

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Congratulations to all our students and families on making a positive start to Term 2. It has been great to see students come back to school focused, positive and ready for learning this term!

We were hoping that works would commence on the resurfacing of our basketball courts during the holidays, but unfortunately this was not able to happen. We are currently finalising this work with the builders and Victorian School Building Authority, and though this

additional work is disruptive, the end result for our community will be such a great asset for our students!

Attendance

Thank you to all of our families who continue to prioritise their child's attendance at school. We have seen a continued improvement in the reduction of unapproved absences, and we appreciate families informing us of the reason for your child's absence when they are away. We encourage all families to continue to make sure that they are arriving at school on time to help our classes run smoothly in the morning. Remember, if you are taking a family holiday, please let your child's



teacher know so that we can support them with a learning plan whilst they are away.



Positive Home School Communication

At Somers Primary School we recognise that positive communication between home and school means that we can work together to ensure our students are happy, engaged and making great progress at school. We pride ourselves in ensuring that our staff are approachable and accessible for our families. We encourage our parents to reach out to their child's teacher if they need to, and this can be via Compass Connect, email, phone or face to face. To support your child's learning and communicate their progress, all teachers are asked to post weekly learning intentions on Compass, and we hold face-to-face interviews twice a year, and Student Support Group meetings four times per year for selected students. We also encourage parents to contact their child's teacher if they would like feedback on how their child is progressing and raise any concerns or request assistance



OLiV Library Van

Did you know Mornington Peninsula Libraries now have a library van visiting 16 stops across the Peninsula? You can browse, borrow, return, and collect your library holds or enjoy the convenience of digitally reading daily newspapers or magazines on our community iPad, all without straying too far from home. The Library Van will be at Stone Reserve between 2pm and 4pm on Monday afternoons fortnightly.

Our Library Van (OLiV) offers a range of rotating titles for all ages and interests including; Fiction, Non-Fiction, DVDs, Large Print Books, Talking Books and Children's Stories.

For more information and to view our timetable visit their website (<https://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Contact-Us/Our-Libraries/Our-Library-Van>).



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Colour Run

Thank you to our school community for supporting the Junior School Council's Colour Run at the end of last term. The Colour Run raised over \$13 000 for our school, which is an amazing effort! It was a fun way to end the term, and it was great to see how many parents were able to make it along and join in. The money raised has been used to purchase our fantastic new soccer goals that were installed this week, and will also contribute towards a collaborative indigenous art project that our Art Teacher Becca Hengemuhle is leading. We have also purchased two adjustable basketball rings that will be installed when our upcoming basketball court resurfacing takes place.

A huge thank you to Becca for all of her work in planning this event, as well as to Kirsty for organising our special lunch. Thanks also to Becca, Steph and Jacqui for being good sports and getting slimed on the day (it took me most of the holidays to get the green out!). Thanks also to Kylie and Nathan from Ace Trusses for taking delivery of our soccer goals during the term break, and delivering to school. Another great Somers PS community event! I feel so fortunate to work with such a supportive school community, and to be able to work with such collaboration to improve our school for our deserving kids.



ANZAC Day

Students across our school spent time in week one learning about the importance of ANZAC Day, and it was great to see students and families at our local commemorative services on Friday last week. I attended the Balnarring service with our School Captains and Vice Captains Wade and Allira, who laid a wreath on behalf of our school. We also had the privilege of seeing Josie, our year 6 winner of the John Cavanagh Essay Competition, read her winning essay to the large crowd that were there. Well done Josie!

Josie also recently competed in the state Equestrian schools competition, where she finished 6th representing Somers Primary School! Well done again Josie!

After the Balnarring service, I attended the Crib Point Service with Sandra Christie and Laurie Aitken, and our student representatives

Darcy and Francesca. Darcy and Francesca laid a wreath at this service, and it was great to see lots of our students there to pay their respects on this important occasion.



Mothers Day at Somers PS

Mothers Day is fast approaching, and due to some excursions taking place on Friday 9th May, we will be holding our Mothers Day Stall on Thursday 8th May. On Friday 9th May, we will be holding our Mothers Day Tea and Coffee morning, where students can make their mum or special person a cup of tea or coffee, and get a special treat for mum, between 8:15am and 8:45am. Hoping to see all of our mums and special people there!



2026 Enrolments Now Open

If you have a child starting primary school in 2026, it is time to enrol. Make sure you submit your enrolment application by **Friday 25 July 2025**. If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Prep in 2026, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Prep. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Prep at [vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep)

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Prep next year, please contact our school office on 59835546 or somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request an enrolment form. We are still conducting personalised school tours, which can be booked through the office.

Our school will be hosting our 2026 Prep Information Evening on Thursday 8th May at 6:00pm in the BER.



Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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

Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Inspire and Horizons

Next week, our Grade 2 to Grade 6 students will take part in their final session of Inspire. Students in Prep and Grade 1 will participate in Horizons, starting in week 4. Horizons is a junior school version of Inspire. Activities offered this year for our junior students include MasterChef, Bike Education, Claymation, Science, Musical Theatre and Art and Craft. Preference forms were sent home earlier this week and are due back by Monday 5th May.

School Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday. It was a fantastic day at RW Stone Reserve, and it was great to see every student giving their best effort.

Prep students completed a 500m track, Grade 1 and 2 students ran 1km, Grade 3 and 4 students took on a 2km distance, and our Grade 5 and 6 students faced a challenging 3km run.

Students proudly represented their Houses, earning 5 points for participation, 10 points for third place, 15 points for second place, and 20 points for a first-place finish. The competition was tight across both the junior and senior carnivals. Congratulations to Bunneron House (Red) for claiming the 2025 Cross Country Championship Title!

Selected students from Grade 3 to 6 will represent Somers Primary School at District Cross Country on Thursday 15th May.

Ms Hampshire



Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone, Assistant Principal

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

Student Birthdays



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

May

Summer W, Ruby P, Theo S, Lenny H, Grace P, Madelyn K, Ollie D, Clark K, Zoe N, Ace G, Charlotte E.

2025 Calendar Dates

Term 2	
Tues 22nd April	Start of Term 2
Weds 23rd April	Yr 3-6 Inspire Program - 4th Session
Fri 25th April	ANZAC DAY
Weds 30th April	Cross Country (Whole School)
Weds 7th May	Yr 3-6 Inspire Program - 4th Session
Thurs 8th May	Mothers Day Stall
Thurs 8th May	Prep Info Night - 6pm
Fri 9th May	Yr 4 Music Excursion
	Yr 5/6 ACCA Excursion
Weds 14th May	Yr Prep/1 Horizons - 1st Session
Thurs 15th May	District Cross Country (Selected Students Only)
Tues 20th May	School Council
Weds 21st May	Yr 6 Environment Captains Peer Teaching Excursion
Weds 28th May	Yr Prep/1 Horizons - 2nd Session
Tues 3rd—6th June	Yr 5/6 Camp
Mon 9th June	Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)
Tues 10th June	Curriculum Day
Weds 11th June	Yr Prep/1 Horizons—3rd Session
Tues 17th June	School Council



SOMERS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT



THURSDAY 8TH MAY 6PM

Email: somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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



Don't Forget to Order Your School Photos!

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DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

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Somers Primary
Choir

VARIETY FUNDRAISING CONCERT

performers we want you

Got a musical talent? Need an excuse to perform? Performers of all ages welcome

Saturday, June 21, 4pm
St Johns, Flinders

Meg 0400343453
meg.oldmeadow.music@gmail.com,

Do you have a story to tell?



MAYOR'S SHORT STORY WRITING AWARDS

Whatever story idea you have, write it down and enter it in the Mayor's Short Story Writing Awards!

Lucky winners will receive cash prizes, bookstore vouchers and your story published in MP Magazine!

Award categories:

8-12 Years
Maximum 500-word fiction story
13-17 Years
Maximum 1,000-word fiction story

The Awards are open to Mornington Peninsula Shire residents only.

Entries open on 14 April and close at midnight on 30 June 2025.

For more details please visit our webpage.



mornpen.vic.gov.au/writingawards



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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

Balnarrin 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 Joeys!

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
Joeys | 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 May 10th

9am-1pm

May is when we hold our Biggest Morning Tea. All proceeds from the barbecue and Devonshire teas go to the Cancer Council.

Bring the kids down to enjoy our Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt.

Don't miss an opportunity to buy gifts for Mother's Day.

Handmade products: candles, cards, jewellery, clothing, mosaics, skincare, bags, footy quilts.
Upcycled goods. Plants.

Coffee and Devonshire Teas.

Barbecue: sausages, bacon and eggs.

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