

Somersby Snippets

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Term 3—Week 4

11/08/2016

School Calendar

Term 3 2016



August 12	Small Schools' Athletics
August 16	Year 6 Meeting 3pm
August 17	KMHS Science Day—Stage 3
August 19	Kulnura PS Olympics Day
August 22-26	Book Fair
August 25	School Public Speaking
August 26	BW Athletics
August 30	Beach Smart Talks Soccer 5's
September 1	Central Coast Public Speaking
September 12	Sydney North Athletics
September 14-16	Yr 5/6 Canberra Excursion
September 21	Premier's Spelling Bee
September 22	Soccer Final
September 23	Term 3 Last Day

Principal's News

Education Week

What a wonderful week we had last week celebrating Education. I would like to thank the many parents, grandparents and family members who made it along to our Open Day last Friday. It was lovely to see so many visitors at our school (especially when we had all been so sick all week) and it is a fantastic testament to the support our students and school receive from the community.

Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation

Next Monday afternoon, schools from across the Gosford and Wyong Networks of schools gather to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of both community members and staff in public education.

Somersby Public School are able to nominate two people, and this year the nominees are Mr Mitchell for his service to our school and to Ryan McKendrick for coaching the soccer and athletics teams and for helping in the classroom. I'm sure will join with me in thanking our two award recipients.

Small Schools' Athletics

Best of luck to the following students who will be competing in the Small School's Athletics tomorrow at Mingara:

Archy, Tate, Aron, Dilon, Olivia, Jessica, Alexander, Rachel, Adam, Odin, Sunny, Noah, Cody, Sam, Dane, Jack, Ali, Addison, Ruby, Charles, Laura, Elsie, Brayden, Maggie, Emmerson, Reiley, Gryffyn, Hayley, Charlotte, Angelo, Kiah.

A few reminders for the day :

- Students will need to be at the track by 8:30am (8:20am if they are a 800m runner)
- All students should wear their school sports shirt (or Year 6 t-shirt) and their school hat (skins or running shorts are fine for the day). We ask for school shirts and hats as we are extremely proud of our school and our competitors and we would like everyone to know where they come from!
- A BBQ will run on the day (thank you to those who can help with this) and the canteen will be open for snacks.
- Track events take preference over field events.
- Students will need to listen carefully to all announcements so not to miss their event (events will NOT be re-run).
- At the conclusion of their events, students are able to leave with their parents, before they do so they will need to see Mrs Gowans to have their names marked off.
- Our school area will need to be kept tidy throughout the day.
- Students are not permitted inside the fence unless they are competing.

Good luck everyone!

P & C

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Uniform Shop

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8.45am-9.15am

Mrs Pia Cartwright

Email:

pwcp Plumbing Pty Ltd@bigpond.com



Canteen 11/08/16

Fried Rice \$4.00

Pizza - Hawaiian or

Supreme \$4.00

Quote of the Day

***"To speak kindly does
not hurt the tongue."***

Proverb

**School Security
Number**

1300 880 021

*The community
acknowledges
traditional custodians of
the land on which the
school is located.*

Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM)

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 19th August 2016. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Kirsty Squires

5/6

There is a Year 6 meeting 16th August at 3pm. Please meet at the picnic benches. We will be discussing the year book, fundraising and the gift for the school.

Hope to see you all there!

Kylie Gowans

K/1

From next Thursday (18th August) K/1 will be enjoying gymnastics lessons on Thursday mornings. This means our normal parent helper session will be postponed until the gymnastics program is complete. We will continue to run numeracy sessions on Tuesday mornings with parent helpers if anyone is available to lend a hand.

Don't forget K/1 speeches are to be presented during week 5. I'm looking forward to it.

Jade Cranstone

P&C News

Gift-wrapping for Fathers' Day stall, Friday, August 19

On Friday next week, we'll be holding a gift-wrapping session to get ready for the Father's Day stall. If you're able to help with this, it will be at 2pm in the old classroom. Come a little early to pick your children up from school, meet with a few other parents and the job will be done in no time at all!

Service your car and support the Somersby Cookbook and multipurpose court

Please remember to support the local businesses which are getting behind us: David's Tyre & Auto at West Gosford has generously offered to donate half the value of labour on any vehicle service when customers mention the cookbook and multipurpose court project. David's Tyre & Auto is at 3/8 Dyer Cr, West Gosford.

Next meeting , Monday, September 5

The next P&C meeting will be at 7pm in the school library on Monday, September 5.

School Banking Term 3 Competition

Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights

Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more deposits during Term 3, you'll also have a chance to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.



CANTEEN SPECIAL
Friday 11/08/16

Fried Rice	\$4.00
Pizza - Hawaiian or Supreme	\$4.00

Please specify your child's choices and have orders in Wednesday morning.



Thanks,



Tate

TERM DATES **2016**

TERM 3:

Commences: July 19

Ends: September 23

TERM 4:

Commences: Oct 10

Ends: December 16

NOTES DUE

***Small Schools
Athletics Carnival**

***KMHS Stage 3
Science Day**

***Year 5/6 Canberra
Medical and
Consent notes,
Payment Plans**

***Kulnura
Olympics Day**

**Notes and Lunch
orders due
tomorrow**

Somersby School

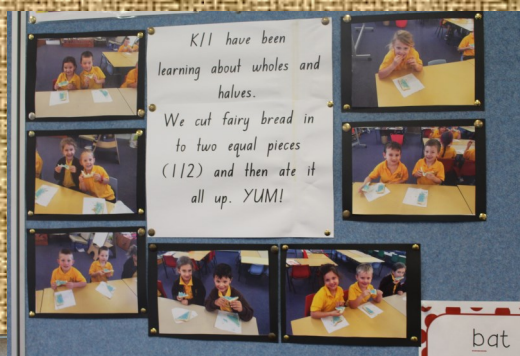
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**Please visit the school office
if you or child would like to
purchase
one**



EDUCATION WEEK



Fun Fun Fun



You are invited to the Kariong Mountains LMG Science expo evening

When: Wednesday 17th August 2016

Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

Where: Kariong Mountains High School – Lower C-Block near front of school

Features:

- Show case of Young Scientist Awards- years 7-9
- Show case of Primary school exhibits
- Show case of Science displays from the High School
- Awarding of Certificates for Young Scientist Awards

TEA, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE available for purchase on the evening.
We hope to see you there to this annual event that has become a feature of the Kariong Mountains Learning Community.

Bazza's Pet Shack

7-8 / 10 GRIEVE ROAD WEST GOSFORD

4325 2915

CATERING FOR ALL YOUR PET NEEDS

Mice – Horses

Fresh Beef, Chicken & Kangaroo packed on site,
Bones, Dry Food, Treats, Accessories, Grains, Seeds
and More. Loyalty Program & Discounts Galore...

Come to our Re Opening

Saturday 13th August 10am – 2pm

Free Sausage Sizzle, Specials, Balloons for the kids,
Treats for the pets, photographer, Samples, RSPCA &
Greyhound Adoption agencies. Lucky Customer Draw
& Much Much More... Come & Join the Fun !!!!