**PRINCIPAL NEWS  Kirsty Squires**

**Welcome**
I would like to welcome our new students; Kane, Chelsea, Dylan and Shawn. I know that you and your families will make wonderful additions to our school.

**Photos**
Due to circumstances beyond our control, our school photo date has been changed – again. The date for the photos is now the 14th March. Students are asked to wear their summer uniform on the day. Photo envelopes were handed out last week and are to be returned on the day of the photos.

All Kindergarten students will have ‘Beginning School’ photos taken this Friday. This is a free service provided by our school photographers. Students should wear their summer uniform on the day.

**Canteen**
Thank you to Pia Cartwright for organising a sausage sizzle lunch last Friday. Canteen will resume as usual this Friday.

**School Swimming Carnival**
Tomorrow is our swimming carnival for all students K-6. It will be held at the Gosford Swimming Pool starting at approximately 9.30am. The bus will be leaving school at 9.15am. All students will travel by bus to the pool and can wear their sports house colours on the day. Parents are welcome to attend, and if you are able to assist on the day please contact Mr Mitchell. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Ambulance Cover**
In 2012, the Department negotiated an agreement with the Ambulance Service of NSW to commence an annual licensing arrangement for school student ambulance cover for all public schools in NSW. Arrangements for the scheme have now been confirmed for the 2013 school year.

The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school, or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme.

The terms and conditions of the *Student Ambulance Group Cover Scheme - Schools* are outlined in the NSW Ambulance *Ambulance Group Cover Scheme*.  

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**School Calendar**

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**Somersby Snippets**

840 Wisemans Ferry Road  SOMERSBY, NSW 2250
Phone: 0243 72 1233  Fax 0243 72 1254
Email : Somersby-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**TERM 1 WEEK 3**  12/02/13

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The community acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which the school is located.
Contact information
somersbypandc@gmail.com
Nicki Ward 0417 721 435

Uniform Shop
Open every Tuesday
from 8:30am—9:15am
0407 039 479
Chantelle Singh
gazchonxav@hotmail.com

CANTENEEN:
Open as usual this Friday

Office News

- Band fee invoices will be sent home at the end of this week.
- All notes and monies are to go to the classroom teacher in an envelope or plastic sealed bag.

Quote of the week

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.

C S Lewis

Did you know?

Egyptians made a picture or symbol for swimming as far back as 2500 BC.

Swimming has been a part of the Olympics since 1896.

Swimming strengthens the heart and lungs.

Swimming works out all of the body’s major muscles!

Good luck to all our students at tomorrow’s swimming carnival

– Schools: Policy Guidelines.

Coverage of the Schools’ Group Cover Scheme also extends for excursions to the Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania, Victoria, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Kirsty Squires

Happy Birthday

Amy
Peter

K/1C News

Welcome to week 3! Just a reminder about bringing in an A4 document folder to be used as our home reader and communication folder. Please ensure your child’s name is clearly marked.

My apologies for misplacing the Friday news people in our class newsletter. Our Friday news people are: Lucy, Piper and Abby. We look forward to hearing from you girls on Fridays.

Have a great week everyone!

PBL

Our Focus Value continues to be Respect and the focus expectation is ‘listening to others’. We all participated in our weekly PBL lesson yesterday afternoon. We talked about the importance of listening to others and learnt how important it is by playing a game of Chinese whispers. If people didn't listen carefully, the sentence got changed but when people listened to each other we were able to successfully pass the sentence around the circle. All staff will be looking for people listening to others this week and we will be sending good examples to see Mrs Squires for a sticker. Happy listening everyone!

Jade Cranstone

Year 5/6 News

Homework was distributed on Friday and needs to be returned on Thursday.

Term 1 project options were included and students are to be encouraged to make an early start on their preferred option.

Swimming Carnival

Our carnival will go ahead tomorrow and can not be postponed due to inclement weather as there are no other days available for pool bookings.

Please include plastic bags for wet clothing and warm clothing to wear after the carnival.

Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to help on the day.

Neil Mitchell

“Worthy Daily Living”
Library News
Well done to 2/3K for winning the first library award for 2013. Students must bring their library bag each week to borrow.
Borrowing days are as below:
K/1 - Tuesdays
2/3 - Fridays
4/5 - Thursdays
6-Wednesdays
If your child is interested in becoming a library monitor, letters must be handed into the library by this Friday. I am looking forward to selecting a new group for 2013.
A big thank you to the Yorke family for their kind donation of books to our school library. We look forward to using them soon.
Happy reading!

Daniela Suazo
Teacher Librarian

P&C News
AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held in the library at 7pm on Wednesday, 6 March. New officers will be elected for the 2013 year.

Canteen
The canteen resumes normal service this Friday, and is open each Friday. If you would like to help in this area, please email somersbypandc@gmail.com. Volunteers can be rostered as often or as occasionally as they like.

2012 presentation DVD
DVD copies of the school presentation day can be ordered at the school office for $5 per copy.

For Sale
Brand new Absco Superior garden shed 2.25m (w) x 0.78m (d) x 1.93m (h) zinc coloured $199. The P&C accidently purchased the incorrect size. If interested please call Nicki Ward on 0417 721 435.

Help Wanted
The P&C are holding a fundraising BBQ at Ilcador on Sunday, 24 February. If you are able to volunteer some time to help set up, cook, serve and clean up in the afternoon please call Nicki Ward on 0417 721 435.

NSW Government Health Department Notice

No smoking in commercial outdoor dining areas
Section 6A of the ‘Smoke-free Environment Act 2000’ makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free.
From July 6 2015, smoking is not permitted in commercial outdoor dining areas or within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from licensed premises, restaurants and cafes.

For more information please contact
The Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412
or visit the NSW Health website:
www.health.nsw.gov.au

“Worthy Daily Living”
Kariong Community Fun Festival 2013
Sunday 17 March
Kariong Mountains High
9.30am – 3.00pm

50 interesting stalls - Art Exhibition & Craft Demonstrations, Kids & Youth Activities, Carnival Rides, Pony Rides, Drumming Workshops, Environmental Talks, Family History Workshops, Alternative Therapies, Food Stalls and Centre Stage Entertainment all day.

We are celebrating St Patrick’s Day and Senior Week with discounts. Bring a picnic rug or be seated in the shade while being entertained. A great, fun and family friendly day out!

Somersby School Equestrian Team

Here are a few forward dates for entries
NSW Interschool Championships. National Qualifier 28th Feb–3rd March @ SIEC Entries are open via nominate.com
7th April Oxley College Equestrian Day—Berrima
1st September Tara Dressage & Equestrian Carnival

Please contact Rachel Walker on 0425 374 318
Or rwponygirl@gmail.com for further information

Central Coast Grandparents
Raising Grandchildren

Meetings first Monday of the month.
9.30-11.30 at Phillip House
21 Old Mt Penang Road, Kariong

Or Join us for an informal meeting with other caregivers on
25th February
25th March
29th April

Please contact Sarah Grey at Central Coast Family Support on 4340 1585 or log onto www.ccfs.org.au