

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

Term 1- Issue 4 Friday 20th March 2026

Principal's Report



Dear Families,

As we head towards the end of Term 1, I'd like to thank our entire school community for the important role you play in helping our students feel happy, engaged, and supported to make strong progress in their learning. Each day, our staff go above and beyond—whether it's finding new ways to explain a concept, supporting students to build friendships at recess, or creating personalised strategies to boost engagement. I feel incredibly proud to be part of Somers Primary School and to work within such a caring and dedicated community.



I will be taking long-service leave from 23rd March until 2nd April. Kirsty Egglestone will be acting principal during this period.

Thank you to our Year 3 and 5 students for their positive approach to the NAPLAN assessments over the past fortnight. They demonstrated confidence and resilience throughout the process, which was wonderful to see. NAPLAN results are provided to schools from August, and families will receive an individual report outlining their child's performance.

School Council AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th March, and our annual report was presented. Our school council also elected new office bearers, and we welcome Mark Garland as our new school council president. Our 2026 School Councillors are Amanda Durrington, Anna McLaurin, Ceinwen Gould, Chris Tringrove, Danielle Vitartas, Emma Guest, Lisa Scoble, Mark Garland, Sandra Christie, Kirsty Egglestone, and Laurie Aitken.

Parking Around the School

A reminder to all of our families to park legally in the streets around our school. A number of our families have received fines recently for improper parking, and we have been contacted by MPSC to remind families to park responsibly on Camp Hill Road and in Charles Court.



Out of School Hours Care

Have you considered your child attending our Out of School Hours Care service? Our Before School Program is open from 7:00 am, and After School Care runs until 6:00 pm. With the assistance of the Child Care Subsidy, some families' out-of-pocket expenses are as low as \$5 per session. More information about the Child Care Subsidy is available on the [Services Australia website](#). Bookings can be permanent, or casual bookings can be made at short notice by contacting the school or Colleen directly. For an enrolment form, please contact the office on 5983 5546 or email somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Easter Raffle

We are currently holding an Easter Raffle to help raise funds for our Year 6 Graduation. Tickets are available before school outside the office. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1st April.



School Attendance

Thank you to all of our families who continue to prioritise their child's attendance at school.

Absences are not approved by our school when students are away unnecessarily—for example, taking a long weekend on a school day, visiting family or friends on a school day, or taking a day off for a birthday.

In addition, when parents do not notify us of the reason for an absence, this absence is unexplained and therefore unapproved. Parents are required to contact the school to provide an explanation on the day of the student's absence. If no explanation is given, the school must attempt to contact the parent or legal guardian and seek clarification of the reason for the absence.

Enrolment Tours

We are currently conducting tours for enrolment for 2027. Tours will take place in Terms 1 and 2, with enrolments for Prep 2027 opening on Monday 20th April. To book a tour, please call us on 5983 5546 or email somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

School Photos

Leading Image photographers will be at Somers Primary School on Tuesday 31st March to take our school photos. As in the past few years, all student and family group photos are ordered online. 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. Ordering information is now on Compass.



Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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



Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

The Resilience Project Webinar

Earlier this week, The Resilience Project held a webinar for parents on building resilience at home. If you were able to attend, we hope you found the session beneficial.

Here is the [link](#) to the recording. Please note that this link will expire on 16th April.



Environment Captain Excursion

On Wednesday, our Environment Captains attended their first excursion as part of the Dolphin Research Institute's 'I Sea, I Care' program. Students had the exciting experience of snorkelling in Port Phillip Bay.

We are the 2026 Environment Captains, and last Wednesday we were lucky enough to go on an exciting boat trip to Pope's Eye. On the way, we saw a few dolphins and snorkelled around about 100 seals who were fighting for their sleeping spots. Overall, it was a great experience—except for the hot chocolate, which we are pretty sure was just hot water!



By Ani and Willow

Clear Café

Term 1 Clear Café will be held next Wednesday, 25th March. Teachers will communicate how many Clear Cards each student has prior to Wednesday. Students are able to choose to save their cards for a 'bigger' item off the menu or spend their current points. Run by our Wellbeing Captains, Clear Café is always a highlight of each term!

5 CLEAR POINTS	10 CLEAR POINTS	20 CLEAR POINTS	30 CLEAR POINTS	50 CLEAR POINTS	75 CLEAR POINTS	100 CLEAR POINTS	150 CLEAR POINTS
Bubbles	Eat your lunch with a friend or teacher in another classroom	Read one of Mr Stone's afternoon messages over the PA system	Whole class game	A one-hour activity of your choice in your classroom.	A new piece of sports equipment to take home.	Lunch order and walk to the beach, reserve or flying fox with a friend.	\$20 voucher from: - Coles/Myer - IGA - EB Games
Be the leader in the line for a day	Choose a piece of sports equipment from the sports shed to play with for the day	Toy or item from the 20-point box.	Toy or item from the 30-point box.	Multi-purpose room to yourself with a friend at recess.	A one-hour activity of your choice during class time (e.g. tennis, art, beach walk)	Hot chips on the beach with a friend and teacher.	\$20 Somers General Store Voucher
Toy or item 5-point box.	Toy or item from the 10-point box.	Hot chocolate	Spend one session helping in another classroom	Movie with a friend at lunch time	Go for a swim with a friend at lunchtime	A new book of your choice.	\$20 Petersen's book voucher
Be the first out at recess and lunchtime for the day.	Four square ball	30 minutes of free time in class.	Choose a mystery pack	Free lunch order	Cooking session with a friend	Who's do for your class (bring a bike/scooter for a 3 hour riding session)	Pizza party for your class.
Be a yard duty teacher.	Key role	Board Game with a friend at lunch time	Be your teacher's assistant for the day.	Toy or item from the 50-point box.	An hour on the bench at lunchtime with friends	Come to school in bee dress	
Sit on a special chair during floor time for a day	10 minutes of free time in class.	Show a learning talk in the newsletter	Play on the computer with a friend for 1 hour/line	Spend lunchtime with Sable			

Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone, Assistant Principal

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



SOMERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



COME AND TRY OUR SCHOOL! **SOMERS FIRST STEPS**

SOMERS KINDERGARTEN GROUP - 9:50AM - 11:00AM CHILDREN FROM OTHER ELCS - 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Wednesday 6th May - Belonging at the Beach

- Learning activities at Somers Beach
- Facilitated by staff and students from Somers Primary School.
- Language, literacy, social and emotional learning and the natural environment.

Wednesday 20th May - Being at School

- Learning activities at Somers Primary School
- Focus on developing positive learning behaviours and routines,
- Meet Teachers and Principal Team and
- Experience specialist classes in the Arts, Language, Science and Physical Education.

Bookings: somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au or 59835546

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 and April!

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

April

Will P, Archie M, Pia W, Knox G, Bella W,
 Jack M, Coen M, Harvey S, Maxwell W, Lucia M,
 Jeremy G, Carter K, Harley W, Sophie V,
 Hunter F, Ollie J, Kemba S, Kenz H

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	
Monday 23rd March	Year 6 Discovery Day at Western Port Secondary College
Wednesday 25th March	Division Swimming (Selected Students Only) Visit Somers Fire Brigade-Yr2
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
TERM 2	
Monday 20th April	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 22nd April	Inspire-5th Session
Wednesday 6th May	Somers First Step - Prep 2027 (1st Session)
Thursday 7th May	Prep 2027 Info Night
Friday 8th May	Mothers Day Stall
Wednesday 20th May	Somers First Step - Prep 2027 (2nd Session)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

31st March - School Photos
 5th June - Curriculum Day
 27th to 31st July Yr5/6 Camp WOORABINDA
 30th to 31st July Yr3/4 Camp SOVEREIGN HILL



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

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Season Launch

Sun, Mar 1st
10am - 1pm

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PLAYERS WANTED







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

Community News



MOONLIT SANCTUARY
AUTUMN HOLIDAY CLUB
JNR KEEPER CLUB
 Ages: 7-14
 9:00am-2:00pm
 Registration Fee **\$104**

Become a Junior Keeper for a Day and experience life behind the scenes at Moonlit Sanctuary.

- Meet and feed our amazing Aussie animals
- Help with real-life wildlife care
- Learn about conservation and animal behaviour
- Get hands-on with enrichment activities, animal diets and more

Moonlit Sanctuary
the best way to see Aussie animals

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Bayside Health



FREE BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN



Getting to know your bike can help you feel more confident in riding.

Join our hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop designed to help you keep your bike clean, safe, and running smoothly. You'll learn how to spot common issues, perform simple maintenance, and quickly fix a flat tyre.



Scan this code with the camera on your phone to register.

Mornington Peninsula

Sunday 8 March
 10:00am - 11:30am
 Mornington Park Pavilion

Sunday 29 March
 10:00am - 11:30am
 Hastings Community Hub

Frankston City Council

Sunday 15 March
 10:00am - 11:30am
 Frankston Nth Community Centre

Sunday 22 March
 10:00am - 11:30am
 Frankston Nth Community Centre

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Community News



SINGING & PERFORMANCE CLASSES!

PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Located in my Bittern Studio

Does your child love to sing, perform, or put on a show? Help them build confidence, skills, and stage presence in a fun, supportive environment!

★ WHAT I TEACH

- Vocal control & agility
- Microphone technique
- Stage presence & movement
- Live performance skills
- Songwriting & creativity
- Solo and group classes available



🎵 CLASS DETAILS

- 45-minute sessions
- Beginner to advanced welcome
- Limited spots available

📍 CONTACT

Dawn Shore
0408 300 194

Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet



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 offroad 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

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



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety

Library news and information



Harmony Week at Morrington Peninsula Shire Library

Join us as we celebrate Harmony Week with Auslan storytimes, Greek Dancing, and our exciting bookmark design competition.

Free, bookings essential via morpan.vic.gov.au/harmonyweek



Greek Dancing for Children

Step into the vibrant world of Greek culture with this high-energy dance workshop just for children.

Led by the talented instructors from MANABIS School of Greek Dance and Culture, children will explore traditional movement, rhythm, and storytelling through dance.

Morrington Library

March 18, 10am



Auslan Storytime

A Deaf storyteller from Deaf Children Australia will be 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 and celebrates Auslan as another language used within our community.

Morrington Library

March 18, 10am

Hardings Library

March 18, 10am

Harmony Week: Design a Bookmark Competition



Design a Bookmark Competition

In celebration of Harmony Week, children (aged 6-16) can design a library bookmark inspired by the theme "Cultural Connects." The winning entries will be professionally printed and distributed by Morrington Peninsula Shire Library. Collect the entry form in branch and submit your design.

Competition open 18-22 March 2024

Connect with us

- [@morringtonpeninsulalibrary](https://morringtonpeninsulalibrary.com)
- facebook.com/australianlibrarymorrington
- library.morpan.vic.gov.au

READ-ALONG STORIES ON BORROWBOX

Little readers can listen and follow the words on the screen with some of their favourite stories on Borrowbox!



library.morpan.vic.gov.au/read-along



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 fulfil a vital role in your community.

CONTACT DANIEL 0402 105 229



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



Community News

The Briars

Wildlife Eco Explorer Holiday Program

Do you have a child who loves nature, wildlife, exploring, adventure, and a fun sense of curiosity?

The Wildlife Eco Explorer Program is:

- Three full days of **KIDS ONLY** fun.
- **BEHIND THE SCENES** adventures
- Immersing kids into the **world of the BRIARS** team
- **VERY LIMITED** spots to keep group size small for behind the scenes activities.

April 13 - 15
8.45am - 4pm
Ages 7 - 13
\$415 per person



Themes include:

- Wildlife
- Conservation
- First Nations Culture
- Creative Fun

Scan for Bookings + Info



The Briars

Autumn What's On

Join us for guided tours, markets, moongazing and more!



Resident Plant Giveaway

March 25 - April 2

Morningside Peninsula residents can collect three free indigenous plants per household from The Briars Nursery.

Wed - Fri, 9am - 3.30pm, Sat 9am - 1pm



Briars Craft Market

March 29

Purchase fresh produce, find new treasures, gifts and fabulous homewares curated from across the region.

10am - 3pm



Mission to the Moon + Moongazing

April 4

Having space travel and circus, lets discover space! Then after the show, see the moon up close with the Morningside Peninsula Astronomical Society!

8pm - 8.30pm



Mission to the Moon + Circus Workshops

April 7, 8 + 9

Embark on a captivating journey with three quirky, acrobatic astronauts, blending circus artistry, clowning, and real space science.

10am Mission to the Moon, 10am Circus Workshop

@briarsinthe
@briarsinthe



Wildlife Sanctuary Twilight Tours

April 9 + 16

Discover a magical time in the sanctuary, as dusk sets, twilight begins, and many of our animals are starting to settle.

5.30pm - 7pm

Bookings are essential. Scan for details, and booking info.



Wildlife Eco Explorers

April 13 - 15

For kids who love wildlife, nature, exploring and want to learn behind the scenes of the Briars. Three full days, of kids only fun. VERY limited spots.

8.45am - 4pm each day.



The Briars

Mission to the Moon + Moongazing!

Let's discover space!

Mission to the Moon takes you on a captivating journey with acrobatic astronauts, blending circus artistry, clowning and real space science!

After the show, enjoy some Moon Gazing with the Morningside Peninsula Astronomical Society.

It will be a full moon that evening, an amazing chance to see it in its full glory!

Saturday April 4, 6pm

Tickets, \$35. Family packages available.

To book: <https://thebriars.eventbrite.com>



The Briars

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GOOD CLEAN FUN

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Community News



Year 7 2028 Enrolments Now Open

If you are interested in learning more about Padua's comprehensive curriculum offering, award winning VCE Vocational Major, exciting sports and performing arts programs, smaller class sizes, and vibrant learning spaces, we invite you to take a tour to see why one in four secondary school students on the Peninsula choose Padua College.

[Book a tour online](#)

www.padua.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours

[Enrol now](#)

<https://enrol.padua.vic.edu.au/enrolment/start>

Enrolments close 29 May 2026



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
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Every day counts

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



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