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Term 3 2019

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6	26 August Ms Lacey LS Leave	27 August	28 August STEM 4 TEN 3-6	29 August	30 August Tennis K-2 Zone Athletics	31 August	1 Sept
7	2 September Ms Lacey LS Leave	3 September	4 September STEM 4 TEN 3-6	5 September	6 September	7 Sept	8 Sept
8	9 September	10 September	11 September STEM 4 TEN 3-6 Yr 5 Taster Day - PHS	12 September	13 September Mr Mills - 9am - 10.30am	14 Sept	15 Sept
9	16 September	17 September	18 September STEM 4 TEN 3-6	19 September	20 September	21 Sept	22 Sept
10	23 September STEM 4 TEN 3-6	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September Assembly 9.45am	28 Sept	29 Sept

Miss Warden's

~~Ms Lacey's~~ Message.....

Welcome to Week 6. Thank you to all parents and family members who came to last Friday's Special Assembly and book parade. It is always nice to share such special occasions with you. I'm sure the students enjoy seeing you there too!

Last Friday signalled the official opening of our new library. Therefore, we are ready for students to have library lessons on Friday once again. I ask for students to please return any outstanding library books this Friday. Students are required to have a library bag if they wish to borrow.

I would like to wish Howard, Max, Braxton, Tom, Jye, Ryan, Ariella and Jacinta the best of luck for Friday. Each of them will be competing in events at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Remember to try your best!

Hannah Warden

Relieving Principal

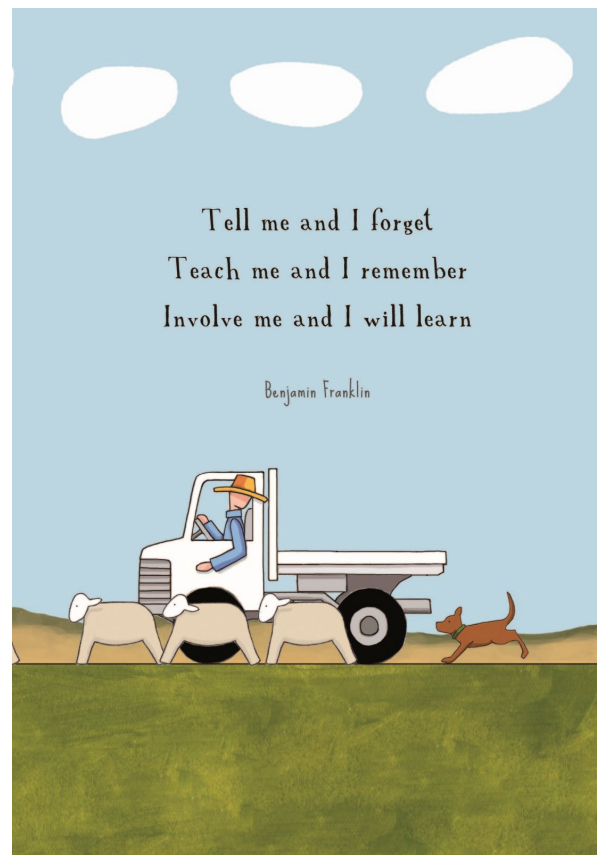


Behaviour of the Week Focus

I can cooperate.

Growth Mindset Positive Affirmation of the Week

We grow when things are hard.





Noticeboard


SASS Recognition Week



Week 6 of Term 3 is SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition Week.

This is the week where we show special recognition and appreciation to all the staff who work tirelessly in the classrooms, libraries, offices and maintaining and caring for school grounds.

The school would not be the same without them!!




Book Club




Students have been given a Scholastic Book Club Catalogue with today's newsletter. 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

Wednesday, 11th September.

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. For an extra \$1 they can order a dessert 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.

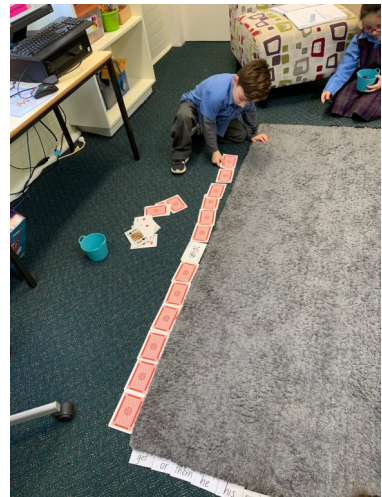


From the classrooms....

Pelicans

The Pelicans continue to be full steam ahead with their learning. During the past two weeks we have continued to enjoy our unit 'Dreaming'. Whilst we have been learning about Aboriginal Dreamtime stories we have also focused our learning on Australian animals. During the past two weeks our focus has been on the echidna (bigibila). We have learnt many amazing facts about the echidna. Did you know that the echidna has a pouch and it lays an egg! Did you also know that the echidna and the platypus are similar because they are both egg laying mammals. Students have worked very hard on writing some excellent descriptions on echidnas. To gather enough information to write our descriptions we firstly watched a short documentary on echidnas. We then labelled a picture of an echidna ensuring that we used lots of adjectives and then we brainstormed a list of things that we had learnt from both reading and viewing.

During maths we have been focusing on length and patterns. Students learnt that length can be measured with a variety of objects, as long as each object is of uniform length. Students practised measuring items in the classroom and learnt to compare lengths.



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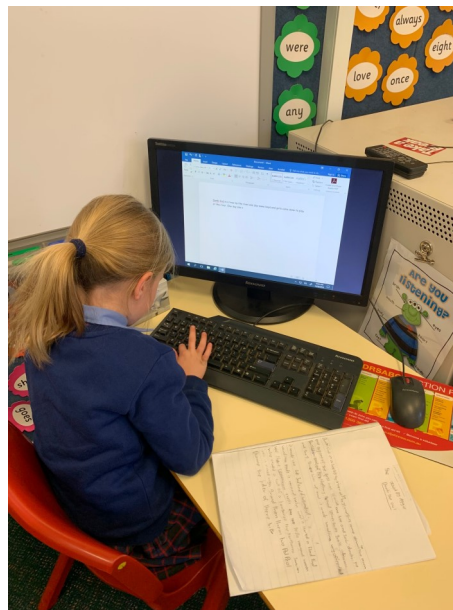
Kookaburras

Another two weeks have flown past and the students in the Kookaburras have been amazing me with their writing. We have continued with the theme of Aboriginal dreamtime stories and have been retelling stories in our own words. This week we will be focusing on a story about how the echidna got his spikes.

In maths last week, students learnt about position. We started by writing a list of words which are used to help explain the position of an object with precision. We also took photos of the class in different formations and used descriptive position words to describe where people were standing. This was very enjoyable.

Students are reminded to keep bringing back their Magic Words folders and readers. Please encourage your child to find 10 minutes each day to read or be read to. This is beneficial in helping them to increase their knowledge of words and widen their vocabulary.

As Kylie is on leave over the next two weeks there will be some changes on both Thursday and Friday of each week. Mrs Pollard will be teaching the Kookaburras all day Thursday and from 12:30pm on Friday she will teach the Pelicans and Kookaburras combined. Ms Hudson will be back from leave on Thursday and will have the combined Pelicans and Kookaburras for tennis and science on Friday morning.



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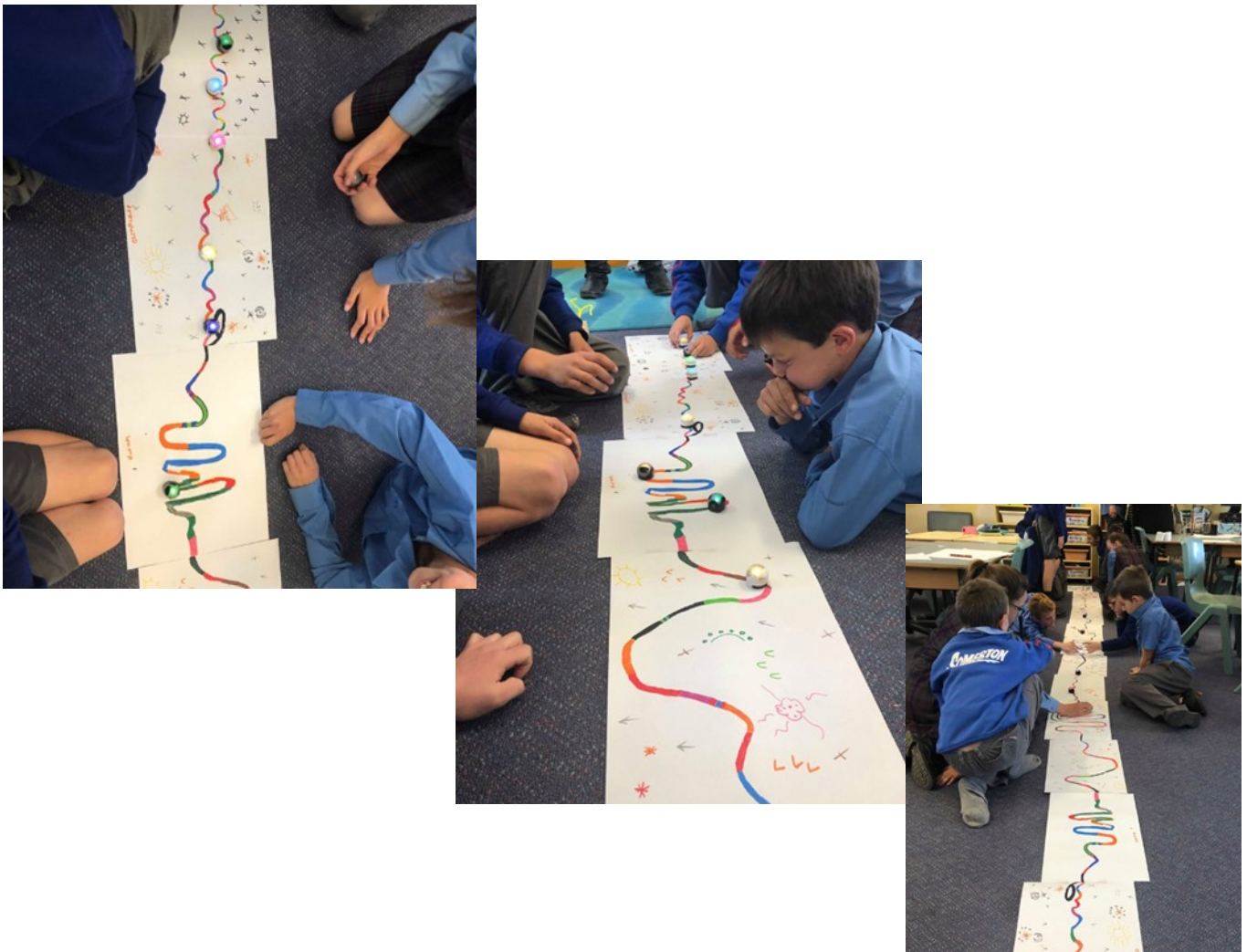
Eagles

Welcome to Week 6! The Eagles have been super busy in the classroom.

In Geography we are focusing on Papua New Guinea for the term. The students are in the process of researching and collecting lots of interesting information to create their own travel brochures to share!

Good luck to the students from the Eagles classroom who are going to Zone Athletics this Friday! We know you will do Somerton Public School proud, and Miss Wilkes will be there to cheer you on from the sideline.

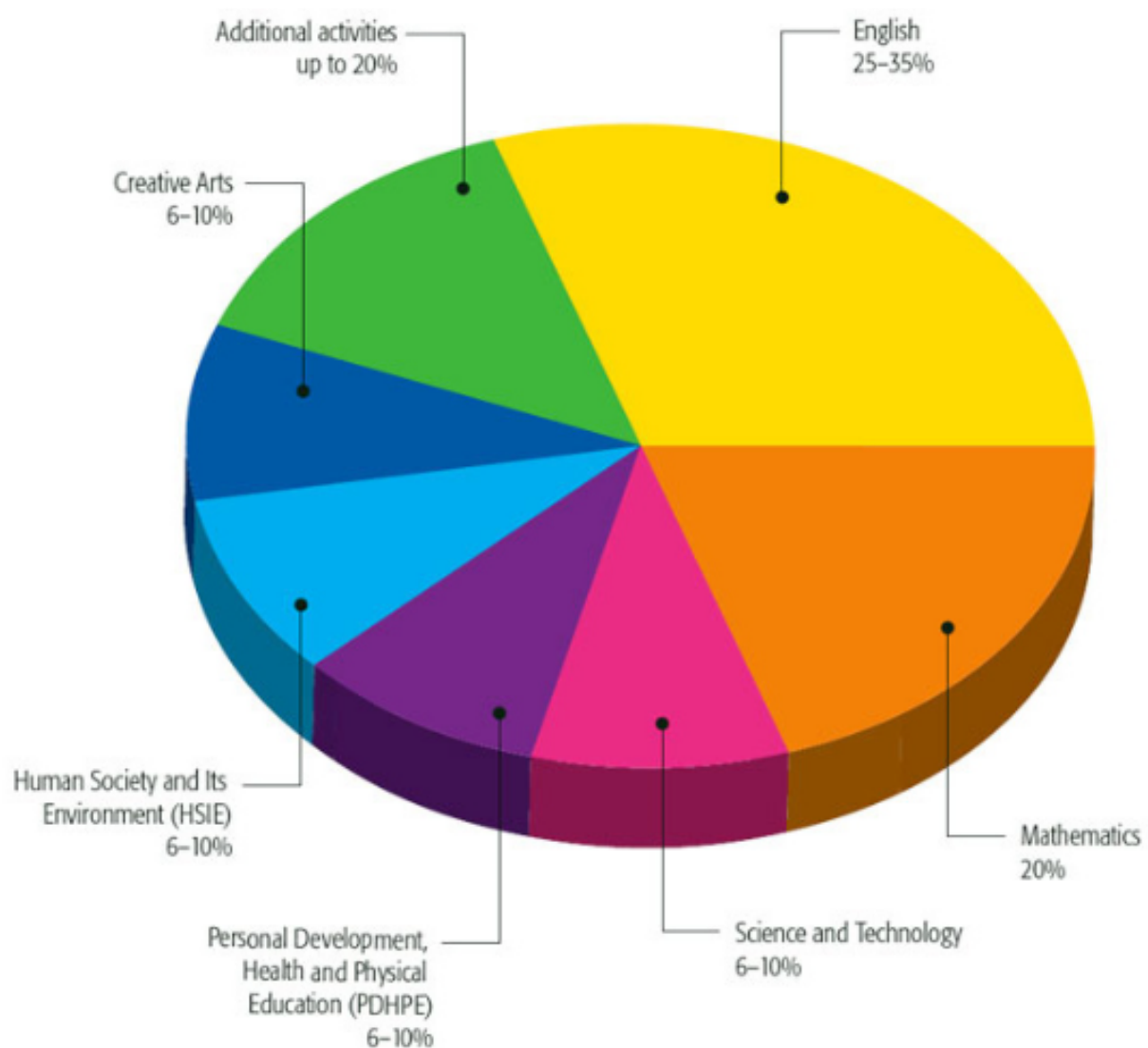
Don't forget Reading Logs! For every five nights of reading, students can earn a shooting star.



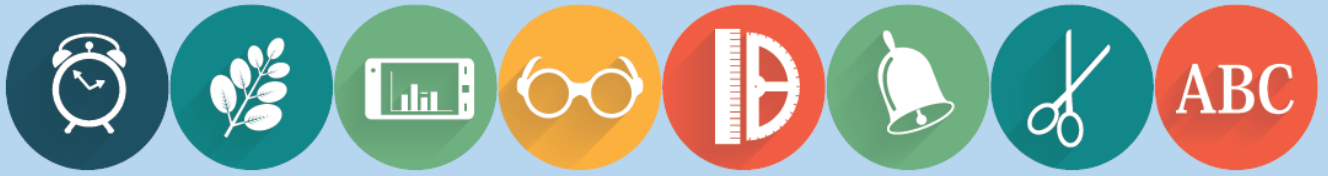
Time allocation guide for key learning areas

NESA provides the following as a guide for K–6 time allocations. Schools should use this guide in accordance with the policies of their school authority which may be additional to those identified by NESA.

The allocation for 'additional activities' provides flexibility for schools to incorporate activities reflective of their context and ethos. For example, schools could use this time to incorporate a program for languages, scripture, school sport or debating.



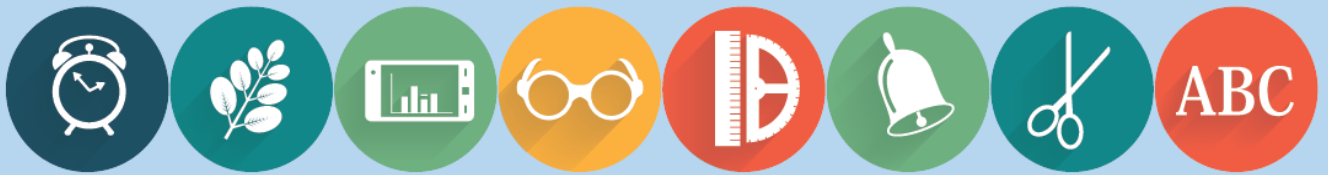
6–10% is approximately 1.5 to 2.5 hours in a typical teaching week.



Official Divestment of Trelawney Station

Somerton PS were honoured to be invited to the Official Divestment of Trelawney Station which was held on Wednesday 14th August. Our students entertained the crowd with a fantastic show of Aboriginal Dance. We would like to thank Brad Flanders of the Opportunity Hub, who came out and worked with the students in teaching them two dances. Along with learning the dances students also learnt some language. Our students made us very proud!

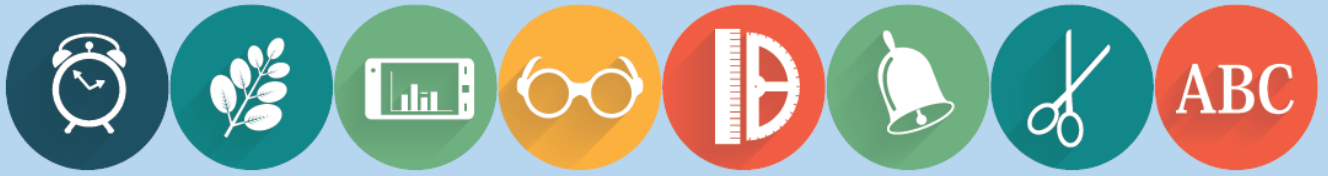




Ngaya

On Thursday 15th August our girls celebrated with Aunt Rosie and Auntie Shell as they participated in their final day of the girls program, Ngaya. This program has been sponsored by Joblink Plus and has been something that the girls have looked forward to every week. Auntie Shell and Aunt Rosie have worked with the girls on feeling good and being proud of who they are, connecting with the earth and understanding their surroundings and building confidence. The girls were very sad to see the program end and we hope to see Aunt Rosie and Auntie Shell back at school some time soon!

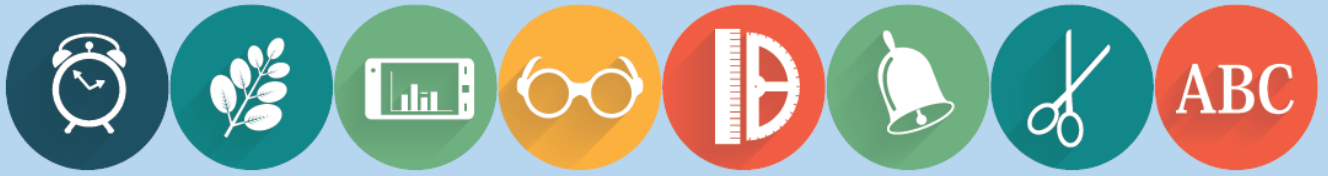




Book Fair and Book Parade

Thank you to all who attended our Book Fair and Book Parade. The students all looked amazing in their costumes!





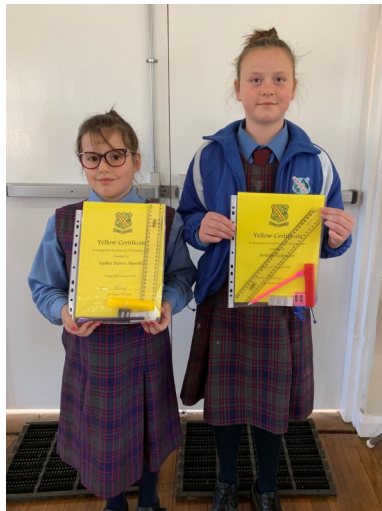
Week 5, Term 3 Special Assembly

Congratulations to the following award winners from the week 5 Special Assembly.



WOW Awards

Myra Harvey, Blake Webb, Ryan Davies, Sophee Kneipp, Benji Johnstone and Jack Davies.



Yellow Certificates

Sophie Davis-Annetts and Ariella Vallender



Red Certificates

Mia Childs, Jack Davies and Bailey Madden.



Blue Certificates

Benji Johnstone, Howard Mackenzie, Aggie Daly, Aleah Johnstone and Clay Childs.





Silver Awards

Jacinta Mackenzie, Howard Mackenzie, Benji Johnstone, Aleah Johnstone, Karliah Hankinson and Ruby Woodward.



Gold Awards

Karliah Hankinson and Sophee Kneipp.



Ngaya Certificates

Sophie Davis-Annetts, Myra Harvey, Mia Childs, Jacinta Mackenzie, Ariella Vallender, Felicity Mackenzie, Aggie Daly, Indigo Blowes, Aleah Johnstone, Ruby Woodward, Karliah Hankinson, Sophee Kneipp and Emelia Madden.



Meningococcal Awareness

As we head into late winter and spring, NSW Health are urging everyone to be alert to the symptoms of meningococcal disease.

NSW Health have launched a state wide campaign about identifying the symptoms of meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal disease is caused by a bacterial infection that can lead to serious illness if not recognised and treated in time. While anyone can contract meningococcal disease, infection rates are higher in children aged 0 - 4 years and young people aged 15 - 24 years.

Do you know the symptoms of meningococcal disease?

Symptoms of meningococcal disease include:

- * Sudden onset of fever
- * Headache
- * Neck stiffness
- * Joint pain
- * Dislike of bright lights
- * Nausea
- * Vomiting
- * Irritability
- * Rash of red-purple spots or bruises that doesn't disappear when pressure is applied. (A rash does not always appear or it may occur late in the disease).

Some or all of these symptoms may appear and can mimic other common illnesses. Symptoms usually occur suddenly and can get worse quickly, so it's important to seek urgent medical treatment.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread. The NSW School vaccination program provides free vaccination against meningococcal disease for year 10 students in 2019. Students ages 15-16 can access free vaccine from their GP.

Act fast and seek medical advice quickly

People infected with meningococcal disease can become extremely unwell very quickly. People who could have meningococcal disease should seek urgent medical advice.

For more information about meningococcal disease and vaccinations, or to obtain information to promote this within your school community, visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/meningococcal.

SRC

5 cent challenge



The SRC 5 cent challenge is up and running and will continue until the end of Week 8 in Term 4. Each class has a jar in which they are 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. Let's get collecting!

The SRC will be putting the money raised towards buying a new lectern to be used at assemblies and presentation night.

Tuesday SRC Fundraiser

At afternoon tea each **Tuesday** the SRC will be selling warm Milos served with marshmallows or a choc chip biscuit.

The SRC are currently working towards purchasing a new lectern with the school emblem on it.

Please place your order with Miss Warden before school on TUESDAY.

Warm Milo	\$1
Marshmallows	50c
Choc Chip biscuit	50c



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



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) 6760 6250 or

Judi Swain (Secretary) 6743 1701 for more information.

