



THE GOORA GAZETTE



inside this issue



- *Principal's Message*
- *Staffing Update*
- *Principal Update*
- *Parent Goal Setting Interviews*
- *ANZAC Day 2021*
- *Student Representative Council and Student Leaders*
- *Upcoming Events*
- *Harmony Day Excursion to Dungowan PS*
- *P&C News*
- *From the Classrooms*
- *Noticeboard*
- *Community Classifieds*
- *Harmony Day Photos*



Phone 02 6769 7520
Fax 02 6769 7400
Mobile 0448 246 279
Email somerton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Web www.somerton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

educating hearts and minds

Mr Stephens' Message

End of Term

On behalf of the staff at Somerton PS would like to wish our students and families a safe and enjoyable Easter holiday break. School returns for Students on Tuesday 20th April.

Staffing Update

As announced on Monday, Miss Bianca Wood will be finishing up at Somerton Public School this term. Bianca has been offered a permanent appointment at Walcha Central School. Mr Stephens will continue as the Cockatoos classroom teacher for the beginning of next term.

A recruitment process is currently underway to identify a replacement for the remainder of the year. We wish to congratulate Miss Wood and wish her well in the future.

Principal Update

Last week, I announced that I will be leaving Somerton Public School early next term to take up a permanent principal position at Currabubula Public School. It has been a privilege to lead our school community over the 15 months.

I will be continuing in my current role to support the transition of the new school leader and as K-3 teacher whilst a recruitment process is underway.

Presently, there is an expression of interest process in place to find a new relieving principal. I will keep you informed of any further developments.



Parent Goal Setting Interviews

Thank you to those families who have been able to meet with their child's teacher for goal setting. If you have been unable to make a time, goals will be sent home via seesaw with the option of meeting at a later date.

ANZAC Day 2021

As in previous years, Somerton Public will be involved in the local ANZAC day commemorations. This includes participating in the march to the hall and a short service. I would like to encourage as many students and families as possible to support this event.

Student leaders will be participants in the ceremony.

Student representative Council and Student Leaders, 2021

This week, student representative council members were elected by both classes. Congratulations to the following students;

- Cockatoos: Sophee Kneipp, Indigo Blowes, Ruby Woodward
- King Parrots: Jayden Genoli

These students will support our year 6 school leaders:

- Leaders: Jye Booby-Woodward and Lillian Trees.

Their first official duty will be to run this Thursday's end of term assembly.



Mr Stephens' Message, cont'd.....

Upcoming events:

- Parent interviews (Week 10)
- Easter Hat Parade, Thursday 1st April at 9:30am.
- End of term assembly, Thursday 1st April at 11am (students only)
- Bective Cross Country Carnival @ Attunga PS, Friday 23rd April (Term 2, Week 1)
- Somerton ANZAC day commemorations, Sunday 25th April

Harmony Day Excursion to Dungowan PS

Students and staff had a wonderful Harmony Day as you can see by the photos. Check out the back page for more!



P&C News

Hi everyone,

What a busy term we have had and how fast have the holidays come around!! Thankyou to everyone who helped to sell our Easter eggs in our first fundraiser for the year. Can I please ask that you get in contact with me (Leianna) about collection of moneys still owed for them. The winners of the Toblerone are the Kneipp Kids, selling a whopping 18 boxes. Thank you to those who also had a guess at our Easter egg guess. We will be announcing the winner for them later today.

Canteen was more organised this term with all the children enjoying a healthy menu. We will be sending out accounts for any missed payments over the last term. Please send in any ideas that you may have that you would like to see on our menu.

From all of us, we would like to wish all of our families a very happy Easter and safe holidays.

Leianna Kneipp

P&C President



From the classrooms....

Cockatoos' Call

The Cockatoos' Corner Store

Over the last two weeks, an exciting development has occurred in the Cockatoos' classroom. Our Cockatoos' Corner Store has been created and has provided us with lots of opportunities for learning and play. We have used it as the basis of our maths lessons and it has provided us with a space to create and film puppet shows. We even spent some time creating our own products to put on sale and have brushed up on our customer service skills. We may have some little retail managers in the making!

The wet weather and flooding of last week provided us with the opportunity to stay inside and craft. We discovered the joy and endless possibilities that can come from a simple bag of cotton balls and PVA glue.

We have also been getting creative with some Easter-themed activities. We have been reading books, colouring-in and gluing things all centred around the theme of Easter.

Our literacy lessons have seen us looking at the 'olden days'. We have been writing about what it would have been like to live in the early 1900s, with a particular focus on Somerton. We discovered an old photo of our school in the office and compared it with what it looks like now. We also talked about outhouses and what they would have been like; all coming to the conclusion that we much prefer the concept of indoor plumbing.

Mr. Stephens, Miss Clark, Mr. White and I would like to thank all the Cockatoos for such an amazing term filled with plenty of learning and memorable moments, and wish everyone a safe and happy break.

Mr Stephens, Miss Wood, Mr White and Miss Clark



From the classrooms....

King Parrots' Chatter

This week the King Parrots have been working hard on our 'Punctuation'. We have mastered our capital letters, commas and full stops. We are moving onto '?' and '!s with the focus of reading fluently and adding expression to our reading.

HUGO has been a big hit with the kids and the artwork has been superb, with kids learning how to draw mysterious eyes. Kids were practising their signatures as the next chapter in the book is called "Signature". We have been viewing the film as well and have identified a major difference between the book and the movie.

Our task in maths was to;

Cut strips of paper 5cm wide

Join them to identify the 3 volumes of voices we use in school.

INSIDE VOICE

OUTSIDE VOICE

WORKING VOICE

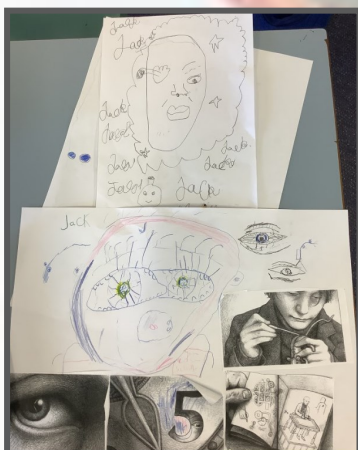
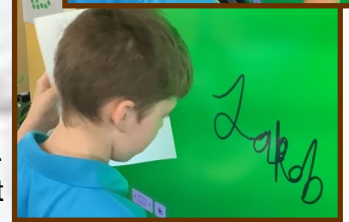
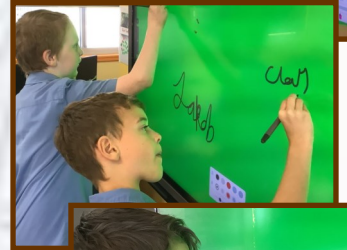
Unfortunately the outside voice was most successful as they realised that they needed longer strips for their volume. (We ran out of strips)

Length = 44 metres

Doubled was our estimated volume for outside voices (and then some)

EASTER has taken on a twist with lots of learning around the Easter theme. Counting Easter eggs, measuring and rolling eggs with the success of learning at the same time.

Mrs Penberthy and Mrs Markwick





Noticeboard

ANZAC Day Service

Community members and guests who would like to attend the Somerton ANZAC Day Service at the Somerton War Memorial Hall are to assemble at Somerton Public School at 7:45am for the march , beginning at 8:00am.

There will be a shortened version of the ANZAC ceremony on the steps outside the hall.

No morning tea will be available however some patrons will be assembling at the Somerton Hotel after the service to continue the conversation.

Dubbo School of Distance Education Pre-school

(For eligible rural families who do not have access to a local pre-school)

Justin & Alison are the enthusiastic teachers at Dubbo School of Distance Education Pre-school. They value the importance of Early Childhood Education and are passionate about delivering a comprehensive program to rural, remote families and communities throughout NSW. This program follows the Early Years Learning Framework which is the recommended curriculum from the NSW Department of Education.

Dubbo School of Distance Education Preschool caters for preschool aged children throughout NSW. There are many different types of eligible enrolment categories such as: travellers, **rural families**, show families, remote families and circus families. Also, isolated communities without access to a preschool facility are eligible to enrol.

We invite you to click on the link below or paste into your browser and watch the information video about Dubbo School of Distance Education Preschool.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kVwnA8e1mFOxF64m6GBBcVbnFYRPbNI3/view?usp=sharing>

For a virtual tour of the Pre-school, use the following link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p_XzBkOUqFyR8ZtGXmahG5ROrnWRtfVK/view?usp=sharing

For any further information please contact the school on 02 58047000.



COMMUNITY

CLASSIFIEDS

Wii wiima-li SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM **FREE**

Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Baking, Ten Pin Bowling, Movies, Games, Sport, Fishing, Cultural Activities, Amazing Race, Campfire with Marshmallows & Damper!

Mon 12 — Fri 16 Apr

at Hillvue Public School & Trelawney Station
For ages 5 to 12 yrs.

Hosted by Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council

Pickup Locations.
Oxley Vale Public School
Tamworth Train Station
Hillvue Public School
Coledale Community Centre
Westdale Public School

For Registration forms or more information contact
Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council on 02 6766 9028 or admin@tamworthlac.com.au

Registrations close:
Thursday 8 April 2021

AUTUMN HOLIDAY ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS CAMP

WONDER KIDZ

CREATIVE KIDS

Calrossy Anglican School

Eligibility	Date	Time	Enrolment Link	No. of Days	Fees
Yr 1 - 8	07/04/2021	9:00am to 3:00pm	www.trybooking.com/BPHDC	1	\$110
Yr 1 - 8	08/04/2021	9:00am to 3:00pm	www.trybooking.com/BPHDC	1	\$110
Yr 1 - 8	7/04 & 8/04	9:00am to 3:00pm	www.trybooking.com/BPHDC	2	\$200

Go to this link to claim \$100 Creative Kids voucher:
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Some of our activities include



Engineering and Robotics Workshop: This workshop provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with Mathematics and Science. This is a hands on workshop where the students will follow a design process and build a working machine using Lego®. They will also be able to program the machine to perform certain tasks.



Electronics Workshop: Students will also be exposed to Electronics components in this workshop. They will build various Electrical circuits using Sensors, LED, Motors etc. This will also involve the use of Renewable energy sources like Solar panels.



Guided Projects: Some of our projects can include: Smart Car, Smart Farm, Smart Home & Sanitation Station.



Virtual Reality: Students will dive into their own virtual space to explore different parts of the ancient and modern world. Only year 5 to 8 will go through Virtual Reality program.

Parents are requested to provide crunch & sip and lunch clearly labelled with the child's name.

The students may also go through an outdoor activity. Please ensure the child has hat and sunscreen. We have a strict policy of "No hat no outdoor play".



For more information please call 0416 100 089
info@youngengineers.com.au
www.nwysydney.youngengineers.com.au

NORTHWEST TENNIS ACADEMY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Camp 1 | 6/4/21 - 9/04/21
Camp 2 | 12/04/21 - 16/04/21

Eftpos Available | Bookings Essential
1 Day \$30 | 2 Days \$60 | 3 Days \$80 | 4 Days \$100 | 5 Days \$120

9.00am - 12.00pm
Family Discounts Available
4 - 16 Years Catered For
Tamworth Tennis Club
Cal Jarrod - 0421287004
northtennisacademy@hotmail.com

Join Jarrod Campbell and the team of highly experienced and qualified tennis coaches 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.





Harmony Day

