

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

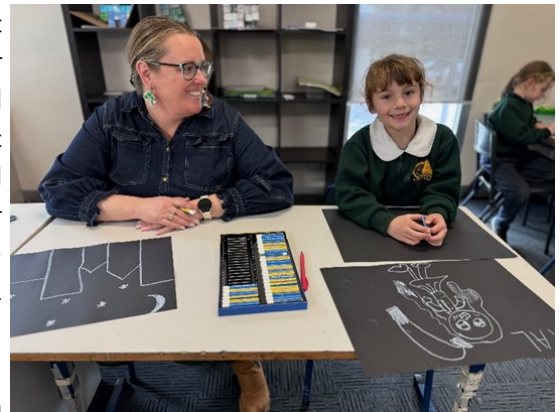
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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

It's been another busy fortnight at Somers PS! Our Senior and Junior athletics took place in weeks four and five, and both events were fantastic days. Our Year 3-6 students participated in their athletics events at the Westernport Athletics track. Our students really enjoyed this venue for its great facilities, and we hope to hold future athletics days here too. A week later our Prep – Year 2 students participated in their Athletics day, which was also lots of fun! Thank you to Chloe Hampshire for her organisation of these days, and to all our volunteers and students who helped make these days a great success.



Parent and Caregiver Surveys

A reminder to our families that the Department's annual Parent, Caregiver and Guardian survey is able to be completed at the moment. There is close competition between the classes with the highest percentage of students whose families have completed the survey! The survey will remain open until 30th August. Thank you for taking the time to provide this important feedback to our school!

Differentiation at Somers Primary School

At Somers Primary, we ensure that learning is engaging and effective by differentiating learning to ensure that students are learning at their point of need. Students' progress against the Victorian Curriculum, standards is the starting point for curriculum planning, and our teams of teachers use this information to plan learning interventions that are engaging and effective for our students. In English and Maths classes, teachers use information about what students can currently do and their next steps of learning to plan explicit teaching that supports all students to achieve their next step. All students are taught expected level content at the start of a session, and students spend time in a small explicit teaching group with their teacher to help learn their next step.



Arts Fair Update



Due to the anticipated disruption of building works on our school site as the Basketball Court Roof is built, we had initially sought to hold our 2025 Arts Fair on November 17th, in the hope that the build will be completed. Delays to starting have meant that the school site would not be conducive to our regular Arts Fair setup, meaning that a scaled-down Arts Fair was the only real option should we have the event at school this year. Last week our school council met and made the decision to hold this year's Somers Arts Fair at Coolart Homestead. We are currently busy preparing for this shift and completing all of the required tasks for approval from Parks Victoria, which we are confident that we can secure. Thank you to all of the families who have helped and are continuing to help make this happen! We are confident that this year's Arts Fair will be really successful. Money raised from this year's Arts Fair will go towards improving students' access to evidence-based literacy resources and practices, and updating student computers across the school.

Book Week

This week is the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week, and at Somers Primary School, our English Team have been planning some special events to help celebrate the theme for this year, 'Reading is Magic'. This is a great chance to celebrate Australian literature for children, and help our students develop a love of reading.



On Friday 23rd August we will have a multi-age day activity, where students will spend the day enjoying books shortlisted for this year's awards with different teachers and children from across the school. Students will come dressed as a book character, or in keeping with the 'Reading is Magic' theme. We will have a parade on the basketball court in the morning at 9:10. Families are most welcome to attend.

Ready Set Prep

It was great to see all of our 2025 Prep students at Ready Set Prep on Wednesday last week! We look forward to welcoming them back next week for some fun activities and learning at school.



Footy Day

This year we will be holding our annual Footy Day on Friday 13th September which is the second last Friday of Term 3. Students can wear their AFL, rugby or soccer sports gear or colours on the day. We will commence the day with a parade at 9.05 am on the basketball court, followed by football activities which will be run by the house captains. We will also be holding a footy day lunch and lunch order forms will be sent home with all students. We would welcome the assistance of a few parents to help with the lunch orders on the day. If you are able to assist—please email Kirsty at: kirsty.egglestone@education.vic.gov.au. Just a reminder that Parent volunteers will need to hold a current Working With Children Check.



Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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



2024 Term 3 Calendar Dates

TERM 3	
Thurs 22 August	Book Swap (gold coin donation) organized by Jnr School Council (<i>more details later</i>)
Friday 23 August	Book Week Parade from 9.10 to 9.40, followed by Multi Age Activities
Weds 28 August	Ready Set Prep—2nd session (2.15-3.15)
Thurs 29 August	District Athletics at Mornington Athletics Track (<i>permission note has been sent home to those students involved</i>)
Fri 30 August	Fathers Day Stall
4th-6th Sept	Yr 3/4 Briars Camp
Weds 11 Sept	Ready Set Prep—3rd session (2.15-3.15)
Fri 13 Sept	Footy Day (<i>students can wear their AFL, rugby or soccer sports gear or colours on this day</i>) - Footy Lunch Order opportunity— <i>separate order form will be sent home.</i>
Mon 16—Fri 20 Sept	Jnr School (P-2) swimming program
Fri 20 Sept	Students dismissed at 2.30pm for end of Term 3
TERM 4	
Monday 9th December	STUDENT FREE DAY

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST

Elliot G, Scarlett M, Dax H, Thomas N, Opal P, Harrison D, Jaspa W, Kai O, Finley K, Francesca A,
Alice G, Edie F, Percy G, Henry B, Willow K, Thomas M

SEPTEMBER

Lola F, Sophia A, Sammy M, Grace E, Maisie M, Ollie J, Elodie L, Ruby R, Miles B, Tait H, Lara H,
Hendrix M, Gilbert C, Gordon C, Bonnie L, Cora K, Samson W



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)



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



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ENQUIRIES: CATRIONA 0429 370 736



Community News

Western Port Writes Community Storytime

On Friday 6 September, the Western Port Writes Literary Festival is hosting a Community Storytime Concert at Balnarring Hall.

It's a night of words and music for the whole family. Join MC Tracee Hutchison for readings of Letters to Western Port live on stage, by locals and local legends. Stories and art from young writers and artists from local schools, including Somers PS, will be read out and displayed.

Owen Thomas and The Big Hats are providing music for the evening. There will be on site food and refreshments. Don't miss out on this special community storytelling event. Tickets on sale at the Western Port Writes website or via QR code.

When: Friday 6 September 6.30pm-9.30pm

Where: Balnarring Hall, 3035 Frankston-Flinders Rd Balnarring

Tickets: \$12 adult / \$5 kids / \$10 conc. / \$35 Family pass

W: westernportwrites.com.au



The poster features a yellow background with blue and red accents. At the top left is the Western Port Writes logo, which includes a stylized book and a seagull. The title 'Community Storytime' is written in a large, blue, curved font. Below the title are two circular images: one of a woman with white hair and another of a group of people. The text on the poster includes: 'Local Stories from Local Legends', 'Live Readings: Letters to Western Port', 'MC Tracee Hutchison', 'Music from Owen Thomas and the Big Hats', 'Stories of Western Port from our community', 'Author Readings', 'Flying Calamari Bros', and 'Fantasy Cocktails & Mocktails'. At the bottom, it says 'Friday 6 September 6.30pm', 'Balnarring Hall', 'BOOK NOW', and 'WESTERNPORTWRITES.COM.AU'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. There are also logos for 'The Flying Calamari Bros' and a photo of a storefront.

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2025 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**MIXED TEAMS
AUSKICK
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12**

SCAN
ME! >>>



SAUSAGE Sizzle



Help the kids at the Somers Kinder growww

August 25th BUNNINGS
1837 Frankston - Flinders Rd, Hastings VIC 3915