

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for Term 4! There is not long now until the Somers Arts Fair, which will take place at Coolart on Sunday 17th November. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there to enjoy this annual community event that raises much-needed funds for our school. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers and sponsors who are helping raise money to improve students' access to literacy resources, and purchase new computers for our school.

Be SunSmart in Term 4

In line with advice from Cancer Council Victoria, Somers Primary School students are required to wear sun protection from mid-August to 30 April. All students must wear a sun protective hat that shades the face, neck and ears for all outdoor activities. Hats may also be worn for all outdoor activities outside of the August to April time period, by parent or student choice.

Students are required to wear a school hat or another hat style that protects the face, neck and ears when outdoors, for example broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or a hat may be asked to play in the shade or in a suitable area protected from the sun.

As we get some nicer days over the coming weeks, please remember to apply sunscreen at home before coming to school, or send it along with your child. We have sunscreen in the office if students wish to reapply at school.

Arts Fair Update

Don't forget to purchase a wristband for your child so they can access unlimited rides and have their face painted on the day. Wristbands are \$16 and are available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/somers-arts-fair-wristbands-2024-tickets-1040236384027>.

There are still a few tickets left for the Arts Fair Launch Party. You can purchase online at <https://2024saflaunchparty.eventbrite.com.au/>.

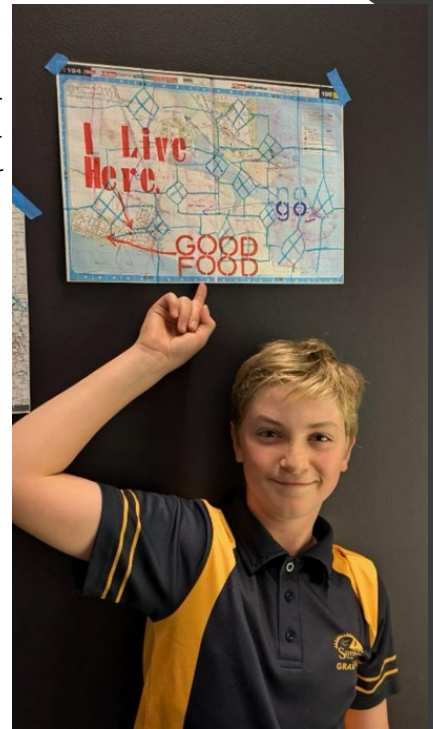
Soon information on how to sign up for the SAF Roster will be sent home. We ask that all families contribute to filling one spot on the roster to help out on the day of the Fair, or the days leading up to the fair. We also need some assistance with packing up art boards and transporting them back to school on Monday 18th November.

Division Athletics

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in Division Athletics last week.

Year 6 ACCA Excursion

This week our year six students had the great opportunity to attend the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art. Students got to view and create contemporary artworks, and thoroughly enjoyed the day. A big thanks to our amazing Visual Art teacher Becca Hengemuhle for organising this excursion.



Basketball Court Roof Update

As yet, work has still not commenced on the Basketball Court Roof. Our builder has been appointed and we are waiting on a start date. I will keep our school community updated via Class Dojo when we have an indication when works will be starting.

2025 Planning

We are currently in the process of planning our class structures for 2025. If you will be leaving Somers Primary School at the end of the year, we ask that you contact our office to let us know this as soon as possible to assist with our planning. Families looking to transfer to Somers Primary School in 2025 should also contact us soon to secure enrolment for 2025.

World Teachers Day

Friday 25th October is World Teachers Day! The theme for World Teachers Day is 'Hats Off to Teachers' – a chance to say thank you for the amazing work that teachers do. You can take a selfie with your hat off and post it to our padlet: <https://padlet.com/greerhugh/xn8xv5gh9t7lbod2>.

Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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



Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Class Placement 2025

This time of the year is always a busy one, particularly as we begin to plan for 2025. We have started to look at structures and at this stage it looks like we will have 9 classes next year. This structure is not quite finalised, but we are beginning to look at how we allocate children to classes.

A note about class placement will be sent home **next Monday**. We ask that parents meet with their child to identify a minimum of four children their child would like to be with in 2025. We do our utmost to ensure that every child has at least one friend of their choice in their class.

Class placement forms are due back to your child's teacher by Friday 1st November. If you have any questions about this process, do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

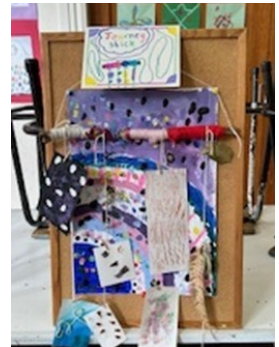
This semester we have been hosting, Michelle, an Art Therapy student. Part of Michelle's course is to implement a project with the students she works with. *Her project was 'Journey Sticks – Connecting our senses with the land.'*

Art Therapy



The project consisted of a small group of students who attended weekly art therapy sessions over a 6-week period. Starting with a stick, students were invited to connect to the land and gather materials with a focus on a different sense each week. Students displayed their findings onto their stick.

At the end of the unit, parents were invited to come to a 'Gallery Walk' where students presented their art and shared the process of how they sourced and implemented different materials they used.



Children's Week



Next week is Children's Week. Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. This year, Children's Week will run from Saturday 19 October to Sunday 27 October. The theme for the week is 'Children have the right to a clean and safe environment'. To celebrate, there are a number of free family activities across the Mornington Peninsula and state. Information about these activities can be found on the link below.

[Children's Week | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone, Assistant Principal

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2024 Term 3 Calendar Dates

TERM 4	
Weds 23 Oct	Prep 2025 Transition (1st session) - 9.15am to 10.45am
Tuesday 5 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Weds 6 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition (2nd session) - 9.15am to 10.45am
Weds 6th & Thurs 7 Nov	Year 6 Life Ed "Talk About It"
Fri 15 Nov	Whole School Arts Fair Excursions
Weds 20 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition (3rd session) - 9.15am to 10.45am Prep 2025 Parent Information session at 5.30pm
Fri 29 Nov	Indonesian Day - activities and Special Lunch Day (<i>notice will be sent home at a later date</i>)
Thurs 5 Dec	End of Year Concert
Mon 9th Dec	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tues 10th Dec	Statewide Transition Day for all students transitioning to Prep and year 7 for 2025. Prep Transition from 9.00am to 11.00am (<i>4th session</i>)
11th to 13th Dec	Year 5/6 Camp at Peninsula Outdoor Camp, Merricks
Mon 16 th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Weds 18th Dec	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term 4—students dismissed at 1.30pm

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER

Madeleine H, Allie A, Edie J, Hannah J, Connor F, Jordan W, Mason S, Skylar H, Violet W,
Charlie G, Ellie S, River G, Kodie F, Billy D, Hamish L, Hunter H

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



Community News

Joey Scouts (aged 5-7) are the youngest members of the global Scouting program. They play & learn outdoors, developing life skills, leadership & resilience, with new friends.



NEW!

Joey Scouts at Balnarring

Launching Tues. October 15, 5.30-6.30 pm, at St Mark's



Register here for a no obligation free trial



Somers Kids Art Show Woodlands & Wetlands

Submit your woodlands & wetlands themed artwork for exhibition at the Somers Arts Fair!

Enter up to two pieces (max A3 size) across drawing, painting, photography, printmaking & sculpture

Submission fee of \$5 per piece

Submission dates Thurs 7th & Fri 8th Nov 8:30am - 9:30am @ Somers PS Art room

Prep-Yr 2 \$50 prize, Yr 3-4 \$50 prize, Yr 5-6 \$50 prize + People's Choice prize for each age bracket



For enquiries please contact Art@somersartsfair.org

Proudly sponsored by
Balnarring & District Community Bank Branch




Launch Party & DJ Battle

LIVE LIKE A STAR, PARTY LIKE YOU'RE FAMOUS



DJ Kaza D



DJ Daddy



DJ Wizz



DJ One Night Only



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Saturday October 26th at 7pm
RW Stone Reserve, Somers

Dress Code - DRESS LIKE YOU'RE FAMOUS!
(prize for best dressed)

Tickets \$45 - Includes drink on arrival & snacks
ON SALE FROM October 1st until sold out!



2024SAFLaunchParty.eventbrite.com.au



ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au

MORNINGTON PENINSULA LIBRARIES

October Edition -

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.



Children's Week
Friday 18 – Sunday 27 October

Children's Week 2024

Join us throughout Children's Week to making beautiful creations inspired by nature. Children can make their very own nature wands, nature bookmarks, or nature jewellery.

Free, bookings essential.

mornpen.vic.gov.au/childrensweek



Enjoy free KIDS movies, TV Series and Documentaries. Parental Controls. With no ads and no limits!

ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/beamafilm

Free with your Mornington Peninsula Libraries card.

SPOOKTACULAR STORYTIME

Dress up and join us for a Halloween inspired story and spooktacular craft!



Mornington and Rosebud Libraries
October 31st 4-5pm
Bookings Essential




Thursdays
4 - 4.45pm
all branches.

Ages 5-9


After School Activities

CONNECT WITH US!

Follow us on social media to stay updated on the latest events and resources!

 facebook.com/ourlibrarymornpen

 [@morningtonpeninsulalibraries](https://instagram.com/morningtonpeninsulalibraries)

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