Mrs Bishop's Message

We have reached the end of Term 1. Hasn’t the last 11 weeks just flown by? Our students have settled into our school routine very quickly & I love seeing & hearing how engaged the students are in their work. Many thanks goes to our wonderful parents for supporting their children throughout the term, ensuring they are in correct uniform & arriving at school on time. Our students have not only been busy working in class; through their SRC groups we are now seeing more planned lunchtime activities organised by the students themselves. These include treasure hunts & group games. Mrs Chiswell, our school chaplain has been working over the term to get our vegie gardens up & running with the help of our students.

P&C News

Don’t forget our P&C AGM TOMORROW Wednesday 8 April @ 4.30pm in the school library.
We would love to see as many parents & community members at the meeting.

Easter Hat Parade
This Friday 11th April (last day Term 1) we will be having some Easter Celebrations including:

- Easter Hat Parade
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Games

Parents & the community are welcome to join us for our celebrations. The morning will begin @ 9:30am & morning tea will start @ 11am. It would be appreciated if you could bring some morning tea to share if you are attending.

@ The Movies this Friday

The students have been reading ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ by Roald Dahl & are going to be viewing the movie on Friday. If you do NOT want your child to view this movie, please contact the school as soon as possible.
**Easter Scripture Service**
During scripture on Thursday @ 2pm, the students will be walking to the church for a special Easter Service. All welcome.

**Anzac Day – Friday 25th April, 2014**
Don’t forget our Anzac Day March on Friday 25th March. It would be wonderful to see all of our students join in the march. Students who do march will need to be in **full school winter uniform**.

The 2014 ANZAC Day service will commence with a march that will leave Somerton Public School at 8:00 am. Participants in the march will assemble at the school at 7:50 am. The march will proceed to the Somerton War Memorial Hall, where the commemorative services will be held.

Members of the public, representatives from schools & other organisations are invited, & indeed encouraged, to lay wreaths at this service.

**Term Dates**
Term 1 – Ends on Friday 11th April 2014

Term 2 – Staff Development Day (SDD) will be on Sunday 27th April & Monday 28th April in Inverell for staff. Staff will be attending the Small Schools Conference. Please note that there will be **no staff** at school on Monday 28th April. **Students return on Tuesday 29th April**.

**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. **Find out more:**

**Playgroup**
Have you seen our flyers around about our new playgroup that is coming to Somerton PS?
Our playgroup is due to start next term on Thursday 8th May from 9:30am.

**Old Magazines**
The school is in need of any old magazines you may have at home. It would be appreciated if you could send them into school for students to use.
This course is for community members and parents to learn about how to support kids in the classroom.

Where: Somerton Public School
When: Term 2 on Thursdays @ 9:30am

Come and have a chat and a cuppa to find out more!!!

All parents and community welcome

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