Peer support groups
- School support and advocacy
- Community connection
- Inter-agency linkage and referrals



How to contact us

For individuals and organisations, please direct your referral to our Central Intake Line on **1800 073 388**

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For more information on our Children and Parenting Support Program, please contact our support workers

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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.



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 5 TASTER DAYS 2019



Session 1: Wednesday 11th September

Session 2: Wednesday 30th October

12:30pm – 2:30pm

(to fit in with the bus timetable)



The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box

The average school child will eat more than 2,500 lunches during their 13 years at school.



Cancer Council's website healthylunchbox.com.au is a one-stop-shop for everything families need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Parents will find information on the five food groups, what constitutes a healthy lunch box, sandwich alternatives, sandwich filling ideas, snack ideas, swaps for unhealthy snack foods, recipes and tips. The website features an [interactive healthy lunch box builder](#) where parents can get their kids involved in planning the lunch box and choosing foods they will eat and enjoy.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to get new recipes.

To keep you and your kids from getting bored with the same lunch box we have updated our [website](#) with new recipes.



- [Veggie pasta soup](#)
- [Yoghurt rice pudding](#)
- [No bake cookies](#)
- [Nicoise salad](#)
- [Turkey, apple & avocado crepe](#)
- [Vegetable pasta bake](#)
- [Vegetable dumplings](#)
- [Mexican baked sweet potato](#)

For more recipes and ideas visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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