

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Well done to our School Captains, Darcy and Alira, and Vice Captains, Wade and Francesca, for helping our school recognise Remembrance Day this week. Wade and Francesca hosted a special service over the PA system, while Darcy and Alira laid a wreath at the Crib Point Remembrance Day service.



Thank you to all the members of our school community who attended our official basketball court opening last week. It was wonderful to show MP Paul Mercurio around our school, and our students spoke with him about how much they are enjoying our new courts.



School Captains for 2026

Recently, we conducted the selection process for our School Captains for next year. We are pleased to announce that our School Captains for 2026 are **Ella G** and **Flinders R**. Congratulations to Ella and Flinders, and well done to all the students who applied for this role. The selection process for other Student Leader positions including Vice Captains, House Captains, Wellbeing Captains, Environment Captains, and STEAM Captains is taking place now.



School Disco – DJ Party!

A reminder that our Junior School Council is holding a Kids' DJ Party on the basketball courts on Thursday, 20th November:

- **Prep – Year 2:** 4:00–4:45 pm
- **Years 3–6:** 4:45–5:30 pm

Each class is choosing three songs to be played by a DJ nominated by their peers to represent their class! Popcorn and juice will be available. Ms Hengemuhle, Ms E, and I will be supervising, along with parent volunteers.

Class Structures 2026

Next year we will continue to have class groups and maintain our five specialist subjects.

Class	Room
PA	Room 16
PB	Room 15
1A	Room 17
1/2B	Room 18
2A	Room 11
2B	Room 12
3/4A	Room 9
4B	Room 10
5/6A	Room 2
5/6B	Room 3

Thanks is Enough!

At this time of year, parents are often keen to thank their child's teachers for the work they have done throughout the year. *Thanks is enough*, but some families like to give a gift of appreciation. It is important that gifts are given and accepted in line with our DET value of Integrity.

If you are considering giving a gift as an individual or group, please note that teaching staff receiving gifts valued over \$100 must declare the gift to the Department of Education for approval. Teaching staff may accept non-cash vouchers, but cash or vouchers that can be converted to cash are not permitted.



OSHC Fees in 2026

To ensure the ongoing sustainability of our OSHC program, our School Council has approved an increase to our fees in 2026. Permanent placements will be charged at \$23 for before school care, and \$24 for after school care. Casual placements will be charged at \$24.50 for before school care, and \$26 for after school care.



Important Dates

There are lots of exciting events happening over the next few weeks!

- **Wednesday:** Our First Nations students will attend *The Briars* for the Term 4 *Junior Rangers* program, and our third Prep Transition Session will take place.
- **Wednesday evening:** Our 2026 Prep Parent Information Session will be held in the BER at 6:00 pm.
- **Thursday, 20th November:** DJ Disco!
- **Friday, 21st November:** Our Year 6 students will host *Indonesian Day* for the whole school (don't forget to order your lunch — Please email the school by **Friday, 14th November**). There will be **no assembly** on this day.



The following week, our Year 3 and 4 students will attend **Somers Camp** from **Wednesday, 26th November to Friday, 29th November**.

Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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



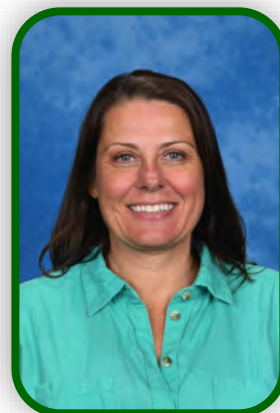
Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Lunch Time Activities

Next year, we plan to make changes to our lunchtime activity program to include a broader range of activities offered more frequently. The aim is to keep more students engaged during lunchtime by providing structured activities that promote social connections, wellbeing, physical activity, creativity, and student choice.

For the remainder of this school year, we are offering the following lunchtime activities. Having designated activities on set days can help families discuss with their child what's happening each day.



Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Library Open	Beach Walk	Library Open	Indoor Activity:	Library Open
Outdoor Activity:		Mindfulness:	• Loom bands	Dance Party
• Happy Backboard		• Colouring	• Lego	
• Flying Fox Park		• Drawing	• Movie	
• Toys/games in MP room			• Craft	
• Play Pod				



On Psych

On Psych are currently offering fully Medicare-funded psychological care sessions for children, held in the school setting. Up to 20 sessions are available via a Mental Health Care Plan developed by a GP.

Please note that the booking of any allied health care sessions at school must be coordinated in consultation with the school to ensure adequate time and space can be guaranteed. If you would like further information about how this works, please contact me at the school.

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 November!

November

Jimmy J, Lincoln S, Jacob S, Roy H, Jaidyn H, Miriam M, Ani G, River CT, Ryder L,
Poppy C, Chloe H, Jasper R, Harry V, Koa B, Casper M, Finn W

2025 Calendar Dates

Please note Calendar Dates will be updated each newsletter as new events are scheduled.

Events are also on the Compass Calendar.

TERM 4	
Wed 19th November	Prep 2026 Transition—3rd Session Prep Parent Information Evening (5-6pm) Yr 6 Life Ed—2nd Session
Thur 20th November	School Disco
Fri 21st November	Indo Day (Whole School)
Wed 26th—28th November	Yr 3/4 Somers Camp
Thur 27th November	Yr 4-6 District Triathlon (Selected Students)
Mon 8th December	Professional Practice Day—Student Free Day
Tues 9th December	State Wide Transition Day
Wed 10th December	School Concert
Mon 15th December	Yr 6 Graduation
Fri 19th December	Last Day of Term 4—2.30pm Dismissal



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

2025 Enrolments & 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 - \$21.50 - 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



2025 Somers Arts Fair Sponsorship



Thank you to the following businesses and community groups who have sponsored our 2025 Arts Fair.



Community Bank
Balnarring & District

 **Bendigo Bank**



**Western
Port**



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TO OUR SPONSORS,
Thank You!

Community News



AGM

**10AM SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
AT SOMERS YACHT CLUB**

Following the AGM, we will hear from local representatives including Q&A:

- Councillor David Gill
- The newly established Somers Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management
- CFA
- Victorian Police TBC

Want to join the SRA Committee?
Contact info@somers.org.au

Crib Point Community Market

Where the Community Grows

December 13th

9am-1pm

VISIT FROM SANTA

Bring the kids down to enjoy our Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt
Come inside to Cribby Koala's Cubby and have the kids write a letter to Santa.

Lots of Christmas gifts to choose from.

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

Upcycled goods.

Coffee and Devonshire Teas.

Barbecue: sausages, bacon and eggs.

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

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

Thank you, on behalf of Crib Point Community Market Committee.

2025 VIP SALE

Beleza Somerville

8/13 Eramosa Rd West, Somerville VIC 3912

Trading Hours

Mon to Fri: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

SATURDAY
22ND NOV TO
SATURDAY
29TH NOV

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Community News



Library news and information



Speak & Share
Thursday 13 November, 5pm
Mornington Library
Celebrate World Kindness Day with this engaging session run by Speak & Share

This local non-profit organisation delivers relatable and interactive mental health sessions that are engaging, movement-based, and designed to break down stigma while building real connection.

Strictly ages 14-18
library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/speak-and-share



Big Summer Read
The BIG Summer Read (BSR) is returning for another year. Sign up for your chance to win some amazing prizes!

The BIG Summer Read is an annual reading challenge run by Public Libraries Victoria. The BSR encourages young readers aged 0-18 years to read and engage with their local public libraries over the Australian Summer holidays in December and January.
library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/bsr

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[ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au](https://www.facebook.com/ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au)

Auslan Storytime
Thursday 4 December, 11am
Rosebud Library
We will welcome a Deaf storyteller from Deaf Children Australia presenting a story in Auslan, alongside an English speaking storyteller. This experience not only provides children with deafness or hard of hearing access to Auslan, but also raises awareness and celebrates Auslan as another language used within our community.
library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/auslan-storytime



Manga has arrived on hoopla
Discover everything manga has to offer for free with your library card!
hoopladigital.com.au



Every day counts

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.



vic.gov.au/education



Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts

1st Balnarring Scout Group is welcoming new members to unlock adventure and start their Scouting journey!

Our Section meeting nights are
Joys | ages 5-8 | Tuesday 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Cubs | ages 8-11 | Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Scouts | ages 11-14 | Tuesday 7pm - 9pm
Venturers | ages 14-18 | Tuesday 7pm - 9pm

We meet at St Mark's, 1 Balnarring Rd, Balnarring

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



1st Balnarring Scout Group



1800 SCOUTS
scoutsvictoria.com.au



Can you give us a hand to protect your community?

Somers is looking for help in a number of volunteer roles. Full training and ongoing support is provided, so you can learn new skills to fulfill a vital role in your community.

CONTACT DANIEL 0402 105 229



Scan the QR code to find out how you can help.





WHAT'S ON AT SOMERS TENNIS CLUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tuesday 30th September &
Wednesday 1st October
from 9:15 - 11:30 am

**\$40 per day or
\$70 for both days**

Racquets available
Prizes awarded
Participants given
preference pathway
for Term 4 coaching

TERM 4 COACHING

Group and private
lessons for
adults & juniors

Limited places
available for
Adult Cardio Tennis

\$150 per term

Racquets available

**** Places are limited - bookings essential ****

Contact Head Coach Tony Withers
Qualified Tennis Australia Club Coach
0413 331 014, witherstennis@hotmail.com

Crib Point Net Set Go Program

Join us for Term 4 fun

What Is It

Net Set Go is a wonderful program designed to introduce kids to the joy of netball.

Who Is It For

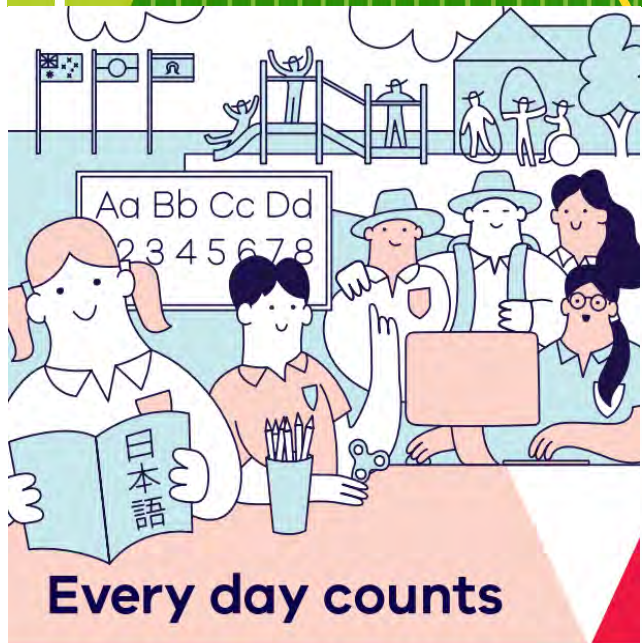
Kids aged 5 to 10 can participate and learn the basics of netball while having fun.

When

The program starts Tuesday, 07 October 4 - 4.45pm and it will run for 10 weeks, through term 4.



Register today and join the fun!
Term 1 & 2 membership allows you to join our sessions in future terms of 2025



Every day counts

Missing **one day per fortnight**
adds up to missing
four weeks of school a year.

Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet



VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration.
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.

