A message from the Relieving Principal,

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Over the past week has been very busy. Our staff have displayed great teamwork. I thank the staff for all their efforts coordinating the Backtrack teams, resources and equipment during the modifications to our playground. Our students worked well in Stage groups during our combined schools day on Monday. Students from Attunga and Carroll Schools joined our school in learning about keeping safe during their visit to the Life Education Van, Asthma Clinic and Sporting program. All students represented their school with pride and they all made new friendships with student from different schools. Even Healthy Harold was impressed.
Due to unforeseen circumstances our PLP meetings will commence next week. A note will be attached to this newsletter.

I wish all our competitors all the best with their Cross Country Races on Friday. Thank you to the teachers and parents for volunteering to transport some of our students to the event. If your child is travelling with another adult please complete the form and return it to school prior to Friday.

I apologise for having the school’s heading incorrect on last weeks newsletter. Thanks to Mrs Cupples for spotting the typo. It has now been rectified.

I wish all our mothers a Happy Mother’s Day on Sunday. I hope you have a lovely day.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Shanyn Worley
Principal (Relieving)

**Important Information**

**Mother’s Day Raffle**

Tickets ($1 each) are due back to the school, the raffle will be draw on this Thursday 7th May.
Prize winners will be notified this Friday
Prizes are: 1st-Flowers & Chocolates; 2nd-Skin Products; 3rd-Chocolates.

**Modifications to the Playground**

The School pond area has been filled in and the fence removed allowing for a safer playground for the students. The Backtracks team from Armidale worked extremely hard during the day to assist our school to complete the playground projects.

![Modifications to the Playground](image1)

**Small Schools Cross Country @ Moonbi**

This Friday 8th May is the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival at Moonbi Public School. A permission note has gone home, if you have not done so can this note please be returned asap. A list of food items available from the canteen has been attached to this newsletter.

Can parents please send in orders for the canteen please to help Moonbi PS cater for the students. Payment can be made on the day.
In the Kitchen
Our students made mini pizzas during cooking this week. They thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills about dividing ingredients into equal shares and how to use a cutting knife safely when cutting slicing meats. All students enjoyed eating their pizzas.
Please remember to send in $1 per week for the cooking and gardening program or you may pay the lump sum of $10 for the term.

Book Club
Book Club has gone home today with your eldest child. Issue 3, 2015 orders & payment must be returned to school by Friday 29th May 2015 in an envelope with your child’s name clearly marked on it. This month is “Read More in May Month”, a reading log for May has gone home with each student. You have a chance to win $250 worth of book vouchers.

For Sale
John Deere Ride-on Lawn Mower (second-hand) is available for purchase from the school. To make an offer and find out more information please contact the school on Tuesdays or Fridays.

Mystery Garden
The students are busy during recess and lunch times designing gardens and decorating the cubby house with the flowers and ornaments from the ‘Mystery Garden Kit’

Small School Art Show
Our students will be entering artworks in to the Small School Art show held at Currabubula School on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th May, 2015. You are welcome to visit the art show. It is a lovely day out!

Winter Uniform
The weather is cooling down and students are required to wear their winter uniform. If you need assistance please contact the school.
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The students will be able to use the newly created ‘Mystery Garden Kit’ to design magical gardens using small figurines and flowers during recess and lunchtimes.

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Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)
At Somerton we aim to keep ties between home and school strong to help maximise student learning. One way we ensure this is through meeting with parents and caregivers each term to discuss student progress and development. Our next PLPs will be during week 3. A note will sent home soon.