

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

As we come to the end of Semester 1, I would like to thank our entire school community for another fantastic term at Somers Primary School.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly each day to support the learning and wellbeing of our students. Their commitment ensures that our students are happy, safe, engaged, and continuing to make excellent progress at school.

Thank you also to the families who attended our Learning Progress Conferences on Wednesday 24th June. We hope these meetings provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress, and gain a deeper understanding of their learning journey. As always, we encourage families to maintain regular communication with their child's teacher regarding both learning and wellbeing.

On Friday, our students will have the opportunity to watch the Socceroos play Paraguay in the World Cup. We hope this will be a memorable experience for our students – Go Australia!

Term 2 concludes on Friday 26th June, with our end-of-term assembly and awards presentation commencing at 2:00 pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 pm. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 3 on Monday 13th July.



There is plenty to look forward to next term, particularly in Week 3 when our Years 3–6 students and staff head off on camp. Our Year 5 and 6 students will attend Woorabinda Camp from Monday 27th to Friday 31st July, while our Year 3 and 4 students will travel to Sovereign Hill for a two-day camp on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st July. These experiences provide wonderful opportunities for learning, collaboration, independence, and fun.

2027 Prep Enrolments

A reminder that 2027 Prep enrolment applications are due on Friday 31 July. We are still conducting school tours for enrolment for next year. To book, contact our school at somers.ps@education.vic.gov.au or call us on 5983 5546.

Farewell Olivia and Rose!

4A teacher Olivia Okey has accepted a teaching position at another school and will be commencing her new role next term. Olivia's final day at Somers Primary School will be Friday 26th June.

We would like to thank Olivia for her dedication and commitment to supporting the learning and wellbeing of Somers Primary School students over the past 18 months. We wish her every success and happiness in her new position.

The recruitment process for a new 4A teacher is currently underway, with interviews and selection taking place during the school holidays. We will keep families informed of the outcome over the coming weeks.

Education Support staff member Rose Morey will also be finishing at Somers Primary School at the end of this term. Rose has made a valuable contribution to our school, particularly through her outstanding support of Year 2 students and staff this year. We thank Rose for all she has done for our school community and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.



Student Attendance

Thank you to all of our families who continue to prioritise their child's attendance at school. At this time of year, it is common to see an increase in absences caused by illness. We continue to ensure that students practise good hygiene at school to help minimise the spread of illness.

Your child's report includes the number of days your child has been absent this year. Remember, there is no good number of days for missing school. Being away from school for one day a fortnight adds up to missing four whole weeks of school each year. Where possible, parents are encouraged to avoid their child missing school. For example, make appointments for your child outside of school hours and keep family holidays to outside term time.



Car Parking Around School

Please remember to park safely and legally around our school and observe all parking signs. A reminder that the car park on Camp Hill Road is limited to five minutes between 8:00 am and 9:00 am, and 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Please also remember to model safe behaviour and use the crossing on Camp Hill Road.

On behalf of all staff, thank you for your ongoing support throughout the semester. We wish all of our families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday break, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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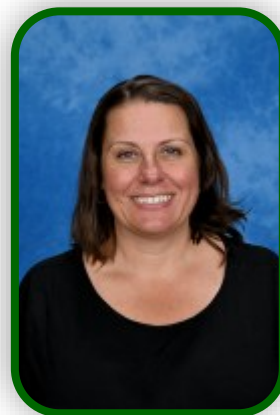


Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Families,

What is Emotional Literacy?

Emotional literacy is the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, while also recognising and responding appropriately to the emotions of others. It is a key skill that helps children build positive relationships, develop resilience and navigate challenges successfully.



One of the best ways to strengthen emotional literacy is by helping children develop a broad vocabulary for emotions. Moving beyond words like "happy," "sad" and "angry" to more specific feelings such as "disappointed," "proud," "anxious" or "hopeful" helps children better understand their experiences and build self-awareness.

Parents and carers can support emotional literacy through everyday conversations about feelings. Asking children how they felt in different situations, discussing emotions experienced by characters in books, and modelling healthy emotional expression all help children develop empathy and emotional understanding.

By building emotional literacy, we help children become more self-aware, empathetic and confident, equipping them with important skills that support their wellbeing, learning and relationships throughout life.

At Somers Primary School, students learn about emotional literacy through weekly lessons in our Social and Emotional Learning curriculum, including *The Resilience Project and Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships*.

Encouraging Positive Behaviour in Pre-Teens

As children move into the pre-teen and teenage years, they naturally begin seeking greater independence and testing boundaries. While this can sometimes be challenging, research shows that positive behaviour is best encouraged through strong relationships, clear expectations and open communication.

One of the most effective ways to influence behaviour is by maintaining a warm and supportive relationship with your child. Taking time to listen, showing genuine interest in their thoughts and feelings, and spending quality time together helps young people feel valued and connected.



Assistant Principal's Report

Setting clear family expectations is also important. When children understand the behaviours that are important within the family, they are more likely to make positive choices. Consistent and calm follow-up when rules are broken helps children learn responsibility and understand the consequences of their actions.

Parents and carers remain powerful role models, even during the teenage years. Demonstrating respectful communication, solving problems calmly and taking responsibility for mistakes provides children with examples they can follow in their own lives.

Positive reinforcement is another valuable tool. Noticing and acknowledging responsible choices, effort and acts of kindness encourages children to continue these behaviours. Teenagers often appreciate praise given privately rather than in front of others.

As children grow, offering age-appropriate responsibility and respecting their increasing need for independence can strengthen trust and confidence. Giving young people opportunities to make decisions, learn from mistakes and contribute to family life helps prepare them for adulthood.

Finally, maintaining a sense of belonging through family traditions, shared activities and regular conversations can provide stability and connection during a time of significant change.

Positive behaviour is not about perfection. It develops over time through supportive relationships, clear boundaries, encouragement and understanding. By staying connected and focusing on the positives, families can help young people build the skills and confidence they need to thrive.

For more information on promoting positive behaviour with Pre-Teens, visit the [Raising Children Network](https://www.raisingchildrennetwork.org.au/) website.



Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone, Assistant Principal

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Physical Education

Jump Rope for Heart



Congratulations to all the students who participated in Jump Rope for Heart this year. It was great to see so many students at our Jump Off last week!

As a school, we raised a total of \$1,685.39, with 1,270 minutes of skipping logged! An amazing effort by all!

The funds raised will help support innovative heart research and programs that are transforming Australian lives.

Ms Bannister

News from Yr5/6 Students



Our grade 5/6 boys and girls got to practice basketball. We did some drills like our reflexes, shooting and then running. Then after we stopped shooting we did a 5v5. Thank you to the Southern Pen Harks for coming all this way.

By Finn Q, Ollie J and Lincoln S

Me and Lucas went to Winter Lightning Prem and had a great time. We won four out of four games but my team unfortunately did not make it to the next stage. Other than that, it was a great time! The best part was we did not have to do school work. Just kidding, it was to hang out with all my friends!!!

By Oscar

A few weeks ago the grade 6 girls and 5/6 boys got to compete for SPS for Soccer at the Winter Lightning Prem. The grade 6 girls won 9/10 games and placed second. The 5/6 boys came second as well.

Amazing work to all students.

By Scarlet and Ella G

Netball WLP

In Winter Lightning Prem, the grade 5 girls did netball. In netball we played against other schools and at the end they did a grand final and all the unbeatable schools played against each other. Sadly we weren't one of them, but we had a great time!

Also, in Netball, we were inside and dodged a lot of rain... unlike some of the other kids. We got to bring some money for the canteen! But nothing can compare to the uniforms! The uniforms are incredible - I wish our regular school uniforms were like them. They were cute forest green skirts, they were also pleated! We just had regular tops.

By Violet and Cora



Student Birthdays

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

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

July

Oscar W, Sadie B, Gigi F, Alice A, Isabelle S,
Chase J, Rosie L, Juddson M, Billie H, Theo F,
Lucas K, Ayla E, Hattie H, Ace T, Oscar S,
Noah P

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 3	
Monday 13th July	Start of Term 3
Wednesday 15th July	Learning Progress Conferences –2A Students Only
Monday 27th –31st July	Yr5/6 Camp WOORABINDA
Thursday 30th-31st July	Yr3/4 Camp SOVEREIGN HILL
Wednesday 5th August	Yr 5 WPSC Event
Friday 7th August	Yr Prep-2 Perform Education Incursion

Crib Point Community Market

Where the Community Grows

July 11th

9am-1pm

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



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



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Community News 🤗



WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Kids Art Classes

DATES

TUESDAY 30TH OF JUNE
TUESDAY 7TH OF JULY

TIMES

GRADES 1-2 10AM-12PM
GRADES 3-6 1PM-3PM

LOCATION

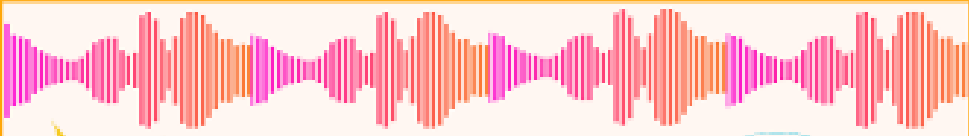
SHOREHAM

PRICE

\$25 PER CLASS

CONTACT

ANDREA 0407 099 621



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.



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.



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



Thank You to our sponsors :



Donation is not compulsory, but we do appreciate any contribution towards a difference in the lives of our koalas.



Now taking bookings for a new “Kid’s Karate Beginner’s Class” Term 3 - 2026. at Balnarring P.S. Gym

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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

9:00am-2:00pm

Registration Fee

\$114

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

Library news and information



6 ways to keep the kids occupied these school holidays:

1. Get Creative with Craftbuddies
2. Watch an online story by their favourite stars on Storybox Library
3. Learn & laugh with Kids Movies on KanooKids
4. Listen to Disney magic with Disney AudioBooks
5. Try a new language with Mosaic Languages
6. Or join us in branch for our free school holiday program!

library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/kids

OLIV - bringing the library to you

Family Storytimes
Basic Tech Help
After School STEM



Our Library Van

OLIV (Our Library Van) is now offering free programs at our indoor community spaces.

From Basic Tech Support to Family Storytime and After School STEM Workshops, there is something for everyone.

Due to limited space, bookings are essential.

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KINDER



STEM Afternoons: Engineering Lab

Thursdays, 4pm
All Branches

Master the Design Thinking Process by taking on a weekly design, build and test challenge!

Each session will see participants posed with a new challenge, a limited range of materials and a set amount of time to give it their best! Each session is a perfect opportunity to be creative and improve children's engineering skills!

Ages 6+

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