

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for Term 2! I hope everyone had a restful break. Students and staff have made an excellent start to Term 2, and there has been lots happening around the school to ensure that our students are happy, engaged, and making great progress.

This week, our Year 3 to 6 students had their final session of the Inspire Program, designed to increase student engagement by providing a range of diverse learning experiences. Students participating in MasterChef cooked pancakes on the barbecues, while our design group completed their amazing Plushies. Students in Stop Motion animation finished their movies, our cricketers enjoyed a game of continuous cricket, and our Gardening group tidied up the Indigenous garden and sketched some plants. Our Life Saving group enjoyed the beautiful autumn weather while practising board safety skills, and they were lucky to have a pod of dolphins following them for most of the session. Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who offer these diverse programs, allowing children to explore their interests.

Good luck to all of our students participating in the Cross Country next Wednesday. Our Year 3–6 students will run in the morning from 9:15am, and P–2 students will run at 11:30am. All races will take place at Stone Reserve.



ANZAC Day

Across the school, students have been learning about ANZAC Day in the lead-up to April 25. Thank you to our school captains and vice captains, Flinders, Ella, Nicholas, and Lily, who will lay wreaths on behalf of our school community at the Balnarring and Crib Point ceremonies.



Each year, Year 6 students from our school are invited to enter the Private John Cavanagh Essay Competition, organised by the Balnarring and District ANZAC Committee. This year's winner was Leo P, who will read his essay at the Balnarring ceremony on Saturday. Thank you to all the families who attend these services with their children to demonstrate our school value of Respect on this important day.

Attendance

Thank you to all of our families who continue to prioritise their child's attendance at school. We have seen continued improvement in the reduction of unapproved absences, and we appreciate families informing us of the reason for their child's absence. We encourage all families to ensure students arrive at school on time to help our classes run smoothly each morning.

2027 Enrolments Now Open

If you have a child starting primary school in 2027, it is time to enrol. Please ensure you submit your enrolment application by **Friday 31 July 2026**.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Prep. Enrolling your child in line with these 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 visit vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

We have a number of transition events coming up over the next few weeks. Our Prep Information Evening for prospective 2027 families will be held on **Thursday 7 May at 6pm**. The first session of our brand-new **Somers First Steps** program will take place on Wednesday 6 May. This program offers a taste of school to see if Somers Primary School is the right fit for your child. To make a booking, please contact the office on (03) 5983 5546 or email somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

This year, our school is using the new [VicStudents](https://vicstudents.vic.gov.au) portal for 2027 Prep enrolments. If you are seeking to enrol your child into Prep next year, please contact our school office on (03) 5983 5546 or via email to request an enrolment pack. We are also conducting personalised school tours, which can be booked through the office.

2027 Literacy and Numeracy Early Intervention Program

In Terms 2 and 3 this year, our school will be offering additional support to identified students through the Literacy and Numeracy Early Intervention Program (LNEIP). This will include in-class support for students identified as needing additional assistance through NAPLAN reading and numeracy assessments, as well as those identified by their teacher as working significantly below age-expected levels. Families of students selected for this support will be notified next week.

Year 7 Placement

Year 6 to Year 7 Placement Information Packs have been sent home this fortnight. All families with Year 6 students enrolled in government schools are encouraged to complete and return an application form listing their preferred government schools by Friday 8 May, even if the student has been offered a place in a non-government school or is registered for home schooling in 2027. This ensures all preferences are recorded and allows the primary school to maintain accurate records of Year 7 placements.



Year 6 parents and carers may list up to three school preferences, including their designated neighbourhood school. If a student cannot be placed at any of their preferred schools, they will be allocated to their designated neighbourhood school.

Where it is not practicable or possible for parents/carers to sign a single form, they should communicate this to the primary school who will allow one form to be completed by each parent/carer.

Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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



Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Anglicare- Parenting Programs

Throughout next term, Anglicare will be delivering a range of programs that families can access. These programs are offered both online and within the community.

One of the many parenting programs on offer is: *School Refusal or School Can't – Positive Parenting Strategies* – Online, 2 sessions, 12 May and 2 June.

Further information can be found via the link below:

[Southern Parentzone - Term 2, 2026 - Anglicare Victoria](#)

The Resilience Project

This year, we are continuing to implement *The Resilience Project* as a resource to compliment the teaching of Personal and Social Capability.

TRP is an Australian education program focused on improving mental health and wellbeing by teaching evidence-based strategies centered on four key pillars: Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness, and Emotional Literacy. It aims to build positive habits and resilience through age-appropriate lessons and activities.

A wide range of resources is available for both parents and students to access at home via this link:

<https://at-home.theresilienceproject.com.au/>

Buddy Program

Each year, our Grade 6 students excitedly take on a 'buddy' role for new Prep students. Over the year, Grade 6 and Prep students spend time together undertaking activities and celebrating special events.

Last term, Grade 6 students read their buddy a picture storybook they had written and illustrated. Senior students were learning about creating texts for specific audiences, and their stories were written for their buddies. Focusing on narrative writing, they used a variety of elements, including characterisation and setting, to write their stories.

Inspire and Horizons

This week, we held our final Inspire session for 2026. A big thank you to our teachers for their work in preparing engaging activities for this program. Thank you also to our parent volunteers for their help in ensuring we can run these fantastic programs.

Next Wednesday, our Prep–2 students will engage in their first Horizons session.



Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone, Assistant Principal

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

Physical Education

Basketball Victoria 3XCup Schools Tournament

Davi, Finn, Jay and Ollie proudly represented Somers PS at the Basketball Victoria 3XCup Schools Tournament held at the State Basketball Centre last term. They finished their pool games undefeated and secured the top position on their pool ladder. Following this success, they won their qualifying final game, earning a spot in the quarter finals. In a nail-biting game that went into overtime against Essex Heights PS, they narrowly lost by just two points. It was a fantastic day for the boys, finishing an impressive 5th overall in the tournament. Well done boys!



Summer Lightning Premiership

Congratulations to all of our students who proudly represented our school in the Summer Lightning Premiership last term across cricket, volleyball, and basketball. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship on display throughout the competition. Unfortunately, challenging weather conditions meant that our cricket and volleyball teams were unable to complete their day, but we commend their resilience and positive attitudes. A big thank you also goes to our parent helpers for their support and assistance, it is greatly appreciated and helps make these opportunities possible for our students.



Division Swimming

Congratulations to our division swimmers who competed at the end of Term 1. The competition was strong, and many of our students experienced racing in a 50m pool and using diving blocks for the very first time, an incredible achievement in itself! We are so proud of the way all students stepped up to the challenge, gave their best effort, and represented our school with pride and determination. Well done to our division swimmers!





SOMERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

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



Student Birthdays

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

April

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

May

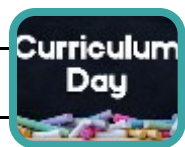
Summer W, Mackenzie S, Flynn G, Ruby P,
 Zave L, Finn M, Theodore S, Lenny H, Grace P,
 Madelyn K, Ollie D, Zayley C, Zoe N,
 Charlotte E

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 2	
Monday 20th April	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 22nd April	Inspire-5th Session
Wednesday 29th April	Whole School Cross Country Senior Yr 3-6 9:00am Junior Yr Prep - 2 11:30am
Wednesday 29th April	Horizons-1st 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 13th May	Horizons-2nd Session
Wednesday 20th May	Somers First Step - Prep 2027 (2nd Session)
Thursday 21st May	District Cross Country –Selected Students Only
Wednesday 27th May	Horizons-3rd Session
Friday 5th June	Curriculum Day
Monday 8th June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

WESTERN PORT DOWN UNDER

Community Conversation Event

Join us at Somers Yacht Club for an inspiring evening as we come together to shape the future of Western Port and introduce a bold new community campaign to celebrate and protect our unique blue backyard.

Led by local marine biologist Sheree Marris and award-winning producer and scientist Jack Breedon, this initiative is set to celebrate the unique marine wonders of Western Port and we'd love to invite you on the journey to share its magic.

What to expect:

- Meet the team and discover some of the wonders of Western Port
- Get an insight into the campaign's vision and impact
- Enjoy a sneak peek at the documentary teaser
- Have a chance to share your stories and local knowledge
- Explore opportunities to get involved

See the vision. Share your voice. Be part of the legacy.

www.westernportdownunder.com.au

JOIN US



April 28

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Light supper provided

Location: Somers Yacht Club

Address: 99 Alexandra Ave, Somers

RSVP: 24th April to sheree@shereemarris.com

Supported by:









COME & PLAY

- 15 week program - all player levels welcome
- Wednesdays: 4.15 - 5.00 pm
- 29 April - 19 August 2026
- Balnarring Netball Courts
- Kids aged 5-10
- Cost: \$180 includes a netball and t-shirt

More info: www.bdnc.com.au/netsetgo-1





2026 Kids' Story Writing Competition




Prompt:
"The sound became louder & I realised it was ..."

Entries close July 26th

Full details and entry forms can be found in store or on our website www.farrells.com.au



PLEASE CONTACT BELINDA RENOUF AT SCHOOL FOR MORE DETAILS.

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



Community News



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!

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

PLAYERS WANTED

SHOT SPEED RADAR

WESTERN PORT FC

WesternPortFC 0493 593 665

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

WE WANT YOU!

We are on the look out for players to fill the below teams

- 6-U12 Girls
- 6-U12 Mixed
- 6-U10 Girls
- 6-U10 Mixed
- 6-U9 Mixed

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

MORNINGTON PENINSULA KOALA TREE PLANTING PROJECT 2026

With your support, we'll plant over 30,000 indigenous trees in 2026, strengthening our biolinks and expanding vital koala habitat across the Mornington Peninsula.

Join us to save our koalas by planting 250,000 trees by 2030.



MP KC
Mornington Peninsula
Koala Conservation Inc.

Register now:
mpkoalas.org.au/events
mpkoalatreplanting@outlook.com
Scan the QR code

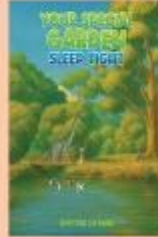


Thank You to our sponsors:



Donations can help us plant in our trees and support our koalas. Every contribution makes a difference. <https://www.morningtonpeninsula.vic.gov.au/koalas>

Library news and information



Storytime with Christine Coleman - Reseal Library
Saturday, May 16, 10am

Join us for a story time with Australian author and educator Christine Coleman as she reads her gentle bedtime book 'Your Special Garden'. This interactive session invites children and caregivers on a calming journey to create their own 'Special Garden', a safe, joyful place children can return to at bedtime to feel settled and secure.

Suitable for caregivers and children up to 12.

Free, bookings essential.

[ChristineColeman.eventsforthe.com.au](https://christinecoleman.eventsforthe.com.au)



National Simultaneous Storytime
Wednesday 27 May, 10am

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

Every year a picture book written and illustrated by Australians, is read simultaneously all over the country.

No need to book, just join us at any of our branches for a fun reading of *Luna Roo: the Kangaroo Baller* - written by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, and illustrated by Jake Ninton.



Disney Stories Now Available on BorrowBox!

Whether you're a lifelong Disney fan or sharing the magic with the kids, BorrowBox has something for everyone.

From the icy wonder of Frozen and the ocean adventures of Moana, to the colourful world of Encanto and epic Star Wars tales, these stories are perfect for Disney fans and Disney adults alike.

Enjoy a little nostalgia, spark young imaginations, or simply escape into a story you love.
mornington.borrowbox.com

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creativebug

Get creative for Mothers Day!
Hundreds of online craft tutorials for children and adults, free with your Mornington Peninsula Shire Library membership.



library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/craft



Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts

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



1st Balnarring
Scout Group

Our Section meeting nights are
Joeys | 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



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 fulfil a vital role in your community.

CONTACT DANIEL 0402 105 229



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

