



# Somersby Snippets

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Term 1- Week 1

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## Term 1 2020

Jan 30	Kindergarten's first day
Feb 11	Bookmobile
Feb 12	SPS Swimming Carnival
Feb 24	P & C Meeting 7pm—Library
Feb 24	Scripture lessons Commence
Feb 27	Small School Swimming Carnival



### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

What a wonderful start to the year we've had. A very warm welcome to our 10 new Kindergarten students and their families: Enyah, Spencer, Boston, Jesse, Phoenix, Ava, Charlie, Leila, Sophie and Indi-Maree. We would also like to welcome Griffin in Year 3 and his family to our school. We know you will all love it here as much as we do!

### 2020 Classes and Staff

Our classes for this year are as follows:

K/1 – Mrs Cranstone in the wooden classroom

2/3/4 – Mrs Gowans – new demountable

5/6 – Miss Kensey – upstairs classroom

Miss Ebert will continue to work two days per week with all classes for RFF (Release from Face-to-Face) and will run library and technology lessons. She will also run Tech Club again during lunchtimes for those children who are interested.

Mrs Comensoli is our School Administration Manager and First Aid Officer.

Our School Learning Support Officers are Nicky Ward and Mandy Atkins who will continue to work here 5 days per week.

Geoff Ward will continue on as our General Assistant and Mr Starkey as our cleaner.

### Bell Times

This year we are trialing a new bell timetable and lunchtime time procedures for the first few weeks (**the start and finish times for the day remain the same**) which are as follows:

**8:30 – 9am** – morning duty

**9 – 11am** – morning session

**11 – 11:45am** – lunch (11 – 11:30am play/11:30 – 11:45am eating time)

**11:45 – 1:20pm** – middle session

**1:20 – 1:40pm** – afternoon tea (1:20 – 1:30 play/1:30 – 1:40pm eating time)

**1:40 – 1:50pm** – afternoon session

We are hoping these new times will allow for a more equitable distribution of class time and encourage a settled start to class after each break.

## P & C

### Contact information

somersbypandc@gmail.com

### Uniform Shop

#### Opening Hours:

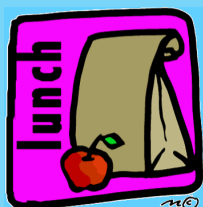
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Fridays:

8.30am—9.30am

#### Contact:

Mandy - 0410317438



## No Canteen

Will advise with information next week.

## Quote of the Day

**“Creativity takes courage” ~  
Henri Matisse**

**School Security  
Number**

**1300 880 021**

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

## Building Update

Over the holidays you may have noticed lots of work being done around the school grounds. We now have a new demountable classroom installed which will have the finishing touches completed in the near future ready for 2/3/4 to move in.

We have also had the stairs outside the upstairs classroom painted, new anti-slip strips installed on the stairs, a new door to the P&C shed put on, new ramp access to the hall and ramp access to the stage in the hall completed.

The school has also had a path built through the sculpture garden and we are looking forward to planting new plants and building some sensory equipment to install in there.

We are extremely proud that our school's facilities have been improved to create an inclusive environment for all.

## Book Packs

A huge thank you to everyone who has purchased their child's book pack so promptly. This will enable classes to start their normal class programs quickly. For those who have not, these can be purchased from the office.

## School Swimming Carnival

Our annual school swimming carnival will be held this year on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of February** (which is coming up soon). We have sent home permission notes today for students K-6 and we are asking for these to be **returned by Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**. Travel will be by bus.

This is one of our favourite days and includes activities for students of all swimming abilities, including wading pool and across the pool races. Parents are more than welcome to come along and help/support on the day.

**Students who qualify for the Small School's Swimming Carnival will compete on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> of February with the Zone carnival to be held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Uniform/Canteen News

Mandy McCrone has kindly offered to take on the Uniform Shop this year for the P&C and will now run it on Friday mornings from 8:30 – 9am. A big thank you for taking this on.

**We are urgently looking for an interested parent/s to take over the running of the P&C canteen** as Mrs Brown's work commitments have changed and she is no longer able to run it. We thank her for her many years of support to the school, raising over \$2500 for the P&C last year alone.

If you are interested please contact me. It would come with lots of support and is a wonderful resource for our families, it would be devastating to see it go into recess this year.

## 2020 School Band

We are extremely lucky to have Mrs Heaney continue on with our school concert band this year. Band tutorials and rehearsals will be held on Tuesday mornings and are open to any student in Years 3—6. If you are interested in your child participating please contact the school for further information. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students!

### Mobile Phone Policy

If your child is bringing a mobile phone to school they will be sent home a Mobile Phone Policy for you to read and sign. All phones are to be taken to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. Your help and support in this matter will be greatly appreciated

Kirsty Squires

### OFFICE NEWS

Welcome back everyone! Following are a few reminders about office procedures:

#### **Newsletters & Notes**

Newsletters, permission notes, receipts, P&C notices, etc will again be sent home on **Thursdays** this year. Please check your child's bag to ensure you don't miss out on notes & important information. **If our new families would prefer to receive a copy of the newsletter via email please let the office know.**

Completed permission notes and money can be placed in the letterbox in the office foyer. Please **do not** hand money to teachers.

#### **Book Packs for 2020**

If you haven't yet purchased your student book packs (K-6) they are available from the school office. Cost is **\$40.00** per student. These packs are designed by our teaching staff so that all student work books are consistent throughout each year group. Included in this cost is a provision for additional books used in the classroom throughout the year, paper, consumables and stationery. Payment can be made at the office or you can pay online, via our school website, if it is more convenient.

#### **Gosford Library Bookmobile**

The library bus will be visiting once a month this year during school terms. The first visit is scheduled for **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** February from 10-11am. This visit will include story time with a librarian. Application forms to join Gosford Library are available from the school office.

#### **Contact Details & Medical Information**

Remember to let us know if there have been any changes to your phone numbers or those of your emergency contacts. If your child has had any recent changes to their asthma or medical plans it is also important to let us know so we can update our records. Thank you.

#### **Absences**

Partial Absences: If your child arrives late to school (after 9am) they **must** be signed in at the office. This also applies if students leave school early or attend appointments during the school day.

Whole Day Absences: You are required to send an explanation in writing when your child returns to school. You can also do this by sending an email to:

[somersby-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:somersby-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or via the Skoolbag app. If an absence is likely to exceed 2 days a phone call to the school would be appreciated. If you plan to be away on holidays during a school term, a **Planned Absence Form** must be completed. These forms are available from the office.

Letters are generated and sent home regarding any unexplained absences.

Jo Comensoli

## **TERM DATES 2020**

**TERM : 1  
Commences:**

**28th/29th January  
(Students & Staff)  
Ends: 9th April**

**“TUCKSHOP  
DAY” - Will  
resume on  
Tuesday the 11th  
of Feb.**

### **REMINDERS**

**Book Packs for all  
children are  
available in the  
office**

**Gosford Library  
returns next week  
(bookmobile)**

**Environment Vegie  
Cart will resume on  
further notice**

**Student 's Banking  
is on Thursday's Day**



## **Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure with - School Banking!**

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings adventure and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2020, School Banking is taking children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings.

There are **8 new reward items for 2020** from the Treetop Savers range:

Terry Denton's Activity Book

Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)

Treetop Stationary Set

Treetop Handball

Tomato Seed Kit

Magic Mist Drink Bottle

Emoji Wallet

Snakes & Ladders Game

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

**School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to hand your bank book to your teacher for collection/ directly to the office**

**Our first banking day for 2020 will be Next Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> February.**

If you would like to know more about the School Banking program please visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Information packs will be sent home shortly



*A wonderful and warm belated  
Happy Birthday*

**William, Lucy, Madeleine  
Jax, Connor, John,  
Sienna, Cameron, Zach,  
Madelyn, Alba & Ben**

