

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our school community for the work they do to help our students feel happy, engaged and make great progress at school. Every day I see our staff go above and beyond to support our students, whether it be helping them learn a new concept with some different materials, helping them find a friend to play with at recess time or making an individualised reward chart to support their engagement at school. I am so proud to work at Somers Primary School and enjoy the amazing community that we have.

Thank you to our Year 3 and 5 students for their engagement and participation in the NAPLAN assessments over the last fortnight. Well done on approaching these assessments with confidence. NAPLAN results are reported to school from August, and families of students who participated will receive an individualised report on their child's performance.

School Council AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 19th March, and our annual report was presented. Our school council also elected new office bearers, and we welcome Sarah Ives as our new school council president

Out of School Hours Care

Have you considered your child attending our Out of School Hours Care service? Our Before School Program is open from 7:00 am, and After School Care runs until 6:00pm. With the assistance of the Child Care Subsidy, some families' out of pocket expenses are as low as \$5 per session. More information about the Child Care Subsidy is available at the [Services Australia website](#).

Bookings can be permanent, or casual bookings can be made at short notice by contacting the school or Colleen directly. For an enrolment form, please contact the office on 59835546 or email somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Easter Raffle



We are currently holding an Easter Raffle to help raise funds for our Year 6 Graduation. Tickets are available before school outside the office. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 25th March.

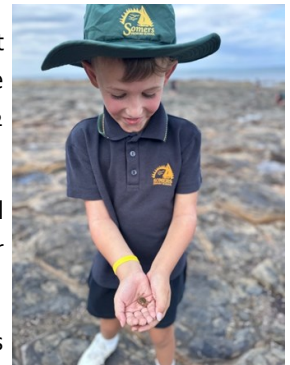


School attendance

Thank you to all of our families who continue to prioritise their child’s attendance at school. Our goal this term is to have our projected unapproved absences less than one day per student. Currently we have an average projected unapproved absence of 1.2 days per student.

Absences are not approved by our school when students are away from school unnecessarily – for example, taking a long weekend on school day, visiting family or friends on a school day or taking a day off for a birthday.

In addition, when parents do not notify us of the reason for an absence, this absence is Unexplained, and therefore unapproved. Parents are required to contact the school to provide an explanation on the day of the student absence. If no explanation is given, the school must attempt to contact the parent or legal guardian and seek clarification of the reason for the absence.



Year Level	Unauthorised	Unknown	Total Unauthorised Absences
Prep	2.5	2.0	4.5
Year 1	2.0	1.0	3.0
Year 2	12.5	1.0	13.5
Year 3	2.5	2.0	4.5
Year 4	4.5	3.0	7.5
Year 5	0.0	3.0	3.0
Year 6	6.0	1.0	7.0

Enrolment Tours

We are currently conducting tours for enrolment for 2025. Tours will take place in terms one and two, with enrolments for Prep 2025 opening on Monday 15th April. To book a tour, please call us on 59835546 or email somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Senior Fiction Borrowing

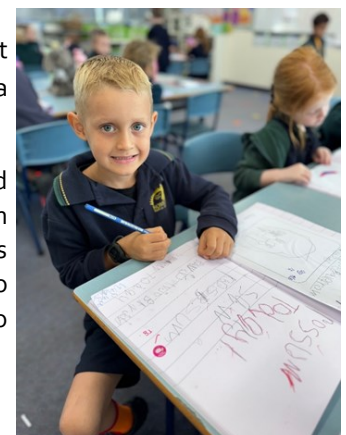
Our library aims to help facilitate a love of lifelong learning in all our students. Students are encouraged to explore books across a variety of genres, and we offer an extensive range of picture story books, nonfiction, Junior and Senior fiction books.



Junior fiction books are available to borrow for students in Years 1 – 6 and Senior fiction is available for Years 5 - 6.

The collection has been divided this way, so that reading content is developmentally appropriate to a child’s age.

Senior fiction books may have content, language and themes that are suitable for more confident readers in our middle school cohort. A notice has gone home this week to parents of those students in Years 3 and 4 who we believe may like to give permission for their child to borrow from the Senior Fiction category.



Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are now available at school! Contact Carla Shallies on 0408 455 310 for more information.

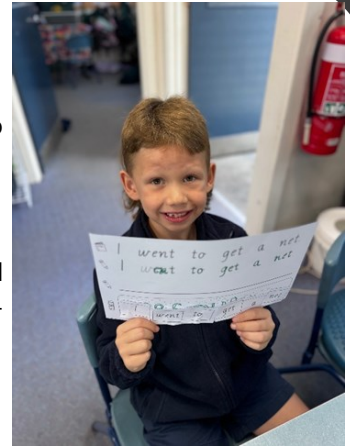
ANZAC Day – 25th April

Representatives from our school will be laying wreaths at Crib Point (10:30am) and Balnarring ANZAC Day (9:30am) services on ANZAC Day. We encourage all families to come along.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

We will be having a second hand uniform stall at the school stage tomorrow— Friday 22nd March from 8.30 am until 9.30 am. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase good quality second hand uniform items. We have good stock of second hand school jumpers and long sleeved polo shirts so this is the perfect opportunity to stock up for the cooler months ahead.

If any parents are available from 8.15 to assist setting up for the uniform stall, please contact the school office – your assistance would be very welcome.



Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

Email: hugh.greer@education.vic.gov.au

Student Birthdays

MARCH

Eve S, Lil H, Finn M, Lulu c, Banjo A, Gwen C, Noah B, Chloe O, Mahli H, Logan L,
 Paddy McL, Summer D, Elise R, Harri T, Georgia W, Davi B, Leo K, Adam C, Cooper G,
 Lyda P, Paige W

2024 Term 1 & 2 Calendar Dates

Thurs 21 March	Summer Lightning Prems (Yr 5 & 6 students)
Friday 22 March	Second Hand Uniform Stall (8.30 to 9.30 at The Stage)
Thurs 28 March	Last day of Term 1
Thurs 18 April	School Photos
TERM 2	
Mon 15 April	First day of Term 2
Thurs 18 April	School Photos

Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

On Friday, we are holding our first Clear Café for the 2024 school year. Over the term, students have been earning Clear Cards for demonstrating our values of Collaboration, Learning Engagement and Respect

Each Clear Card a student earns converts to a point. As students earn Clear Cards, the points are tallied to their name. Students can choose to spend their points each term at a scheduled Clear Café or save their points for a 'bigger' reward later in the year. So far this year, a massive 3,003 Clear cards have been handed out to students demonstrating our values.





Somers
PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLEAR Card

I was recognised for:

Collaboration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being friendly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working together with others
Learning	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trying my best
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staying on task
Engagement	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engaging in my learning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributing to my school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bouncing back
Respect	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respecting others
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respecting property
<input type="checkbox"/>	Following instructions

Student Name: _____
 Date: / /2020 Class: _____
 Teacher Code: _____



CLEAR CAFÉ MENU 2023

5 CLEAR POINTS	10 CLEAR POINTS	20 CLEAR POINTS	30 CLEAR POINTS	50 CLEAR POINTS	75 CLEAR POINTS	100 CLEAR POINTS
Bubbles	Eat your lunch with a friend or teacher in another classroom	Read one of Mr Greer's afternoon messages over the P.A system.	Whole class game	A one-hour activity of your choice in your classroom.	A new piece of sports equipment to take home.	Lunch order and walk to the beach, reserve or flying fox with a friend.
Be the leader in the line for a day	Choose a piece of sports equipment from the sports shed to play with for the day	Toy or item from the 20-point box.	Have your work featured in the newsletter.	Multipurpose room to yourself with a friend at recess.	A one-hour activity of your choice during class time E.g.: tennis, art, beach walk	Hot chips on the beach with a friend and teacher.
Toy or item 5-point box.	Toy or item from the 10-point box.	Hot chocolate	Toy or item from the 30-point box.	Toy or item from the 50-point box.	\$10 Petersen's book voucher	A new book of your choice.
Be the first out at recess and lunchtime for the day.	Four square ball	20 minutes of free time in class.	Spend one session helping in another classroom.	Movie with a friend at lunch time	Go for a swim with a friend at lunchtime.	\$10 Somers general Store Voucher
Be a yard duty teacher.	Icy pole	Boardgame with a friend for 1/2 of lunch	Choose a mystery pack	Free lunch order	Cooking session with a friend.	\$10 voucher from: - Coles/Myer - IGA - EB Games
Sit on a special chair during floor time for a day.	10 minutes of free time in class.		Be your teacher's assistant for the day.			
Read a book to another class.			Play computer with a friend for 1 lunchtime.			

Our Student Wellbeing Leaders, Jordan, Logan and Sienna have the responsibility of facilitating Clear Café each term and will be there to assist students with their selections. Preps will be the first to visit the café just before lunch time on Friday.

Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone

Assistant Principal

Email: kirsty.egglestone@education.vic.gov.au



Runners Club



Runners Club

Runners Club meets every Monday & Thursday

on the school oval from 8.15am - 8.45am

(Arrive at any time from 8.15 onwards)

Certificates are awarded to all runners

Medals for 100kms+ | Trophies for 200kms+

(Parents/carers & younger siblings are welcome to join in)



Get fit & Have fun!



SOMERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

FOR GRADES PREP –6

2024 Enrollments & Bookings are now open.

WHAT WE OFFER

Our OSHC service provides high quality affordable care that meets the Department of Education's National Quality Framework for primary school children. Our fun packed program includes a variety of craft, sports and other activities in a safe environment.

PROGRAM HOURS: MONDAY—FRIDAY

BSC—7.00AM—9.00AM

ASC 3.30PM - 6.00PM

PROGRAM FEES

PERMANENT BOOKINGS

BSC -\$20.00 - ASC \$21.00

CASUAL BOOKINGS

BSC -\$21.00 - ASC \$23.00



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ENROLLING, CALL 5983 5546 OR EMAIL

somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Details are also on our website: somersps.vic.edu.au



FIND US ON FACEBOOK





COME & PLAY

JUNIOR GIRLS!

Come and Play Football with us down at Crib Point JFC for free! This is a great way to try football before committing to the season to see if you like it.

CRIB POINT JFC

Cyril Fox Reserve, Crib Point

19TH MARCH

4:30pm - 5:30pm



SCAN TO REGISTER



HOCKEY PLAYERS WANTED

UNDER 10 BOYS & GIRLS
UNDER 12 BOYS & GIRLS
UNDER 14 BOYS & GIRLS
UNDER 16 BOYS & GIRLS

- ▶ Training: Tuesday Nights
- ▶ Matches: U14 & U16 Fri. Nights, U10 & U12 Sat. Mornings
- ▶ Season Starts Friday 3rd May 2024

All ages.
All skills levels.

FALCONS
Mornington Peninsula Hockey Club

 Peninsula Hockey Centre
Monash University Peninsula Campus
1 Bloom Street Frankston



- ▶ visit mphc.org.au
- ▶ visit facebook.com/mphcofficial
- ▶ call (03) 8774 4784



FREE FRIDAY NIGHT T-BALL

BOYS & GIRLS
6-10
Years Old

Come and join the Mornington Pirates Baseball Club for a FREE 4 week T-Ball program. Aimed at introducing your kids to the sport of Baseball, this program promises 4 fun and inclusive sessions for all.

Session Dates

Session 1	15th MARCH
Session 2	22nd MARCH
Session 3	29th MARCH
Session 4	5th APRIL

Register your interest
secretary@morningtonbaseballclub.com.au

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
4:45PM - 6PM

CB Wilson Reserve, Wilsons Road, Mornington

- Bring runners & water bottle
- No experience required
- No equipment needed
- Come for 1 or all sessions!
- Register now, or on the day



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MEG IS A PARENT AT
SOMERS PS WHO
STARTED & LEADS OUR
SCHOOL CHOIR

SHE IS OFFERING
PRIVATE TUITION
DURING SCHOOL TIME

IF YOUR CHILD IS
INTERESTED IN
ONE ON ONE
LEARNING IN A
FUN & SAFE
ENVIRONMENT,
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Phone: 0400 343 453

Email: megan.oldmeadow@gmail.com

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(SOPRANO) WHO
REGULARLY PERFORMS
SOLO &
WITH NUMEROUS
AWARDED CHOIRS





MORNINGTON PENINSULA LIBRARIES - March Edition -

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.

HARMONY WEEK

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Celebrate Harmony Day in our Library with special storytimes, craft and our Harmony Day Bookmark competition.

Find us at Mornington Peninsula Shire's Multicultural Festival. Saturday March 16, 11am-3pm at Mornington Park Pavilion.

LOTE4Kids is an App that provides thousands of picture books in over 60+ World Languages, to allow kids to enjoy books and learn language through the magic of storytelling.

ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/LOTE



MORNINGTON PENINSULA LIBRARIES FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Under the Sea



LinkedIn Learning

Learn a New Skill!

Use your Library Membership to upskill! Suitable for all ages. Access a tips, course and videos about a huge range of topics including: Essay Writing, IT skills, Parenting and Computer Coding.

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Intergenerational Art


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12/03/2024

Dear School Community,

Temporary Changes to Trading Hours for School Holidays

With the end of Term 1 quickly approaching, we'd like to advise you that there are changes to the trading hours of all Beleza retail stores during the holiday break. Your local Beleza store will be closed for the Easter public holidays and during the first week of holidays.

We'd recommend families check their local store's Google listing to confirm opening hours before visiting a store. As we have multiple Beleza locations across Victoria, we suggest searching "**Beleza + Your Suburb Name**" to ensure you're getting the most relevant information.

Please note that **all stores will be closed from Friday 28th of March to Sunday 7th of April**. We'll return to our usual trading days and hours across all stores **from Monday 8th of April**, however as our trading days differ from store to store, please check your local store's trading hours.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause, and thank you for your understanding. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms



Mornington Peninsula
Koala Conservation

ATTENTION LANDHOLDERS FROM CERBERUS TO TYABB



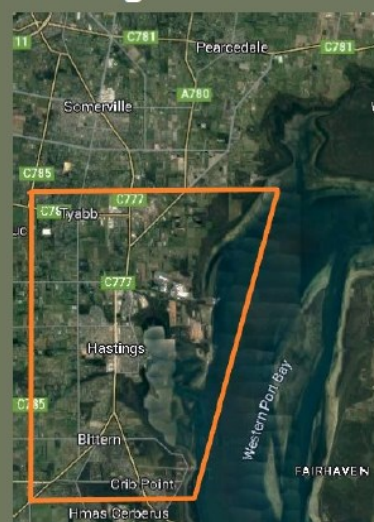
MPKC invites landholders to participate in the 2024 Biolink Project. If you (or someone you know) lives in or around our target area, please send us an email at mpkoalatreeplanting@outlook.com to find out how to get involved. It's as easy as that!




More than 70% of available koala habitat is on private property and is heavily fragmented. Habitat loss is one of the key reasons for declining koala populations.

Join us in creating a biolink across the Mornington Peninsula to ensure their survival and sustainable future.



Our Target Area for 2024



 Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation
 mp_koalas  www.mpkoalas.org.au