



# THE GOORA GAZETTE



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# Ms Winston's Message

## Brrrr...Winter is here!

With the colder weather and winter upon us, it is imperative that our students dress accordingly. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the conditions and at least has a warm jumper. Whilst maintaining school uniform is very important, if your child has a jacket or coat that will combat this cold snap, it is fine to use them. In addition, on extremely cold/wet days, if your child would like to bring slippers to wear indoors, they may. I cannot stand the thought of students sitting in wet shoes and socks all day!

## Bective Athletics Carnival

The Bective Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 18 June. All Somerton students will be attending, and giving their all, in running, jumping and throwing events. A permission note and more information will be coming home soon. We will also be looking for some parent helpers on the day, so save the date – we'd love to have you spend the day with us!

## Excursions

At the time of writing, the King Parrots are participating in the HOME Project being run by the Tamworth Art Gallery. They are taking part in an eco-dyeing and language culture workshop. Also, as part of the project, every student has created a piece of art, based on the work of artist Brook Andrew. These will form part of an exhibition in the gallery later in the year. I have seen the artworks by the King Parrots, and they are fantastic! Well done!

This Friday, all students will be attending the Chamber



Music in Schools event at Carroll Public School. Students will have the opportunity to learn about musical instruments and take part in an interactive live music performance. Permission notes went home on Tuesday afternoon and need to be returned by Friday morning (11 June) please.

## Cross Country Update

Huge congratulations to Braxton and Jye who represented Somerton PS at the Zone Cross Country carnival on Thursday 27 May. They finished 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> respectively, out of very large race fields. Well done boys. We are so proud of you and your efforts!

## Attendance Matters

Just a quick reminder, that if your child is absent from school, you must provide a reason for the absence within seven days. This will ensure that your child's absence is not marked "unexplained-unjustified". A note, phone call, or email to the school office is sufficient. For prolonged absences, especially if your child has been unwell, a doctor's certificate would be appreciated. Thank you for your support of this matter.



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

## Mufti Day for End of Term

As a special treat for such a great term, Friday 25 June will be a Pyjama Mufti Day. Students may come to school in their pyjamas for a gold coin donation. We will send a reminder note closer to the day.

## Important Dates:

- 11 June Performance at Carroll PS
- 14 June Queen's Birthday Holiday (you can have the day off from school!)
- 18 June Bective Athletics Carnival
- 25 June Pyjama Mufti Day – Last Day of Term 2
- 12 July Staff Development Day (Staff Only)
- 13 July First day for Term 3 for students



# From the classrooms....

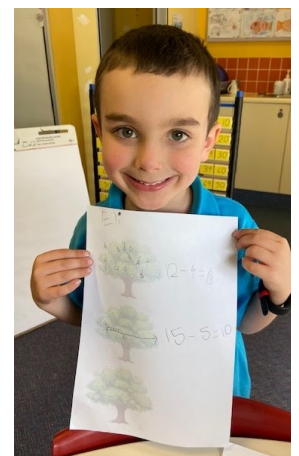
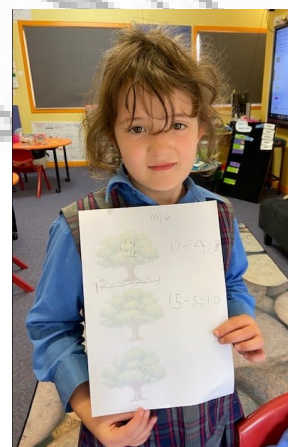
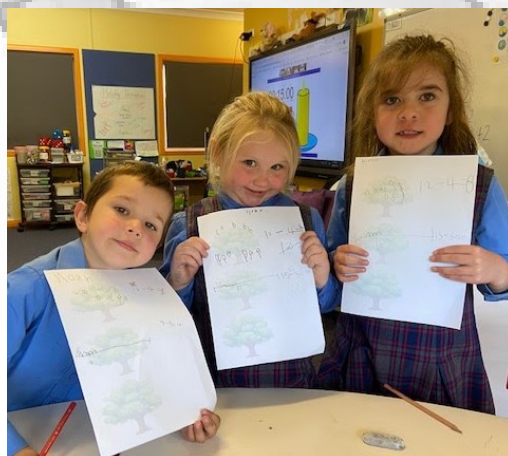
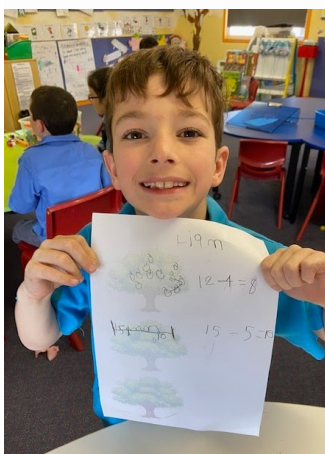
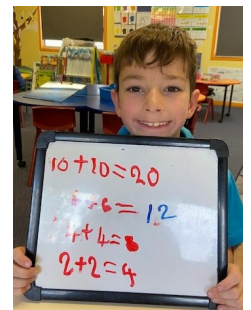
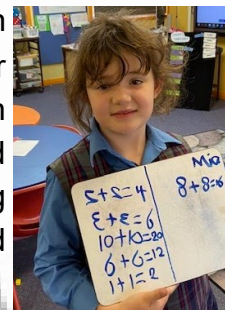
## Cockatoos' Call

Over the past 2 weeks, the cockatoos have been very busy learning to show appreciation and kindness. During writing, all of the Cockatoos have been showing great pride in their ideas and vocab choices. The focus has been around 'descriptive' writing and so they have all had fun coming up with interesting words to build onto their ideas. The year 2/3's have been busy building their publishing/typing skills with their letters to be sent out in the next fortnight.

**POWER Time** - The Cockatoos have continued to explore the 'R' of Power – RESPECT over the past 2 weeks, with a focus on 'Speaking and Acting Respectfully'. Many of the students have been busy filling others' buckets with kindness and positive thoughts by caring for others, making others smile, and being helpful helpers. The context for this came from the wonderful story, 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' by Carol McCloud. It is so wonderful to always see such positive attitudes from all of our wonderful Cockatoos.



**Magnificent Mathematicians** - in the Cockatoo Classroom our mathematicians have been exploring 3D shapes, addition and subtracting strategies, and building confidence in their doubles and friends of 10 facts.



# From the classrooms....

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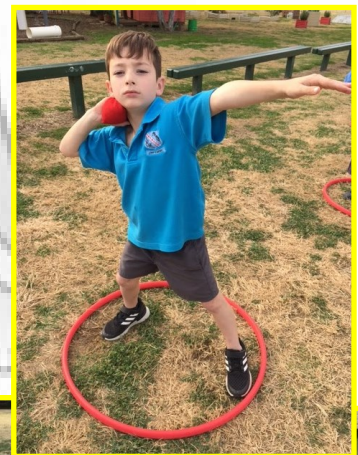
Ms Winston was most upset when our clever Cockatoos continued to beat her in their 'building towers' activity, where they used their additive strategies to strategically build their towers before Ms Winston.

**Athletics Practice** - With the athletics carnival coming up very soon the Cockatoos have been learning all about the fun and exciting techniques they can use across the activities.

We are glad to see majority of our class are feeling healthy and happy after the recent illnesses floating about, however we do ask that everyone remembers to bring their jumpers, warm items and their own hats as the weather will only continue to get more chilly as the weeks go on, and we have a big focus on using our own items, and not sharing clothing items.

Ms Winston, Mrs Knapman, Miss Clark, Mrs Markwick, and Mr Lalor, say a BIG thank you to all of the Cockatoos for their positive, helpful attitudes over the past 2 weeks.

*Ms Winston, Mrs Knapman, Mr Lalor and Miss Clark*



# From the classrooms....

## King Parrots' Chatter

### STEM

Over the past two weeks we have been learning about how crystals grow, our crystal experiment through our STEM program was a great success with the students loving looking at the progress of their crystals every day.

### MATHEMATICS

Fractions have been on our minds with all the students being enthralled with how fractions can be equivalent with other same sized fractions. We even had to work out how to cut our pizza up into equal sixteenths to share among us all when we had our positive King Parrots class reward.

We have also been learning about volume, capacity and mass. All students have loved using the marbles to weigh different items within the classroom and most managed to fill up our 2 litre bottles of water gradually by adding 100mls at a time.

### WRITING

Finally after some very impressive persuasive writing, King Parrots now get the opportunity to play on the play equipment on alternate days. Well done to the King Parrots' students who were very convincing and were able to persuade Ms Winston into allowing this to happen.

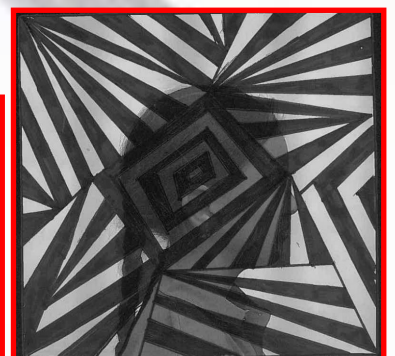
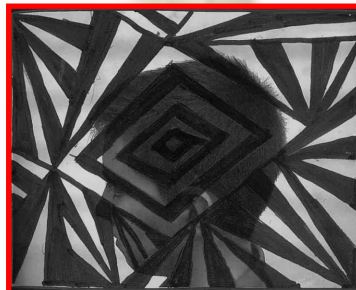
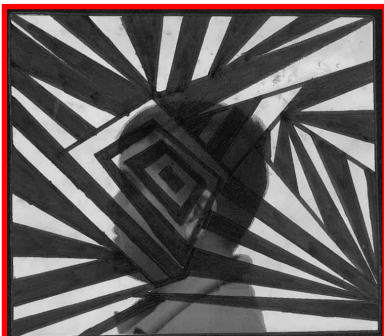
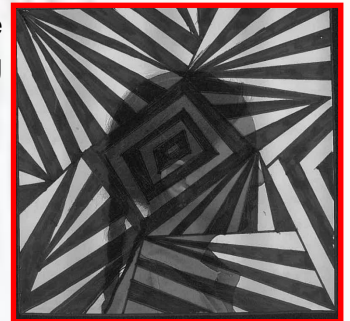
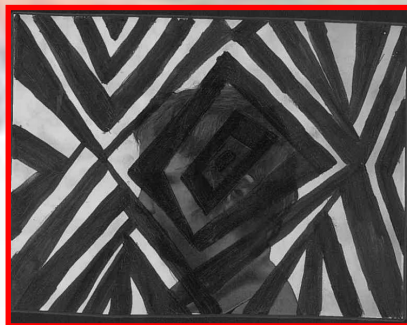
Mr Lalor has been gearing the kids up for the Athletics Carnival and teaching the students the correct way to jump, run and change batters for the relay. Thank you Mr Lalor for this assistance.



### SEESAW

Over the past term, we have been using SEESAW to show our parents how much we do in class. Kids are now starting to upload their own work and videos. PLEASE log onto the SEESAW app and like or comment on these uploads.

*Mrs Penberthy and Mrs Markwick*





# Noticeboard



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## 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.**

The School  
Photographer

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# 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 28 Jun — Fri 2 Jul

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  
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Registrations close:  
**Wednesday 23 June 2021**