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educating hearts and minds

Ms Wolski's Message

Dear Somerton Public School Community,

As we welcome the arrival of autumn, I am excited to share some of the wonderful activities we are participating in.

One of the highlights was our participation in Clean Up Australia in Schools Day on February 28th. This initiative not only encourages our students to take pride in their local environment but also teaches them the importance of sustainability and community involvement. We worked as a team to clean up our school garden areas. We are learning about growing fruits and vegetables and working to collaboratively design and create a wonderful school garden space! We invite any interested community members to contact the school if you would like to join in with this initiative.

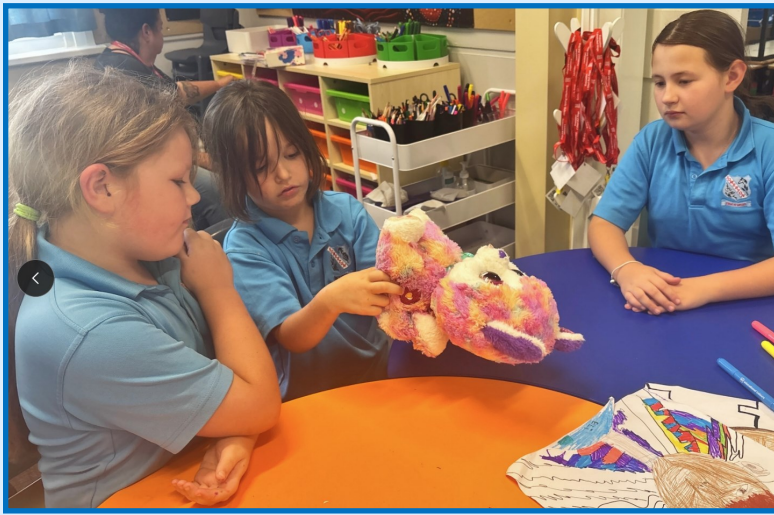
In addition to our community events, our science curriculum is in full swing, with a particular focus on the topic of forces. Our students are currently exploring the fascinating world of physics, learning about gravity, friction, and magnetism through hands-on experiments and engaging classroom discussions. We encourage parents to discuss these concepts at home and even try some simple experiments together!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Let's make this term a memorable one for our students!

Warm regards,

Crista Wolski





*Forces in Science and a very productive
"Clean up Australia Day".*



Upstanders

the best defence
against bullying



Speak out

words can hurt
and words can heal



Bystander to Upstander



**Build your
courage**



**Kindness
matters**

Tell your parents and tell your school.

Visit the Office of the eSafety Commissioner to learn more
about reporting online bullying. If you think added support
would help, call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.
It is free and private.

antibullying.nsw.gov.au

Somerton P & C News

March 5th - P&C Day!

The first Wednesday in March is P&C Day 🥳, and this year, on March 5, we're celebrating with the theme Together For School Communities 🤝. It's a chance to shine a light 🌟 on the incredible contributions of P&C Associations and the amazing volunteers who bring so much energy, heart, and dedication to our public school.

At their ❤️ heart, P&Cs are all about building community 🏡 and creating schools where everyone feels included 😊. They represent the voices of parents, carers, students, and staff, ensuring everyone has a seat at the table and a chance to contribute to the school's culture and direction. 📢

The P&C will be having a little Lolly hunt and some refreshments this afternoon to celebrate, everyone is welcome to join in and find out more information on how you can contribute.

P&C DAY 2025

**TOGETHER
FOR
SCHOOL
COMMUNITES**

Somerton P & C News

SOMERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

This form is to be completed by any person wishing to become a new member of the Somerton Public School P&C Association. The information collected on this form is only used internally by the P&C Association to contact members in regard to P&C Association meetings and events. The information will not be shared with other organisations in any way.

First Name		
Surname		
Title		
Contact Phone	Home:	
	Mobile:	
Contact email		
I am applying as a (please circle)	Parent Member <i>(You are a parent, guardian or carer of a student enrolled at the school)</i>	
	Citizen Member <i>(You do not have a child at the school but your primary residence is within the school enrolment area)</i>	
Are you an employee of the NSW Department of Education (please circle)	YES	NO
Do you wish your membership information to remain private?	YES	NO

I include payment of \$ to become a financial member of the Somerton Public School P&C Association.

I acknowledge that by becoming a member, I agree to abide by the Constitution, by-laws, rules, policies and procedures adopted by the Somerton Public School P&C Association.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Official Use Only

<i>Proof of residence has been sighted</i>	YES NO	Sighted by:
<i>Annual Subscription has been paid</i>	YES NO	Taken by:

From the Office

Stewart House - Donation Drive 2025

Stewart House donation envelopes have been sent home today.

A donation of only \$2.00 provides an entry into the draw for a chance to win a

Holiday Travel Voucher worth \$4000.

If you wish to enter the competition, please complete the entry form, enclose your donation and return the envelope to the school by

Friday, 9th May
(Week 2, Term 2)



Book Club

Scholastic Bookclub catalogues have been sent home today. If you would like to purchase any items from the current Book Club catalogue please complete the order form on the back page of the catalogue and return it to the school with the correct amount of cash or cheque by:

Friday, 21st March.

Alternatively orders may be placed online at:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Did you know that every purchase you make on Book Club earns our school 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards? We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for the school. It all helps!

STEWART HOUSE
CHARITY DRIVE

Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!
Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025


SCAN TO PAY ONLINE

Important:
Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.
Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.




Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

Friday Cricket 6-A-Side



Rego Link

Game Times:
4:00 PM & 5:00 PM

Game Duration:
50 minutes
Length: 6 weeks

Dates:
March 7, – April 11, 2025

Game Fee:
\$10 per week or \$50 for the full 6 weeks. No Registration Fee!

Age Group:
Boys & Girls aged 7 to 14



TASTE TAMWORTH FESTIVAL

4 – 13 April 2025

Experience our region on your plate



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CAPITAL OF COUNTRY

COMMUNITY
CLASSIFIEDS

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Australian
Air League

NSW Group

**NSW GROUP
IS NOW ENROLLING**



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Childrens Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR
LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON
PLEASE CONTACT

www.airleague.com.au Email: info@airleague.com.au

Free Call: 1800 502 175



NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN



**Year 7 and Year 11 2026
INFORMATION AND ONLINE APPLICATION
VIA NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS WEBSITE
Dance, Drama and Music Audition Procedures**

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2025 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entry into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2026 performing arts stream may apply for an audition in one or two of the three disciplines of Dance, Drama or Music.

Audition information and online application is located on the school's website:

[Home - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

[Auditions - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

To assist parents and carers completing the 'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School' form, please note the following:

- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is a specialist performing arts high school providing the highest level of education to students with outstanding potential and/or achievement in Dance, Drama and Music.
- If residing outside our catchment area, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has specific enrolment criteria which requires students to audition. Audition information and on-line applications may be found on our school's website.
- Student from within our local catchment area who have an interest and talent in one or two of the disciplines are encouraged, although not obliged, to audition for places in our performing arts stream via the online application process which is separate to an Expression of Interest provided to parents from their primary schools.
- The closing date for audition applications online is **Thursday 1 May 2025**.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

For audition enquiries email newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or contact 9519 1544 ext 105.