

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

Term 2- Issue 8 Friday 5th June 2026

Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Well done to all of our students who have been showing our school values of Collaboration and Respect recently. I have seen many instances of students supporting one another outside in the playground and in classrooms. I am especially grateful for the way our Year 6 students have been supporting some of our younger students to settle into school in the morning – thank you! I'd also like to recognise Year 5 and 6 students Lucas E, Maxwell W, Elliot G and Wiley C, who

have been helping outside at recess and lunchtime in our school garden. We had a load of soil delivered for our Junior School Council's new tyre garden beds next to the mini Somers General, and these students happily volunteered to move the soil and tidy up some other areas. It is great to see our students contributing to our community.



Division Cross Country

Congratulations to Nick B, Van C, Will F, Lillian J, Maisie M, Oscar S and Georgia WM on demonstrating our school value of Engagement during their participation in Division Cross Country this week. We are very proud of the way you represented our school.



Student Attendance

Please remember to continue prioritising your child's attendance at school. Every day that they are absent has an impact on their learning progress, and they miss out on learning that can make it difficult for them to catch up later in the week. Setting the expectation with your child that, unless they are sick, they should be attending school is important and will help prevent engagement and attendance issues when your child moves on to secondary school.

Your child's report (which will be available on Compass on Monday 30 th June) will include the total number of absences your child has had this year.

Most of these absences have been approved absences (e.g. illness/medical) – thank you to everyone for letting us know via Compass why your child is absent, or by calling the absence line. Once again, we ask that, where possible, you avoid unnecessary absences and plan family holidays during the term breaks.



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



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Traffic Safety Around School

Please remember to enter and exit our school grounds safely with your child. Our OH&S Traffic Management Plan states that students and parents should not enter via the staff car park. Please only use the pedestrian gates or rear entry with your child. Please also ensure you are modelling safe road behaviour for our students and using the crossing on Camp Hill Road.

Child Safety Updates

Somers Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. A key part of this commitment is championing the Child Safe Standards through regular review and reflection on how we are creating a Child Safe environment at school.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: <https://somersps.vic.edu.au/>

We are also committed to the continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up to date and effective. Our students and families are important partners in this process.

We welcome your feedback and ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me on 03 5983 5546 or at hugh.greer@education.vic.gov.au.

Lost Property

Please remember to name all of your child's clothing, particularly jumpers. If named jumpers are found, staff will return them to the student's classroom for collection. Classroom teachers will attempt to return unnamed items; however, if the owner cannot be identified, they will be sent to Lost Property in the office. Due to space restrictions, our office Lost Property is cleared out at the end of each term, and unclaimed items are transferred to our second-hand uniform stall.

Student Achievement Reporting

Staff are currently writing students' progress reports for Semester 1. Reports will be published on Compass on Monday 22nd June. The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment; however, full descriptive comments will not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.



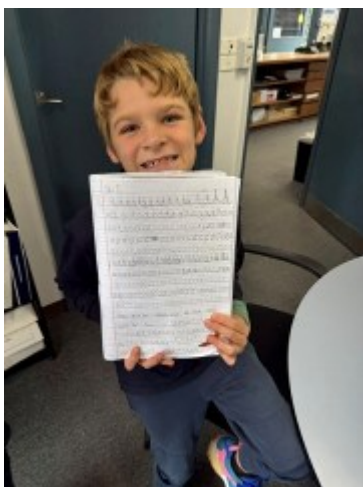
Parents and carers will, of course, have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at our Learning Progress Conferences, which will take place on 24th June, with students only attending for the duration of their interview on this day. Normal classes will not be held for students in **Prep A, Prep B, 1A, 1/2B, 2B, 3/4A, 4A, 5/6A and 5/6B.**

Sandra Christie will be on leave on this day, so students in **2A** will attend school as usual on 24th June. Interviews with Sandra will take place on Wednesday 15th July, with 2A students attending as normal on this day. You can book these interviews on Compass later this term.

Assessing Your Child's Progress

Teachers use a range of evidence sources to make judgements of student achievement against the Victorian Curriculum standards, including formal assessments, teacher-created assessments, work samples, and observations of student skills, knowledge and understanding.

In addition to student achievement against the Victorian Curriculum standards, teachers also report on your child's consistency in demonstrating our school values of Engagement, Respect and Collaboration. Each year, students in each cohort work with their teachers to create the expected behaviours around these values.



Some of the expected behaviours that students have identified in relation to our value of **Engagement** include:

- Being active participants in their learning
- Challenging themselves and doing their best
- Contributing to making our school a better place
- Bouncing back from setbacks

Some of the expected behaviours students have identified in relation to our value of **Respect** include:

- Showing active, attentive listening
- Treating others as they would like to be treated
- Following teachers' instructions
- Using school facilities and resources carefully

Some of the expected behaviours students have identified in relation to our value of **Collaboration** include:

- Being friendly
- Working with others
- Sharing

This section of the report includes a five-point scale, and teachers have made judgements on how consistently students have demonstrated these expected behaviours:

Rating	Description
Excellent	The student always shows the expected behaviours associated with this value.
Very Good	The student usually shows the expected behaviours associated with this value.
Good	The student mostly shows the expected behaviours associated with this value.
Acceptable	The student sometimes shows the expected behaviours associated with this value.
Needs Attention	The student rarely shows the expected behaviours associated with this value.

Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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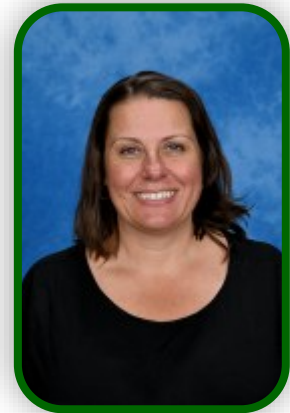
Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

The Resilience Project

This week, our staff undertook professional learning on The Resilience Project. As we are well into our third year of implementation, we reflected on common challenges our students face in relation to social and emotional awareness and investigated how we can respond through teaching and modelling when particular challenges arise.

We were also able to explore a range of resources available through the program to support the teaching of social and emotional learning. One resource that would be particularly beneficial both at home and at school is the GEM Chat Cards. They are a great way to practise the principles of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy.



GEM Chat Card Examples

GRATITUDE

- What is the best thing that happened today?
- When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
- What made you smile today?

EMPATHY

- How did you show kindness today? How did it make you feel?
- What acts of kindness did you notice today?

MINDFULNESS

- What mindfulness strategy helps you when you're experiencing big emotions?
- What are you feeling right now?

EMOTIONAL LITERACY

- What does being brave look and feel like today?
- What is something you are excited about today or tomorrow?



Parents can access more resources through the Family Hub. Please see flyer attached for more information.

Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone, Assistant Principal

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



THE
**RESILIENCE
PROJECT.**

FAMILY HUB

When schools and families speak the same language around mental health, our young people thrive.

Our **Family Hub** is designed to keep you in the loop, inspire everyday **wellbeing practices at home**, and help strengthen the connection between what your child is learning in the classroom and how you support them in life.

[Click here](#) or scan this QR code to learn more about our Family Hub.



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Yr5/6 Students

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Excursion

Our grades 5 and 6 students were lucky to participate in an art incursion and excursion with Playable Streets. These experiences were funded by the Shire's positive aging program and gave our students an opportunity to engage in surrealist art experiences at school and in a gallery setting. While at the gallery, our students worked with local aged care residents creating collaborative and imaginative art and observed Michael Vale's surrealist art exhibition. They loved these interesting artworks which included absurd characters, incredible journeys, lightbulbs and Adidas shoes. Will's shoes matched perfectly. Thanks to our students, teachers, admin staff and the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery for making these events a success.

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Student Birthdays

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

June

Paige C, Ezzy B, Pearl D, Max W, Eddie K,
Luna D, Imogen K, Adelaide B, Finn Q, Xander F,
Jay H, Poppy S, Henry C, Ethan C, Macie C,
Ava C, Ella S, Noah D, Noah S, Harvey B

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	
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
Thursday 18th June	Pizza Day-Whole School
Friday 19th June	Year 5/6 Rugby Gala Day
Wednesday 24th June	Learning Progress Conferences Students only attend interview time. Students in 2A will attend all day.
Friday 26th June	Last Day of Term 2-Dismissed at 2.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

5th June - Curriculum Day
24th June - Learning Progress Conferences
26th June-End of Term 2
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
June 13th
9am-1pm

'Thank a 1st Responder' Market
Come down, meet and thank members of our CFA, SES AMBULANCE AND POLICE.

FREE Jumping Castle for the kids.
Bring the kids down to enjoy our Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt
Handmade items: footy quilts, candles, jewellery, clothing, skincare, soaps, bags and lots more. Fresh produce. Plants. Upcycled goods.
Devonshire Teas. BBQ. Coffee Van

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.bdn.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.



21/05/2026

Dear School Community,

Store Closure for King's Birthday Public Holiday

Please be advised that due to the King's Birthday public holiday, **your local Beleza store will be closed on Monday 8th June**. We'll reopen to our usual trading hours from Tuesday 9th June.

To confirm your local store's trading hours, please refer to our Google Business listing for your local store.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that this closure may cause, and wish you all the best for the public holiday. We look forward to seeing you in-store again when we return!

All the best,

Beleza School Uniforms



JOIN OUR NETBALL COMMUNITY!

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

Come join the Crib Point Junior Netball Club!

Make new friends!
* Have fun! * Enjoy playing sport!
* Be part of a team! *
cribpointjunior.netball@gmail.com
Email us for more info!

Moonlit Sanctuary
the best way to see Aussie animals

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

JNR KEEPER CLUB

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

Ages: 7-14 Registration Fee **\$114**

9:00am-2:00pm

Learn more: moonlitsanctuary.com.au
Info: (03) 5978 7935
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale



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- Enter your unique access key
- Select from our huge range of standard and customizable packages
- Finalise your order with one of our payment options
- Your school photos will be posted directly to your home!



Register for Kindergarten in 2027!



If your child turns 3 or 4 years old by 30 April 2027, register for kindergarten!

Find out more: mornpen.vic.gov.au/childcare
Need help? Contact our kindergarten registration team: 5950 1000
kindergarten@mornpen.vic.gov.au
Visit a library or customer service centre

Scan the QR code to register



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 :
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mpkoalatreplanting@outlook.com
Scan the QR code



Thank You to our sponsors :



Donations can help us plant 100 trees and support our koalas. Every contribution makes a difference from www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/koalas

Library news and information



Winter School Holidays

Join us for a fun-packed Winter School Holiday Program.

Step back in time with our exciting dinosaur-themed activities from Lego building, constructing your own 3D dinosaur skeleton, creating a dinosaur diorama, to writing stories, poems, and comics inspired by these fascinating prehistoric creatures.

It's the perfect mix of creativity, learning, and fun these school holidays!

Free, bookings essential.
Bookings open 15 and 22 June, 4pm
www.morningtonpeninsula.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays



Teens: Understanding Yourself and Supporting Your Health - Mornington Library Tuesday 30 June, 2pm

Join us these school holidays for an interactive session with **Speak and Share**.

Build confidence and learn practical tools to support your mental health through engaging activities and guided discussion.

Door prizes, including Speak and Share hoodies to be drawn on the day! Designed for ages 14-18.

www.morningtonpeninsula.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays



Language Learning for Kids

Little Pim is a fun, engaging language-learning program for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Available through Mango Languages, Little Pim introduces children ages 0-4 to new languages using short, animated videos, music, and everyday themes.

Designed especially for young learners, Little Pim makes language learning feel like playtime.

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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
Joey's | 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?

Sumers 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.