



THE GOORA GAZETTE



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Mr Rixon's Message

NAIDOC Day Success

We proudly celebrated NAIDOC Day with a range of engaging activities that saw enthusiastic participation from our students. The day fostered a deeper understanding and respect for Indigenous culture across our school community. We received excellent feedback from other schools, who have shared some minor suggestions to help us enhance the event even further next year. A huge thank you to the Peel High staff and students who organised and ran the activities, making the day a memorable success.



Bective Athletics Carnival

Our recent Bective Athletics Carnival was a fantastic event, showcasing strong student participation and impressive athletic talents. The carnival was a wonderful display of school spirit and sportsmanship, and we congratulate all students who took part.

Winanga-Li Language Lessons

The introduction of Winanga-Li language lessons has been met with very positive feedback from students. These lessons are enriching our students' learning experience while increasing cultural awareness. We are excited about this initiative and look forward to building a long-term partnership to continue this valuable program.

Recent Floods

Due to recent floods, school operations experienced some disruption on Monday and Tuesday of week 2. While staff and students were affected, we are pleased to report that the school managed to run mostly as normal during this period. We are now experiencing further flooding which affects some of our families and staff. We thank everyone for their resilience and cooperation during these times.



Mr Rixon's Message

New Play Equipment

Students are thoroughly enjoying the newly installed play equipment, which has greatly enhanced their playtime experience. It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm and joy during recess and lunch breaks.



What's Happening This Term?

Kinder Orientation: Beginning Tuesday, September 9th at 9:00 am, Kinder Orientation will run each Tuesday until the end of term. If you know any families with children about to start Kindergarten, please encourage them to contact the school.



Somerton Public School

Kindergarten 2026

Orientation Program

| Term 3 | | |
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| Week 8 | Tuesday, 9 th September | Partial day 9.00am - 11.30am |
| Week 9 | Tuesday, 16 th September | Partial day 9.00am - 11.30am |
| Week 10 | Tuesday, 23 rd September | Partial day 9.00am - 11.30am |
| Term 4 | | |
| Week 2 | Wednesday, 22 nd October | Full day 9.00am - 3.00pm |
| Week 3 | Wednesday, 29 th October | Full day 9.00am - 3.00pm |
| Week 4 | Wednesday, 5 th November | Full day 9.00am - 3.00pm |
| Week 5 | Wednesday, 12 th November | Full day 9.00am - 3.00pm |
| Week 6 | Wednesday, 19 th November | Full day 9.00am - 3.00pm |
| Week 7 | Wednesday, 26 th November | Full day 9.00am - 3.00pm |
| Week 8 | Wednesday, 3 rd December | Full day 9.00am - 3.00pm |

Partial Days: Your child will need to bring a bag that contains a hat, jumper, water bottle, a piece of fruit as well as their lunch.

Full Days: your child will need to bring a bag that contains a hat, jumper, water bottle, a piece of fruit as well as their lunch and recess food.

For more information please contact Michael Rixon via the school office on 6769 7520

<https://somerton-3.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



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Swim School: Scheduled for weeks 5 and 6, this program continues to be a highly enjoyable and beneficial experience for our students.

Book Week Parade: Join us on Wednesday, September 3rd at 2:30 pm for our Book Week Parade. This event encourages creativity and a love of reading among students.



Engineering Day: Taking place on Friday, September 5th at Moonbi Public School, this event promises exciting learning opportunities for students interested in engineering.

Currabubula Sports Day: Scheduled for Friday, September 12th, this event offers another great chance for students to showcase their sporting skills and enjoy friendly competition.

Additional Sports Opportunities: We are working hard to organise more sporting opportunities to engage and inspire our students.

Canteen: The canteen will start operating in week 6. Menus are now available on the school website for your convenience. The Menu, along with this week's order form have been sent home and need to be returned by tomorrow, Tuesday, 26th August.

What's Happening Next Term?

Presentation Day: The date for Presentation Day will be confirmed soon. Preparations are underway to celebrate the achievements of our students, with communication to follow.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead!

Regards

Mr Rixon





NAIDOC Day Celebrations 2025





Students, staff and pets have well and truly tested out the long awaited, new playground.



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Gunnedah Athletics Centre 2025 / 2026 Season

Start: Thursday, 18th September 2025
Finish: Saturday, 13th December 2025

★ Please Note:

- The first two weeks of the season will be held on Thursday afternoons at 5:00pm
- From Term 4 onwards, all meets will move to Saturday mornings at 8:30am

📍 LOCATION: Donnelly Fields

💰 REGISTRATION FEES:
TINY TOTS: \$100
6'S TO 20'S: \$130
OPENS: \$150

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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 Children Checked.

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

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ADULT LEARNERS WEEK

CELEBRATE LEARNING TOGETHER

1ST SEPT | 10AM-3PM

WHAT'S ON?

- FREE BBQ, COFFEE AND FAIRY FLOSS
- CAMPUS TOUR
- MEET OUR TEAM
- CLOTHES SWAP
- + MORE!



TAMWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HANDS ON!

DEMONSTRATIONS WITH:

- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- EXPLORE OUR HEIGHTS & CONFINED SPACES TRAILER
- CRAFT COURSES
- + MORE!

📍 175 PEEL STREET, TAMWORTH, NSW, 2340



Somerton Playgroup 2025
at Somerton Hall
Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm

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| Term 1 | Feb 11 th , 25 th | Mar 11 th , 25 th | Apr 8 th |
| Term 2 | May 6 th , 20 th | Jun 3 rd , 17 th | Jul 1 st |
| Term 3 | Jul 29 th | Aug 12 th , 26 th | Sep 9 th , 23 rd |
| Term 4 | Oct 21 st | Nov 4 th , 18 th | Dec 2 nd , 16 th |

For playgroup sessions bring a hat, drink bottle and morning tea.
Weekly timetable published on Ooranga FMRU Facebook page.

Yearly Ooranga membership \$20.00.

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From the Office, Garden & Kitchen

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- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

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Return this week's canteen order to office by tomorrow, Tuesday, 26th.

Pay by cash to the office or by direct credit to P&C (account details on order form).

 **SCHOOL Calendar Link**




[Click here for access to the school calendar](#)


Parents who are using the School Bytes app or parent portal already have access to the school calendar in the app/portal.

By clicking the above link, parents are able to directly access the school calendar.

Travelling Australia or Overseas?



If you are..




Travelling for 10 weeks or more - up to 1 school year (200 Days), then stay enrolled with your current school, whilst accessing learning and attending through Distance Education.

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CANTEEN MENU

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| LUNCH | |
| Snack Pack (Carrot, cucumber, capsicum, plain crackers, hummus) | \$3.00 |
| Piece of fruit (Apple, Banana, Orange, Mandarin, Pear) | \$1.00 |
| Fruit Cup (Two-Fruits) | \$2.50 |
| Piklet, Honey and Ricotta (2 per serve) | \$2.50 |
| Sandwiches | \$2.50 |
| • (Spread) | \$3.50 |
| • Curried Egg and Lettuce | \$2.00 |
| • Cheese | |
| • Chicken, Avocado and Cheese | \$3.50 |
| Beef Sliders (2 per serve) w, Sweet Potato fries | \$6.00 |
| Vegetable Lasagne | \$6.00 |
| DRINKS | |
| Water | \$2.00 |
| 99% Fruit Juice | \$2.00 |
| Flavoured Milk | \$3.00 |
| Milo | \$3.00 |
| <p>\$10 Meal Deal Fruit Cup, Lasagne and Water</p> | |

