

Somers Primary School



SPS Newsletter

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Well done to all of our students who participated in a day of learning about Aboriginal history and culture last Friday. Students across the school learnt about the importance of weaving in First Nations cultures, and worked with their group to understand the importance of acknowledging Country and develop a new acknowledgement for our school.

Attendance

Thank you to all of our families who continue to prioritise regular attendance. We ask that all families focus on avoiding unapproved absences, such as taking days off for birthdays, day trips, going shopping or visiting friends. Our aim is to reduce these absences to an average of less than 2 days per year.

For holidays, please remember to let your child's teacher know if you are planning holidays during school time, so that a holiday learning plan can be developed for your child and these absences approved by the school.

School Council Elections and AGM

Our School Council elections have now been finalised, and we welcome the following parents and staff to our 2026 Council:

- Danielle Vitartas
- Anna McLaurin
- Emma Guest
- Lisa Scoble
- Ceinwen Gould
- Christopher Tringrove
- Mark Garland
- Laurie Aitken
- Kirsty Egglestone
- Sandra Christie



Our School Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th March at 6:30pm in the BER.

Student Free Day

Please be aware that Tuesday 10th March is a student-free day. Teachers will be engaged in professional learning on this day.

2027 Enrolment Tours

We are currently conducting tours for 2027 Prep enrolment. If your family would like to book a tour, or you know a family who would, please contact us via email at somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au or phone **5983 5546** to arrange a personalised tour with Kirsty or me.

Our school will be hosting our **2027 Prep Information Evening** on Thursday 7th May at 6:00pm.

Understanding How Your Child is Assessed

Across our school, teachers use assessment to determine students' learning goals, identify progress against the Victorian Curriculum and evaluate the impact of teaching on student learning.

In English, our teachers use a number of assessments to understand what students can do, and their next steps for learning. Our Prep teachers are currently administering the Foundation Assessment with all Prep students, which assesses students' letter naming fluency, ability to fluently segment phonemes, and fluency in reading short real and nonsense words. This assessment also assesses students' ability to listen to a short story and retell it and answer simple questions about the text.

Teachers in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 use assessments from the Little Learners Love Literacy program to track students' growth and development in reading and spelling.

In addition, teachers use the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessments to assess phonemic awareness, phonics, accuracy and fluency when reading, and comprehension (key components of the [Big 6 of Reading](#)) three times per year in Prep – Year 6.

Our school uses twice-yearly Progressive Achievement Testing (developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research) to monitor progress and determine learning goals in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Mathematics. These assessments are conducted in mid-Term 2 and mid-Term 4. Students in Years Prep, One and Two also use the Mathematics Online Interview to better understand student progress in counting, place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division.

In addition, our teachers use checklists, rubrics and anecdotal observations to monitor ongoing student progress and determine next steps in learning. The collection of evidence of student learning is combined with standardised assessments to report student progress to parents in twice-yearly reports.

2026 NAPLAN Assessments

A reminder that 2026 NAPLAN assessments will take place next week for students in Year 3 and Year 5. The timeline for assessments is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Year	Test
Wednesday	11/03/2026	9:00am	Year 3	Writing
	11/03/2026	11:30am	Year 5	Writing
Friday	13/03/2026	9:00am	Year 3	Reading
	13/03/2026	11:30am	Year 5	Reading
Monday	16/03/2026	9:00am	Year 3	Language Conventions
	16/03/2026	11:30am	Year 5	Language Conventions
Tuesday	17/03/2026	9:00am	Year 3	Numeracy
	17/03/2026	11:30am	Year 5	Numeracy

Students absent on test days will have the capacity for makeup sessions where possible.



Walking School Bus Safety

Recently there have been some parents asking to pick up students whilst students are walking to the Walking School Bus line, or whilst walking to the reserve when on the Walking School Bus. This can make effective supervision tricky.

All parents are required to sign their children out at the office if picking them up prior to the 3:30 bell, or meet them at Stone Reserve if taking them from the Walking School Bus. We appreciate parents' assistance in making the Walking School Bus a safe and effective way of easing congestion around the school.



Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer , Principal

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

Physical Education

District Swimming



Congratulations to our District Swimming Team on their fantastic effort at the recent district carnival! All students represented our school with pride, showing great sportsmanship, determination and teamwork throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of the way they competed, encouraged one another and gave their best in every race. Well done to everyone involved—what a wonderful achievement!

We wish the following students good luck when they will be representing our school at Division on the 26th March at Yawa.

Billie H, River A, Ruby P, Theo F, Georgia WM, RJ R, Ben R, Adelaide B, Noah B, Hamish L, Will F, Elian A and Lincon R.



Mrs Bannister



School Photos

Tuesday 31st March 2026

School photo orders are now open. Please refer to the flyer for instructions on how to place your order.

Please note that **family/sibling photo orders close at 4:30 pm on Monday, 30th March** (the day before photo day). After this time, parents will no longer be able to order family photos online.

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **31/03/2026**



leadingimage.com.au

Somers Primary School 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.

Access key: **ZH4KDA8W**



Scan to order!





Student Birthdays

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

March

Eve S, Lil H, Iluka F, Lulu C, Juliette K, Banjo A, Arthur C, Noah B, Chloe O, Freya H, Lyric S, Paddy M, Logan L, Summer D, Harri T, Georgia WM, Sam M, Davi B, Freya D, Leo K, Cooper G, Paige W

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

10th March-Curriculum Day
 31st March - School Photos
 27th to 31st July Yr5/6 Camp WOORABINDA
 30th to 31st July Yr3/4 Camp SOVEREIGN HILL

2026 Calendar Dates

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

Events are also on the Compass Calendar.

TERM 1	
Tuesday 10th March	Student Free Day
Wednesday 11th - 17th March	NAPLAN - Yr 3 and Yr 5
Wednesday 18th March	Environment Captains Dolphin Swim Inspire - 3rd Session
Monday 23rd March	Year 6 Discovery Day at Western Port Secondary College
Wednesday 25th March	Division Swimming (Selected Students Only)
Thursday 26th March	Summer Lightning Prem - Yr5/6
Tuesday 31st March	School Photos
Wednesday 1st April	Southern Metro Region Swimming (Selected Students Only) Inspire-4th Session
Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term 1 - Students Dismissed at 2.30pm





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

2026 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 -\$23.00 - ASC \$24.00

CASUAL BOOKINGS

BSC -\$24.50 - ASC \$26.00



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



CROSSFIT. HASTINGS

"ITS A GREAT DAY TO
START CROSSFIT"

- FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENTS
- HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING
- COACH LED WORKOUTS
- COMMUNITY DRIVEN ENVIRONMENT
- ALL LEVELS
- KIDS PLAY SPACE

(supervised at 9.30am)

SCAN TO START NOW!



strong coaching . strong community

CROSSFITHASTINGS.COM.AU



Season Launch

 Sun, Mar 1st
101 HENDERSONS RD, BITTERN 10am - 1pm

WESTERN PORT FC
Est. 1989

PLAYERS WANTED

SHOT SPEED RADAR

WESTERN PORT FC

WesternPortFC 0493 593 665

All Abilities Welcome - No Experience Required - Kids & Adults Soccer

JOIN OUR NETBALL COMMUNITY!

UNDER 9s PLAYERS WANTED!
YEARS OF BIRTH 2017, 2018 & 2019

Come join the
Crib Point
Junior Netball Club!



- Have fun! • Make new friends!
- Be part of a team! • Enjoy playing sport!

cribpointjuniornetball@gmail.com
Email us for more info!

CRIB POINT JUNIOR NETBALL

Net Set Go!



Join Term 1, 2026

\$99 to Join

Tuesdays 4:00-4:45pm

Starting 10th February

Crib Point Recreation Reserve

8 weeks Term 1

Terms 2 & 4 Membership
included in the \$99 fee