

# Somers Primary School



## SPS NEWSLETTER

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### Principal's Report



*Dear Families,*

Wishing all of our mums and special friends a happy Mother's Day! Thank you for all of the support you give the children in our community and for your contribution to our school. Thank you to Amy and all of the volunteers who helped out at the Mother's Day stall today.



#### Attendance

Our goal this year is to reduce the number of unapproved student absences, and we are currently projecting below our target average of two unapproved absences per student. Unapproved absences are days when absence is avoidable, including taking days off for birthdays, long weekends, or to visit friends or relatives. If you are taking family holidays, please remember to speak to your child's teacher to develop a holiday learning plan so that important learning is not missed while students are absent.

Please also remember, when calling the absence line to advise the school of absences, to provide a reason for your child's absence.

#### School Uniform

We have had some chilly mornings at school recently. Don't forget that our school beanies are available to purchase from the office for \$15. Our uniform policy states that all beanies worn at school must be navy coloured. Please remember to provide a note for your child if they are not in school uniform.



#### 2026 Somers Arts Fair

Our 2026 Somers Arts Fair will take place on Sunday 25th October. Our first Arts Fair Committee meeting will be held on Monday 18th May at 3:45pm in the BER. Each year, the Somers Arts Fair raises much-needed funds for our school, and this amazing community event is not possible without the support of our whole school community.

We invite all families to come along to this meeting to learn how you can contribute to the organisation of the Arts Fair. No special skills are required, there are many diverse roles. It's a great way to engage with our amazing community.

### Jump Rope for Heart

A reminder that our Junior School Council Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser is now underway. Students have been skipping in PE and during their sport sessions in class and can earn some exciting prizes for their participation. Visit [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents) to register your child.



### Curriculum Day – Friday 5th June

School Council has approved Friday 5th June as a student-free day. This is the Friday before the King's Birthday long weekend. Our staff will be engaged in professional learning on this day.

### Literacy and Numeracy Early Intervention Program

In Terms 2 and 3, our school is providing additional support to students through the Literacy and Numeracy Early Intervention Program. All students who have been identified as Needing Additional Support in Reading and Numeracy through NAPLAN assessments, as well as students identified by their teacher as being significantly below age-expected levels in English and Maths, will receive additional support in their classroom throughout the week. This program will run in addition to our Multisensory Language Program, which is targeted at students in Prep to Year 2 who are not making expected progress in Reading, Writing, and Spelling.



*Kind Regards,*

**Hugh Greer, Principal**

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# Physical Education

## 2026 Cross Country



Our annual Cross Country was a fantastic day, with perfect weather and an amazing effort from all students! It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best, encouraging their peers and showing great sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done to all students who participated and challenged themselves on the course. A huge thank you also goes to our wonderful parent helpers for supporting the day and helping everything run so smoothly.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the District Cross Country:

Lil J, Georgia W-M, Maisie, Mimi, Grace E, Aura, Edie F, Airlee, Charlotte E, Alana, Van, River A, Ryder L, Henry B, Finley K, Theo F, Cooper, Noah B, Hamish, Arlo, Lily M, Ruby C, Gigi, Kodie, Zoe S, Fluer, Violet, Ellie, Will F, Lincon, RJ, James, Leo K, Elian, Gus, Jacob, Ella G, Ella S, Scarlett, Lil H, Paige C, Paige W, Bonnie, Nicholas, Oscar, Lucas K, Leo P, Ben R, Casper, Davi, Tait H.





# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or 59835546



## Student Birthdays

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

**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.

<b>TERM 2</b>	
Wednesday 13th May	Horizons-2nd Session
Monday 18th May	Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Incursion-Yr5/6
Wednesday 20th May	Somers First Step - Prep 2027 (2nd Session)
Wednesday 20th May	Environment Captains Peer Teaching Excursion
Thursday 21st May	District Cross Country –Selected Students Only
Friday 22nd May	Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Excursion-Yr5/6
Wednesday 27th May	Horizons-3rd Session
Friday 5th June	Curriculum Day
Monday 8th June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 10th June	Horizons-4th Session
Thursday 11th June	Winter Lightning Prem
Wednesday 17th June	Horizons-5th Session

#### 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

## Crib Point Community Market

*Where the Community Grows*

**May 9th**

**9am-1pm**

Last chance to shop for Mother's Day!

Biggest Morning Tea! Donations go to Cancer Council, Victoria.

Handmade items: footy quilts, candles, jewellery, clothing, skincare, soaps, bags and lots more. Fresh produce. Plants. Upcycled goods.

Devonshire Teas. BBQ. Coffee Van

Bring the kids down to enjoy our Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt

All 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



### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>  
101 HENDERSONS RD, BITTERN 10am - 1pm

**PLAYERS WANTED**

**WESTERN PORT FC**  
WesternPortFC 0493 593 665

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

**The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.**  
care empower contribute

## Information Session

Mornington Peninsula CWA is looking for women to help establish our very own Hastings Branch!

Whether you're a home hobbyist, love baking, or are simply looking for companionship and a sense of community, come along and find out what we are all about.

**Where:** Hastings Library  
**When:** 23 May  
**Time:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

If you're unable to attend but would like to stay informed, please email [morningtonpeninsula@cwaofvic.org.au](mailto:morningtonpeninsula@cwaofvic.org.au) or contact Janet on 0425 734 119.

## VICTORIAN Indigenous Tennis Carnival

Celebrate Community, Culture & Competition - Tennis Victoria warmly invites First Nations players, families and communities to come together for a day of tennis, connection and culture.

### COMPETITION

- Adult Round Robin
- 18/U Singles
- 14/U Singles
- Green Ball Mixed Doubles

### COME & TRY TENNIS

- Kids (5-12 years)
- Teens (13-19 years)

### DETAILS

DATE: Sunday 24 May 2026  
VENUE: National Tennis Centre, Melbourne Park  
COST: FREE! (Travel support available)  
BRING: Racquet (if you have one) and a water bottle

[CLICK ON THE IMAGE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST](#)

**Registrations close: Sunday 17th May**  
**Victorian Indigenous Tennis Carnival 2026 - Airtable**

# 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](http://mpkoalas.org.au/events)  
[mpkoalatreplanting@outlook.com](mailto:mpkoalatreplanting@outlook.com)  
Scan the QR code

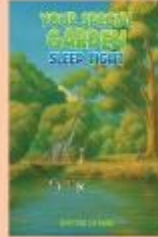


Thank You to our sponsors:



Donations can help us plant in areas and support our koalas. Every contribution makes a difference. [mpkoalas.org.au/donations/](http://mpkoalas.org.au/donations/)

## 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](http://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 Bailer* - 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:gl.1stbalnarring@scoutsvictoria.com.au)



1800 SCOUTS  
[scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://scoutsvictoria.com.au)



### Can you give us a hand to protect your community?

CFA 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.

