

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

This week our school community celebrated Book Week 2026. A big thank you to our staff and students who made this a memorable week for our students. Thanks to our English team, led by Kirsty Egglestone, for their work in planning and running our multi-age day on Friday. Thanks also to our librarian, Belinda Renouf, for organising fun activities in the library throughout the week, as well as our visit from the Royal Australian Navy Band.

And finally, a big thank you to Becca Hengemuhle and our Junior School Councillors for running the Great Book Swap on Thursday, with proceeds from this event going to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.



Staying Sun Smart at Somers PS

As the weather starts to warm up, please remember to be sun smart at school. From Tuesday 1st September, students are required to wear their green, broad-brimmed hat when playing outside in the sun. School hats can be purchased from the office for \$15.



Child Safety at School

At Somers Primary School, our number one priority is ensuring that all children are safe and feel safe at school. All students have the right to feel safe at school and be treated with respect. Our staff are trained annually in understanding the Child Safe Standards and how to protect children from harm. Our school's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy guides our procedures and expectations for how adults behave to ensure that school is a safe place that promotes students' wellbeing.

Please remember that if your child is not feeling safe for whatever reason, you can speak to your child's teacher, Kirsty or myself, and we can work to increase your child's feeling of safety at school.



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Safe Traffic at School

Recently, I have been contacted by some families with concerns about traffic at school. In particular, local residents have been concerned about drivers speeding around Charles Court and Goldsmith Street. Many children enter and exit our school via these roads, and the lack of pedestrian only pathways and traffic management infrastructure means that it is imperative that drivers travel at a safe speed around these streets.

Also, please remember that during drop off and pick up times, the parking at the front of our school is limited to 5 minutes. We ask that parents observe this drop-and-go parking and do not park here and leave their car for longer than 5 minutes.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our students representing local teams at upcoming grand finals in football over the coming weekend! Well done to Year 6 student Nicholas B, who was successful in winning the MPJFL Under 12 Leading Goal Kicker Award, as well as finishing runner-up in the league's Best and Fairest Player award.

Well done also to Year 2 student Lulu C, who won the Farrell's Bookshop Writing Competition. The competition ran throughout July and August, with the sentence prompt, *"The sound became louder & I realised it was..."*, to be included somewhere in the story.

Lulu's short story, *'The Concrete Garden Catastrophe'*, is an action packed adventure complete with a fiery dragon and a school evacuation! Congratulations to Lulu for this exciting achievement. Her winning entry can be found on the Farrell's Bookshop website:

[Winners 2026 Kids' Story Writing Competition | Farrells Bookshop](#)





Principal's Report

Parent / Carer Opinion Survey

A reminder that our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement.

To encourage families to complete the survey, we are providing a special hot chip lunch for the class with the greatest percentage of family respondents. For details on how to complete this survey, please see the post on Compass.

Father's Day at Somers PS

On Friday 4th September, we will be celebrating Father's Day. Dads, granddads and other special friends are invited to come for tea, coffee and a snack before school from 8.15–8.45am. There will also be a special Students and Fathers/Friends game on the basketball court before school! We will also be holding the Father's Day stall on this day. All welcome!



Junior Performing Arts Concert

This term, students in Prep, Year One and Year Two have been learning about music in Performing Arts. Students have been learning our Somers PS welcome song, as well as another song called *Minyan Ngabangka* (What's in the Water).

We are excited to invite families to come and watch our students perform on Thursday 10th September at 3.00pm. Come along to see our Prep–Year Two students perform these songs.



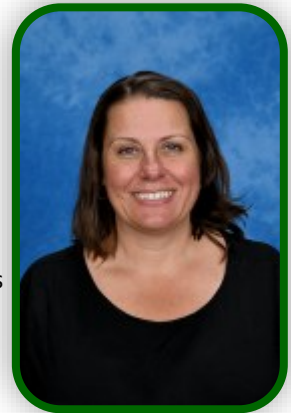
Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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



Assistant Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

As part of the Mental Health in Primary Schools initiative, we have spent this year reviewing current practices in supporting students' mental health and wellbeing. Our focus moving forward is to review how we teach social and emotional learning and build students' emotional literacy capacity. Recently, our teachers used a Student Check-In Resource to help identify areas of need. This information indicated that social and emotional behaviour, particularly students experiencing worries and difficulty bouncing back from setbacks, are areas of need.

Circle time is an effective way for teachers to facilitate social and emotional learning. The aim of circle time is to promote group agency, where issues can be discussed and directions planned for change. Each class runs a planned circle time once a week. The focus is identified through areas of need, such as experiencing worries or difficulties bouncing back. Teachers can also run additional circle time sessions throughout the week to address any problems that may arise within the class or during play in the yard.

Circle Time Process

- Students and teacher sit in a circle.
- The teacher models expectations and participates in activities with the students.
- Everyone has a voice and an opportunity to participate free from judgement.
- Personal and class strengths are identified.
- A positive environment is created and positive emotions are fostered, with activities and learning that are engaging and fun.
- Solution focused - What is the problem? What do we want to happen? What works? What helps?



The Resilience Project

Just a reminder that parents can access The Resilience Project resources through the Family Hub. The Family Hub offers videos, practical tips and family-friendly ideas to help build healthy habits. You can access the hub via the link : [The Resilience Project Family Hub](#)



Kind Regards,

Kirsty Egglestone, Assistant Principal

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



The Great Book Swap

Congratulations on another successful Great Book Swap! We love the book buzz that comes from hosting this meaningful event. We raised **\$231** to support this organisation to provide culturally relevant books to Aboriginal communities throughout Australia. I am proud of our JSC who took a leadership role by recommending books, collecting money and volunteering their time. This event truly fostered the magic of reading and we appreciate your support of it.

Ms Hengemuhle



Somers Arts Fair





Student Birthdays

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

September

Sophia A, Sammy M, Grace E, Charlie C, Maisie M, Ollie J, Ruby R, Kailan L, Miles B, Airlee S, Tait H, Parker M, Lara H, Hendrix M, Gordon C, Bonnie L, Cora K



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	
Tuesday 1st September	HATS ON!
Wednesday 2nd September	Junior Athletics Carnival (Prep-2)
Thursday 3rd September	District Athletics (Selected Students)
Friday 4th September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 4th September	Environment Captains Catchment Excursion
Thursday 10th September	Junior Performing Arts Concert (Prep-2)
Friday 18th September	Last Day of Term 3 (2.30pm Dismissal)



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



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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.



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



Thank You to our sponsors :



Donations can help us plant more trees and support our koalas. Every contribution makes a difference to the koala community and habitat.



Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts

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



1st Balmarring
Scout Group



1800 SCOUTS
scoutsvictoria.com.au

Our Section meeting nights are
Joys | 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 Balmarring Rd, Balmarring

For more information or to join, please email
gl.1stbalmarring@scoutsvictoria.com.au

CRIB POINT COMMUNITY MARKET

September 12th

Brimming with a great variety of stalls, fresh produce, plants, delicious food, coffee van, Sausage Sizzle and Devonshire tea complete with home made scones. Do the Cribby Koala Treasure hunt too.

Inside and outside stalls available
Stall fees paid on the day
Book a stall at market@cpch.org.au



Crib Point Community House
7 Park Rd, Crib Point
3883 3883
www.cpch.org.au

Port Open Day



Sat 12 Sept 2026 @ 10am - 2pm

1D STONY POINT ROAD, CRIB POINT

Join us at the Stony Point Depot and Jetty for an exclusive behind the scenes look at the Port of Hastings!

WHAT'S ON:

- Explore our Jetty, Depot and get up close with Svitser's Tug Boats
- See historical and education displays
- Enjoy food trucks and drinks
- Fundraiser BBQ
- Activities for all ages, including Lego, face painting and more

activities for the
whole family

FREE
ice-cream

RSVP NOW!

To learn more about our Port Open Day visit: portofhastings.vic.gov.au/events
Pre-register your ticket and enter into the draw to win a range of prizes.



Register your attendance

