

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for Term 3! I hope all of our families had the opportunity to spend some quality time together over the term break and managed to stay warm!

Our first few days of Term 3 have been great, with students eagerly getting back into their classes, playing with their friends, and reconnecting with their teachers. It is very rewarding to see how positively our school community interacts each day. Thank you to everyone for your continued demonstration of our school values of Collaboration, Respect and Engagement.

4A Classroom Teacher – Welcome Back, Mrs Jacques!

Over the holidays, our staff were involved in the recruitment process for a new Year 4 classroom teacher. We are excited to announce that Leanne Jacques was the successful candidate for this role. Leanne will be known to many of our families from her role teaching Year 1 in 2025. She will be joining 4A from Monday 20th July.



School Phone Lines

Lately, we have been experiencing ongoing dropouts with our school phone lines. This has been incredibly frustrating, and we are working with our telecommunications provider to rectify the issue.

If our school phone line drops out, calls are diverted to a mobile service. However, due to the poor mobile reception in Somers, this may not always work. These dropouts tend to last only a couple of minutes, so if you are having trouble getting through, please try again shortly.

Please be assured that, in the event of an emergency, our staff have the capacity to contact parents or emergency services using mobile phones.

100 Days of Prep

Congratulations to our Prep students, who will be celebrating **100 Days of Prep** on **29th July**. We look forward to seeing you dressed up for the occasion and enjoying the special activities planned for the day.



2027 Prep Enrolments

A reminder that **2027 Prep Enrolment** are due by **Friday 31st July**.

In 2026, our school is using the Victorian Government's new online enrolment application platform, VicStudents. To apply, visit the [VicStudents homepage](#) and log in using your Service Victoria details. Please contact our office if you require any assistance.

Camps!

Week 3 of this term is going to be very exciting for our senior students. Chloe Hampshire, Rikki Tickell and I will be heading to Woorabinda Camp in Yallourn North with our Year 5 and 6 students from 27–31st July.

During the same week, our Year 3 and 4 students will be travelling to Sovereign Hill for a two-day camp experience with Kirsty Egglestone and Leanne Jacques.

Camps are an important part of our students' personal and social development, and we hope our students enjoy these wonderful experiences. Thank you to our staff for their organisation and commitment to making these camps possible, and to our parent volunteers who will be attending.



2026 NAPLAN Data

NAPLAN reports were sent home for Year 3 and Year 5 students this week. Student achievement across the domains of Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Spelling, and Grammar and Punctuation is reported against four proficiency levels:

- **Exceeding:** The student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** The student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** The student's result indicates they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** The student's result indicates they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing and are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.



Once again, our school performed exceptionally well in this year's NAPLAN assessments. 86 per cent of our Year 3 students achieved in the Strong or Exceeding categories in Reading, compared with 74 per cent at statistically similar schools. This has been an area of focus for our staff over the past three years, and we are extremely proud to see the positive impact of our work in implementing an evidence-based approach to teaching reading in our junior school.

Our Year 5 students also performed exceptionally well, with the percentage of students achieving in the Strong or Exceeding categories in Spelling, Writing and Numeracy exceeding those of statistically similar schools.



Arts Fair Sponsorship

Have you considered sponsoring our 2026 Arts Fair? Each year we seek community-minded businesses to support our unique event and, in turn, promote these generous businesses to the many members of our wider school community.

Sponsorship applications close on 14th August 2026. All applications will be considered by our School Council in line with the Department of Education and Training's *Guidelines for Sponsorship in Schools*. Applicants will be notified of the outcome following the School Council meeting on 18th August 2026.

Please contact us at somersprimarysponsorship@gmail.com for a copy of the Sponsorship Prospectus.



Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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



Student Birthdays

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

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 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
Wednesday 12th August	Yr 3-6 Senior Athletics Carnival 2026
Monday 24th –28th August	Book Week (Parade Friday 28th August)



PLEASE CONTACT BELINDA RENOUF AT SCHOOL FOR MORE DETAILS.



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: somersp.s.vic.edu.au



FIND US ON FACEBOOK





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/kindergarten
Need help? Contact our kindergarten registration team
5956 1000
kindergarten@mornpen.vic.gov.au
Visit a library or customer service centre

Scan the QR code to register



Winter What's On

Join us for school holiday fun, crafts, guided walks, NAIDOC week and more!



Make your own Nature Clay Treasures

July 1

After a walk through the Wildlife Sanctuary collecting natural treasures, create your own beautiful treasures to take home.

10am - 11:30am



Wildlife Sanctuary Twilight Tours

July 3 & 9

Discover a magical time in the sanctuary as dusk falls, tell ghost stories, and many of our animals are starting to awake.

4:30pm - 6pm



Colours of Nature - Wildlife Walk and Winter Art

July 8

After a special walk through the Wildlife Sanctuary collecting natural treasures, create your own beautiful art to take home.

10am - 11:30am



Guided Walk with a Traditional Owner

July 5

Discover Naughton Walk with a Traditional Owner, exploring the history and guided cultural bush walk by Uncle John West, exploring Traditional Owner culture and connection to Country.

10am - 12pm



Wayapa at The Briars

July 11

Discover Naughton Walk with Wayapa at The Briars, exploring the history and guided cultural bush walk by Uncle John West, exploring Traditional Owner culture and connection to Country.

10am - 11am



Koala Food Tree Planting Day

July 26

In conjunction with the Murrumbidgee Regional Koala Conservation, spend the morning at Naughton Walk planting hundreds of koala food trees and other native trees and shrubs to expand koala habitat.

9am - 12:30pm

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Bookings are essential
See for details,
and booking links



The Briars

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MORRINGTON 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 Murrumbidgee.

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



Morrington Peninsula Koala Conservation Inc.

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



Thank You to our sponsors:



Donation can help us plant more trees and support our biolinks. Every donation makes a difference for a bright future for koalas.

Library news and information



6 ways to keep the kids occupied these school holidays:

1. Get Creative with Craftables
2. Watch an online story by their favourite stars on Storybox Library
3. Learn & Laugh with Kids Movies on Screen Kids
4. Listen to Disney magic with Disney Audio Books
5. Try a new language with Marnie 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.

library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/oliv



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 8+

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