

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Our Covered Outdoor Learning Area build is well underway, and it has been great to see this wonderful new asset to our school take shape. Works will continue to progress next week with the roof sheets being installed, and further electrical, plumbing and other works continuing. We are very excited to see this fantastic space for our students completed over the coming weeks.

Womin Djeka Festival

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 students who prepared their work to display at last weekend's Womin Djeka Festival at Emu Plains. Our year 3 and 4 students have been learning about Acknowledgement of Country, and had worked with their teachers on their own acknowledgement. Thank you to Liz Harrison, Rikki Tickell and Becca Hengemuhle for their work in preparing students work for display at the festival.



School Council

A reminder that nominations for the one vacant school council position close on Tuesday 11th March. Nomination forms are available from our school office. You can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. Nomination forms should be returned to the principal by hand or by post.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th March at 6:30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting our 2024 Annual Report will be presented and our office bearers elected.



NAPLAN Dates

NAPLAN assessments will take place for our year 3 and year 5 students from Wednesday 12th March (next week). Students will complete the Writing assessment on Wednesday 12th, Reading assessment on Thursday 13th, Language Conventions assessment on Friday 14th and Numeracy assessment on Monday 17th. We ask that families prioritise their child's attendance on these days. Students who are absent on test days will be given the opportunity to catch up their assessments from Tuesday 18th March until Friday 21st March.

Meet our Mascot Chippy!

Our year 6 student leaders have introduced a new mascot to our school to increase engagement at assembly. We chose a seagull to reflect the birds on our school logo (many of the students had not noticed the birds on our logo). Thanks to all of our families who helped select a name for our mascot – we have settled on Chippy. Chippy will be helping to spin the CLEaR Spinner at assembly each week.

Colour Run

A reminder to register for this term's colour run which will take place on the last day of term, Friday the 4th April. Our Junior School Councillors have set a goal to raise \$10,000 for new soccer goals, basketball and netball rings and a school art project.

Go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page. Once you've created a parent account and profile page, you can share that around to family and friends to receive online donations. Please note that this is an online fundraiser only and all cash donations must be converted to an online donation before 4th April 2025.

Receive a prize for your fundraising efforts by simply raising \$10 online! At the end of the fundraiser, students can mix and match up to a total of five prizes based on their donations received or they can give back to one of the six causes on offer - The Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), Carbon Neutral (tree planting), OzHarvest (providing meals to those in need), The Smith Family (reading support) or Dolly's Dream (end bullying in schools).

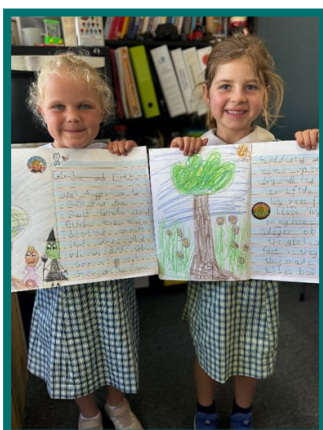
2026 Enrolment Tours

We are currently conducting tours for 2026 Prep Enrolment. If your family would like to book a tour, or you know a family who would, please contact us via email somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au or phone 59835546 to arrange a personalised tour with Kirsty or myself. Our school will be hosting our 2026 Prep Information Evening on Thursday 8th May at 6:00pm.

Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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



Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

On Thursday 13th March, The Resilience project are offering a free one-hour webinar to our families. The webinar outlines a whole school approach to enhancing student wellbeing and provides information to parents and carers about practical strategies to practise Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) at home. Families can register via [this link](#). The webinar will be recorded and shared with families who have registered after the session.

Inspire

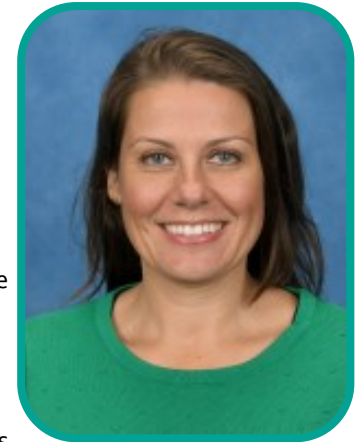
This week, our Grade 3-6 students participated in their first Inspire session. Activities on offer included, Jewellery Making, Surf Lifesaving, MasterChef, Gardening, Yoga, Art and Design and Claymation.

The Inspire program aims to empower students through building student voice and agency in learning. We aim to create successful learners, with the capacity to adapt to the changing world of the future. In a rapidly changing world, successful life-long learners require new capabilities, such as critical and creative thinking, resilience, problem-solving, adaptability and perseverance.

Our Prep -Grade 2 students will participate in a similar program called Horizons in term 2.

Clear Cafe

So far this year, our students have earned 1,788 Clear Cards for showing our values of Collaboration, Learning, Engagement and Respect. Students will have an opportunity to spend their points at the Clear Café or they can choose to save them to purchase a bigger item. This term's Clear Café is on Wednesday 26th March.



Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone, Assistant Principal

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

Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!



Building Resilience at Home Webinar

WHO'S INVITED? Parents & Carers	DURATION 60 minutes	WHERE? Online Webinar
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ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

A whole school approach is key to supporting student wellbeing. This session is designed to **connect the classroom to home**, providing a consistency and common language for your child and family.

This presentation will promote positive wellbeing and will provide you with:

-  A knowledge of the TRP program and how it is run in your child's school.
-  Tips and strategies to support your child's wellbeing at home through the GEM principles.
-  Ideas on how to support your own personal wellbeing.

SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT RESILIENCE PROJECT. 



Student Birthdays

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated or are celebrating their birthdays in March

MARCH

Eve S, Lil H, Lulu C, Juliette K, Bnjo A, Arthur C, Noah B, Chloe O, Paddy McL, Logan L, Summer D,
Harri T, Georgia WM, Davi B, Leo K, Cooper G, Lyda P, Paige W



2025 Term 1 Calendar Dates

Fri 7 March	CURRICULUM DAY—NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS
Mon 10 March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
12th to 21st March	NAPLAN testing (Yr 3 & 5 students)
Weds 19th March	Yr 3-6 Inspire Program—2nd session
Thurs 20 March	Summer Lightning Prems (Yr 5 & 6 students)
Tues 1st April	School Photos
Weds 2 April	Yr 3-6 Inspire Program—3rd session
Fri 4 April	Colour Run Fundraiser (whole school) - further information at later date
Fri 4 April	Last Day of Term 1—students dismissed at 2.30pm

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



Community News



Colour Run, Friday, 4th April

Remember to create a profile page at www.myprofilepage.au and share your profile to family & friends to receive online donations. Mix and Match prizes or send the donations to one of the causes available – The Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Carbon Neutral, OzHarvest, The Smith Family and Dolly's Dream.

The top fundraisers for our school will go into the Slime Draw to Slime a Teacher. For every \$5,000 raised, one teacher will get slimed!

Thank you for your support. We look forward to new soccer goals and a special whole school art project. If you have any questions or if you'd like to volunteer on the day, please contact Ms Hengemuhle at email:

Rebecca.Hengemuhle@education.vic.gov.au

OPEN NIGHT 2025



Address: 110 Harrisons Road Dromana 3936 (entry via Old White Hill Road)
Phone: 03 5987 2805
Website: www.dsc.vic.edu.au
Email: dromana.sc@education.vic.gov.au

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 6:00pm
in the Dromana College Basketball Stadium**

As the highest performing secondary school on the Mornington Peninsula, Dromana College will continue to work tirelessly to develop and consolidate the many exemplary educational programs on offer. With outstanding facilities, a committed professional staff and a caring school community, students are challenged to explore their interests and talents to achieve their personal best.

Community News



**BALNARRING
AUSKICK & SUPERKICK** 

An intro to Australian Football and invaluable life skills. With game-based activities kids love!



nab AFL Auskick
4 - 7 year olds

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

We want girls to feel comfortable and safe playing Auskick & Superkick! All-Girls options are available!



NAB AFL Superkick is a modified version of AFL that focuses on skill development for 7 to 12-year-olds.



AFL Superkick
7-12 year olds

FRIDAYS
3:45pm-4:45pm **Balnarring Recreation Reserve**
STARTING MAY 2ND

[VISIT PLAY.AFL](#)



Ready to try something new?
Join Scouts

1st Balnarring Scout Group is looking for young people to join Joey's!

Scouting actively engages and supports young people aged 5-25 in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Section meeting nights are
Joey's | ages 5-8 | Tuesday 5:30pm - 6:30pm
We meet at St Marks Church, Balnarring

For more information or to join, please email
gl.1stbalnarring@scoutsvictoria.com.au



1st Balnarring
Scout Group
1800 SCOUTS
scoutsvictoria.com.au

Crib Point Community Market

The Friendly Market

Saturday March 8th

9am-1pm

- Bring the kids down to have fun doing the Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt and colouring in.
- Handmade products: candles, cards, jewellery, clothing, mosaics, skincare, bags, footy quilts.
- Upcycled goods. Plants.
- Coffee and Devonshire Teas.
- Hot Jam Donuts
- Sausage Sizzle

Proceeds go to the Crib Point Community House and community programs.

Location: Crib Point Community House, 7 Park Rd, Crib Point, Mornington Peninsula