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Ms Winston's Message

And just like that...

We've reached the end of Term 2! To celebrate, we're having a Pyjama Mufti Day this Friday. Wear your pj's to school for a gold coin donation! We're also having an end of term assembly at 1:30pm on Friday. Parents are welcome to attend.

Reports / Parent Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 reports will be sent home this Friday. It is pleasing to see so many students trying hard to improve in their learning. I thank Mrs Penberthy and Mrs Knapman for their time and effort in preparing these reports. We will be holding parent / teacher interviews early next term for parents who wish to discuss their child's progress and/or Semester 1 reports. More information will come home in Week 1 Term 3.



Bective Athletics

A big thank you to everyone for your help and support last Friday at the Bective Athletics Carnival. I was a very proud Principal seeing so many students in attendance AND entering events AND doing so well! At the time of writing, our 8-12yr old students are at Attunga PS completing the field events. A big thank you to Attunga PS for sharing their equipment with us and inviting us along! The results of the carnival are hopefully going to be announced at our NAIDOC DAY next term.





Ms Winston's Message cont'd....

Bells / Session Times

You may have "heard" we've reinstated the school bell! The King Parrot class has accepted responsibility for ringing the bell and keeping us all on time. As of next term, we are also going to have equal session times for our literacy and numeracy learning. Session times will be:

Session 1 9:30am-11:30am

Lunch 11:30am-12:00noon

Session 2 12:00noon-2:00pm

Afternoon Tea 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Session 3 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Friday's will be a little more relaxed to cater for canteen, assembly and clubs.

And finally, we will be having fortnightly assemblies (Friday even weeks 1:30pm) and introducing PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning. PBL will give us a fortnightly social skill to focus on, and students can earn rewards and prizes for demonstrating our core values and the elements of P.O.W.E.R.

NAIDOC DAY at Somerton PS

Somerton PS is hosting a NAIDOC WEEK celebration day on Friday 16 July. Students from Attunga, Duri, Currabubula, Woolomin and Dungowan schools will be attending. There will be spear throwing; video making and gardening activities. Many thanks to Mrs Markwick and Mr White for their organisation of this special event. Please return the lunch order form no later than Wednesday 14 July if your child would like a canteen lunch on the day!



Wishing you all...

A very safe and enjoyable winter break. Thank you for a wonderful Term 2. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 13 July, and a busy Term 3!

Important Dates:

Monday 12 July **Staff Development Day** – Duri Public School

Tuesday 13 July Students return for Term 3

Friday 16 July NAIDOC DAY hosted by Somerton PS

Monday 19 July **Playgroup recommences** (fingers crossed)!

Tuesday 20 July School Photo Day

Monday 26 July Education Week begins

Friday 30 July Education Week Open Day / RFS Visit 1pm-2pm



From the classrooms

Cockatoos' Call

After a busy 10 weeks of learning, our Cockatoos are nearing the end of term, and excited for their holiday breaks. It is wonderful to look back over the term and see how hard all of the Cockatoos have been working.

Awesome Authors - Over the past 2 weeks, the Cockatoos have been wrapping up their persuasive writing for the term with letters to their 'chairs' of all things. The Cockatoo Classroom chairs QUIT last week and refused to be used until the students wrote a letter to them explaining why they should allow them to use them again. What fun they had as they wrote on the floor, under tables, and used pillows as seats for the day.



POWER Time - With so much being learned around our 'R' of respect in the Cockatoo Classroom this term, we took a moment to reflect this fortnight and refocus on the key messages this term. All of the Cockatoos are focusing on showing respect by reporting or sharing the positive and happy achievements of others in their class. We are all so lucky to have such kind, helpful and encouraging Cockatoos.

Magnificent Mathematicians - in the Cockatoo Classroom our mathematicians have been revising the key topics of the term - counting on and back, place value, and additive and subtraction strategies. 'Math warm ups' and 'Number of the Day' have been introduced in the Cockatoos classroom over the past 2 weeks in readiness for next terms daily number and daily math concept practice. Our Cockatoos have been showing great enthusiasm as they warm up their Math Brains and build confidence.



Athletics Carnival - While the Athletics Carnival was cancelled mid-carnival last Friday, we were all very proud of the fantastic efforts from all of the Cockatoos in the events they participated in. Their tremendous efforts in representing Somerton in a happy, polite manner, was commendable.

Classroom Visitors - this term we have been lucky to have our friendly Stripes visit on a regular daily basis. However, this past fortnight he was overshadowed by a new visitor. 'Bro' the kangaroo. Thanks to the Kneipp family for bringing in your new family member for a visit.

We are ready for a very exciting end to the school term, with a fun Friday planned to celebrate the achievements of the term. If any of the Cockatoos have any fun board games that they would like to play with their friends on Friday, please feel free to send them along.

ALSO... a big reminder that this Friday is 'Pyjama Day' (optional). So, Cockatoos, please remember your warm slippers, dressing gowns and your favourite PJs. Who knows your teachers may even surprise you with their pyjamas too.

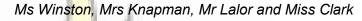


From the classrooms

Cockatoos' Call cont'd

Mrs Winston, Mrs Knapman, Miss Clark, Mrs Markwick, and Mr Lalor say a BIG thank you to all of the Cockatoos for their cheerful, respectful attitudes this term. May all of your families have a wonderful, safe holiday break.

















From the classrooms

King Parrots' Chatter

WOW what a huge term for the King Parrots. We have been concentrating on writing extended sentences and gaining our confidence when reading out aloud.

We also had a number excursions which bought back some normality to our school life.

We visited our neighbouring school Carroll to listen to instrumental music by the visiting orchestral musicians from Armidale Conservatorium of Music. The kids were fascinated with these players.

We also visited the Tamworth Gallery and participated in dyeing and creating printed pieces of material out of natural resources. The kids also used kitchen food to dye fabric and create Aboriginal cave hand prints which turned out fantastically.

Finally our Athletics Carnival saw nearly all of the King Parrots participate in every running race. Lots of 1sts,

2nds and 3rds. A proud moment for all.

Mrs Penberthy and Mrs Markwick

























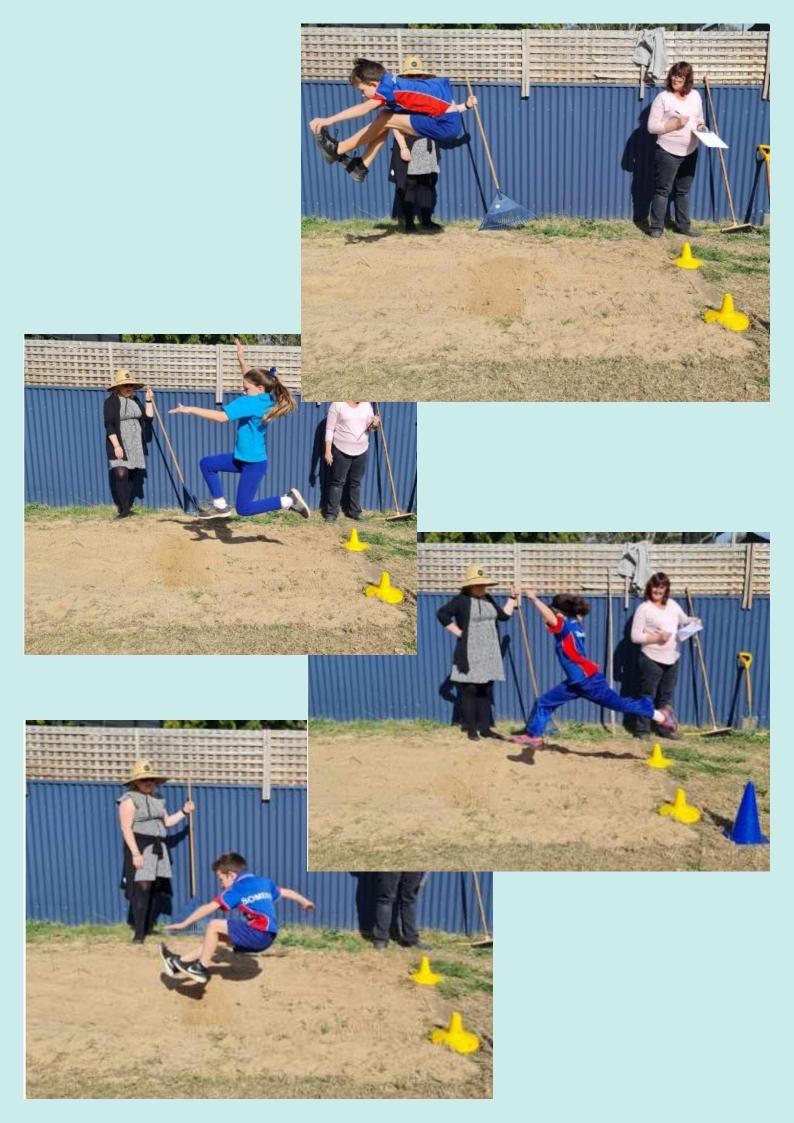


























Noticeboard





Photo Day

School Photo Day is next term Tuesday, 20th July (Week 2).

Students need to wear full Winter school uniform.

Please return your personalised envelopes to the school on or before photo day

whether or not you are ordering photos.



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IBA × BNSW HOLIDAY CLINICS

JOIN US FOR BASKETBALL SKILLS, GAMES & FUN!

Date	Location	Activity	Time 10AM - 2PM		
Sunday, 27th June	Dubbo	Camp			
Monday, 28th June	Narromine	Coaching Clinic	1PM - 4PM		
Monday, 28th June	Tamworth	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Tuesday, 29th June	Shoalhaven	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Wednesday, 30th June	Illawarra	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Wednesday, 30th June	Coffs Harbour	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Wednesday, 30th June	Byron	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Thursday, 1st July	Taree	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Thursday, 1st July	Ballina	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Thursday, 1st July	Griffith	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Friday, 2nd July	Wagga	Camp	9:30AM - 3PM		
Monday, 5th July	Tamworth	Coaching Clinic	1PM - 4PM		
Wednesday, 7th July	Inverell	Coaching Clinic	1PM - 4PM		

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS . NO COST . REGISTER: BNSW.COM.AU/WHATSON

Basketball NSW has teamed up with Indigenous Basketball Australia to co-deliver numerous free basketball camps and introduction to basketball coaching clinics this upcoming school holidays.

Appropriate for ages 7-21 years of age, no matter if you are just starting out or already know your way around a basketball court.

These one-day coaching clinics are also suitable for all ages & skill levels, a great way to learn the fundamentals of coaching in an introductory environment.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqui Dover our Indigenous, Cultural & Linguistically Diverse Program Manager jacqui.dover@bnsw.com.au or call 8765 8555.



Mon 28 Jun -

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

Hosted by Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council







BUMBIRA



Pickup Locations.

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

For Registration forms or more

Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council on 02 6766 9028 or admin@tamworthlalc.com.au

Registrations close

Wednesday 23 June 2021



Somerton P & C News

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Pie Drive Collection Date: Wednesday 28th July 2021