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Ms Wolski's Message

Dear Somerton Public School Community,

I hope this message finds you well! As we move forward into an exciting term, I want to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to all our students, families, and staff. Whether you are returning or new to our school, we are thrilled to have you as part of the Somerton PS family.

Our school is a place where curiosity, creativity, and collaboration thrive. This term, we have an exciting lineup of learning experiences, events, and opportunities that will continue to inspire our students to reach their full potential. From engaging classroom activities to special school-wide initiatives, we are committed to fostering a positive and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and supported.

I encourage you to stay connected with us through this newsletter, as well as our school website, School Bytes app and social media channels. Please use the school email address:

somerton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to contact staff members. Your involvement plays a crucial role in making our school a vibrant and dynamic place for learning. Together, we can ensure that every student at Somerton PS has a rewarding and successful school experience.

Thank you for your ongoing support - I look forward to a fantastic term ahead!



Warm regards,

Crista Wolski

Acting Principal, Somerton Public School

SCHOOL BYTES

If you are new to the school and have not yet signed up to the School Bytes Parent Portal, please do ASAP. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

For step by step instructions on setting up your Parent Portal, please [click here](#)

You can also download the School Bytes parent app here:

App Store - <https://appss.applecomm/usapp/school-bytes/id6463097826>

Google Play - <https://playgooglecomm/storeappss/details?id=educationschoolbytess>

What is Coming in my School Bytes Parent Portal?

- Online permissions to excursions
- Annual online General Permissions for walking around Somerton, publishing student work and photos.
- Special Religious Education/Other meaningful activities participation form
- Online Services and Third Party Software permission form
- Invoices (as needed)



Ms Wolski's

Message Continued.....

- Calendar with upcoming school events
- Fortnightly newsletter via Parent Newsfeed

Department of Education NSW Resources Below

Community Complaint Procedures

Principals need to remind the school community that they can find information on making a complaint in the:

[Community complaint procedures](#)

P&C Association News

What is a P&C Association?

Parents and Citizens (P&C) Associations are vital not-for-profit organisations supporting public schools in New South Wales.

They are a group consisting of parents and citizens in a school community, whose purpose is to assist the school and promote the interests of the entire school community.

The Education Act 1990 lays out the objectives of a P&C Association:

- to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation, and
- to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school, and
- to encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other education issues in



schools where there is no school council.

What do P&C Associations do?

P&C Associations work in close partnership with their school to achieve the best possible outcomes for students and other stakeholders in the school community. P&C Associations typically consult with the parent community, students, and school staff to identify the main needs of the school, and plan accordingly how best to meet those needs.

Some common things P&C Associations do to support their school may include:

- Operating the school canteen, school uniform shop, outside school hours care, or school band program.
- Providing equipment, resources and facilities to the school.
- Applying for grants or fundraising to cover the costs of a project at the school.
- Hosting events ranging from fetes, market days, discos, and many more.
- Running a school building fund for the construction or maintenance of a school building.
- Supplying a parent representative on merit selection panels for vacant jobs at the school, or sitting on tender panels to select a provider or business to operate on school grounds.

Save the Date: First P&C Meeting for 2025: All Welcome! Thursday, Feb 27th 5pm.



**Day 1,
2025**











Get set for healthy snacks!

Healthy snacks are important to keep kid's energy levels up and meet their nutritional needs.

Choose snacks based on vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese, yoghurt, wholegrain breads, crackers and cereals.

Some tips to make choosing healthy snacks easy:

-  Include a vegetable and fruit snack each day.
-  Keep a range of healthy snacks in the fridge and pantry e.g. vegetables, fruit, pikelets, popcorn, yoghurt and cheese.
-  Cut up vegetables and fruit so they are easier to grab for snacks during the week.
-  Get your kids to help prepare snacks.
-  Add vegetables into homemade snacks (muffins, scones and slices).
-  Show your kids you enjoy eating healthy snacks.



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat
each other
with
respect

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with Our Plan for NSW Public Education.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We
prioritise
the wellbeing
of all students
and staff

**Unsafe
behaviour**
is not acceptable
in our schools

We work
together
with the
school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
our part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:
education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative.
Respectful.
Communication.**

School Community Charter

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TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB 2025 SEASON REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

JOIN TAMWORTH FC FOR AN EXCITING 2025 SEASON!
We welcome players of all skill levels, from entry-level juniors to competitive youth and senior teams.

NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

ENTRY LEVEL (5-7 YRS)

JUNIOR LEVEL (8-11 YRS)

YOUTH LEVEL (12-14 YRS)

YOUTH LEVEL (15-16 YRS)

YOUTH PLAYING SENIORS (15-18 YRS)

Scan to learn more



www.tamworthfc.com.au/registration



COMMUNITY
CLASSIFIEDS



MOORAMBILLA VOICES

The Tamworth Con is excited to host **Moorambilla Voices** as part of a special workshop series in the Tamworth region.

Founder and Artistic Director, **Michelle Leonard OAM**, will deliver these inspiring workshops in early in 2025. Designed for school-aged students and offered free of charge, the workshops align with the Year 3-12 music syllabus. They are practical, joyful, and focus on building music literacy, singing, and body percussion skills.

Students who show exceptional promise during the workshops will be invited to join **Moorambilla Voices'** annual residency camps. Each year, 300 talented students travel to Baradine to sing, dance, compose, drum, draw, and connect with culture alongside like-minded peers.

In 2025, **Moorambilla Voices** proudly celebrates 20 extraordinary years. Over this time, the program has engaged more than 50,000 remarkable children and youth across western NSW.

For more, visit www.moorambilla.com.

Friday, 21 February | 4 pm

Chapel Theatre

Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music

1 hour



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TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

2025

Recruiting
ALL PLAYERS
for Under 12s -
Under 16s
2025 Season



Why Tamworth FC?

- Trained coaches
- Discounted rego fees*
- Shorts & socks included in rego costs*
- Training opportunities with our Premier League Teams for Under 14 - 16s
- Engaged & responsive committee

To register your
child's interest -
please scan the QR
code



*Discount & kit available only to Under 12s - Under 16 Players registering with TFC for the 2025 season



We are here! 8am to 12pm
On the 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays
of the month

Bicentennial Park, Tamworth
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