

Somers Primary School



SPS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Thank you for another wonderful term at Somers Primary School.

The ongoing support of our school community is what makes Somers Primary such a special place, and I am incredibly grateful to our staff, students and families for the contribution each of you makes to our school. Together, you help create the positive and welcoming environment that makes Somers such a wonderful place to learn and work.

I am exceptionally proud of the work we continue to do to support the learning and wellbeing of every student. Our staff consistently demonstrate an outstanding level of dedication and commitment to ensuring that our students are happy, engaged and making great progress at school each day.

Our last day of Term 3 is Friday 18th September. This is also Footy Day at school, with students wearing their favourite footy colours to school. Don't forget to order your footy lunch by Monday 14th September!

We will have a parade at 9:05 am, then our Prep-2 students will participate in football activities before recess, with our Year 3-6 students participating after lunch. There will be an Adults vs Students footy game at 1pm for any parents who would like to come and have a kick!

Our end-of-term assembly will be at 2pm, where students will be presented with Excellence and Encouragement Awards for Term 3. Dismissal is at 2:30 pm on this day.



Term 4 resumes on Monday 5th October. As always, Term 4 is a very busy and exciting time of the year, with many wonderful events and opportunities ahead. These include the 2026 Somers Arts Fair, which will be held at the school on Sunday 25th October, Prep Transition, our End-of-Year Concert and our Year 6 Graduation.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and has the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school for what promises to be another fantastic term.





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2026 Somers Arts Fair – Sunday 25th October

Our next Somers Arts Fair meeting will be held at 3:45 pm on Monday 14th September in the BER. All are welcome.

We are looking for someone to help coordinate the BBQ. This involves sourcing and purchasing sausages, bacon, eggs and drinks. If you can help, please get in touch.

We ask that all families contribute two hours over the Arts Fair weekend to help out. This could be on the Sunday or in the days leading up to the event.

There are a multitude of roles that need filling, including cleaning and setting up the BER, cooking at the BBQ, volunteering in your child's grade stall, logistics, working in the gallery, erecting marquees, working at the cake stall, selling wristbands, making fairy floss, collecting gold coins at the gate, selling raffle tickets, packing up the BER, and more.

To sign up, please go to <https://volunteersignup.org/FYAP4>.

The Somers Arts Fair Children's Gallery is accepting entries on 14th and 15th October. The holidays are a great chance for your child to get their entry ready.

This year's Arts Fair is raising much-needed funds for a number of school upgrades, including repainting our heritage-listed Art Room building.

Junior Performing Arts Concert

Well done to our Prep–Year 2 students who performed in their Performing Arts concert this week. What an amazing job!

Thanks to Lucas, Gordy, Allie and Violet for accompanying the students on guitar, and to our enthusiastic Performing Arts teachers at school for planning this fun event.



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. The survey is available to complete until Friday 18th September.

Kind Regards,

Hugh Greer, Principal

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

Somers Arts Fair



Somers Arts Fair

Somers Primary School presents



Sunday 25th October 2026
10am - 5pm



Art Exhibition | Market Stalls
Games | Music | Rides
Food Trucks | Family Fun

Somers Primary School
87 Camp Hill Road, Somers

This is a school fundraiser, gold coin
donation upon entry greatly appreciated!

www.somersartsfair.org

Somers Arts Fair



CHILDREN'S GALLERY OUR LIVING SKY



WHAT LIVES ABOVE US, FLIES OVER US, OR DRIFTS
THROUGH OUR SKIES?

From swooping birds and buzzing bees to drifting clouds, glowing stars,
and stormy skies, the sky above the Peninsula is full of life and wonder.
You are invited to explore everything that lives, moves, and changes in
the sky, through art.



DETAILS:

Somers PS students are invited to submit an artwork for exhibition
at the Somers Art Fair!

Enter one piece per child, maximum size A3, across drawing, painting,
photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Submission fee of \$5 per child.

Submit your art on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of October
8.30 - 9.30am at the school art room.



PRIZES:

Judged and donated by
Community Bank Balnarring & District
Prep to Year 2 - \$50 voucher
Year 3 and 4 - \$50 voucher
Year 5 and 6 - \$50 voucher

+ Highly Commended & People's Choice awards for each age group

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Somers Arts Fair

SOMERS
ARTS FAIR

*Local Art
Local People
A Creative
Community*



Artist Registrations Now Open!

We're inviting local and regional artists,
makers and creatives to be part of the
Somers Arts Fair!

Showcase your work, connect with our vibrant
community and be part of a much-loved event
celebrating creativity on the Mornington Peninsula.



ART | COMMUNITY | THE PENINSULA

For full details and to register visit
www.somersartsfair.com.au



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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	
Friday 18th September	Footy Lunch Order Day
Friday 18th September	Last Day of Term 3 (2.30pm Dismissal)
TERM 4	
Monday 5th October	Start of Term 4
Monday 5th –Friday 9th October	Life Ed Australia (Yr 6 Students)
Wednesday 7th October	Division Athletics (Selected Students)
Friday 16th October	Koorie Kids Day Out
Friday 23rd October	Arts Fair Excursions (Whole School)
Sunday 25th October	Somers Arts Fair



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



Library news and information



September School Holidays

Join us for a magical September School Holiday Program.

From fairy doors to learning about the mysteries of light, we have a range of programs that are sure to entertain and delight!

Free, bookings essential.

Bookings open 4pm, 7 and 14 September.

library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/school-holidays

Kanopy Kids

Kanopy Kids is Kanopy's curated collection of content for children, with a focus on ages 2-8.

While in the Kanopy Kids section, you'll only see content that's age-appropriate and allows unlimited viewing!

Watch movies and TV shows now for free with your Mornington Peninsula Shire Library membership.

library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/kids-movies



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Are you short on time to catch up on the books everyone is talking about?

Blinkist offers summaries of bestselling non-fiction books and podcasts to read or listen to in just 15 minutes.

library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/blinkist

Spring What's On

Join us for markets, crafts, guided tours, and school holiday fun!



Nature Clay Treasures

September 22

Children will explore the sanctuary, collecting leaves, bark, seedpods and other natural treasures before using them to create unique clay ornaments inspired by the texture and patterns found in nature.

10am - 12pm



Briars Sanctuary Twilight Tour

September 23

Discover a magical time in the sanctuary as dusk sets in light begins, and many of our animals are starting to settle.

6pm - 7pm



Wildlife Eco Explorers

September 22, 30 & October 1

For kids who love wildlife, not to exploring, and who like to come behind the scenes of the sanctuary. Join for one, two or the three full days of lots of fun, with limited spots.

8.45am - 4pm each day. Single day bookings available.



Craft Markets Australia

October 3 & November 7

Purchase fresh produce, find new treasures, gifts and handmade home ware created from across the region.

10am - 2pm



VineHop

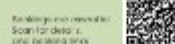
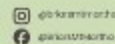
November 21

VineHop brings together all the best of the Mornington Peninsula for a vibrant day of food, music and craft stalls. Enjoy a festival of delicious food, shopping, wine, beer, live music, kids fun and a lot more, plus a lovely natural bush walk to the end of the day.



NEW Nursery hours

The Nursery is now open 5 days a week, Tuesday to Saturday from 9am-4pm. This means more time to browse indigenous and native plants, shrubs, trees, the Nursery team are looking forward to your garden!



The Briars

CRIB POINT COMMUNITY MARKET



The Friendly Market
2nd Saturday of the month
9am to 1pm

Children's Week
FREE Activities
for Kids

Children's
Week Market
October 10th

A great variety of stalls. Hand crafted goods, fresh produce, plants, delicious food, coffee van, Sausage Sizzle and Devonshire tea, complete with home made scones.

'Hey Kids,' Cribby Koala says, 'come and join the Treasure Hunt to find my friends'.

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



BEGINNERS KIDS KARATE CLASS NOW OPENING



In Balnarring
FOR KIDS

Now taking enrolments in Kid's Karate for beginner's.

Classes start in Term 4.

Contact Peter Smedley on 0418319064.



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 biolinks. Every contribution makes a difference to the Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation Inc.

Go wild these school holidays



**Wildlife Eco Explorers
at The Briars.**

Explore The Briars through hands-on nature activities and special behind-the-scenes experiences.

For ages 7-13

Choose one day or the full three-day program

Tuesday 29 September
Wednesday 30 September
Thursday 1 October

\$45 per day / \$45 full program

Places are limited.
mornpen.vic.gov.au/ecoexplorers



For more information: 0550 021 1100 or info@mornpen.vic.gov.au | Scan



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

CRICKET is BACK!



We'll be fielding sides in

UNDER 10'S **UNDER 12'S** **UNDER 13 GIRLS**
STARTING FROM AGE 7

UNDER 14'S **UNDER 16'S** **UNDER 18 GIRLS**
FIRST TIME EVER!



**Woolworths Cricket Blast
Children
4-8 yrs**

Fun, Fast & Action Packed!

Registration is NOW OPEN!

\$150 per child. Visit playhq.com
and search for Crib Point Cricket Club



FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT

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COME ALONG AND ENJOY A FAMILY CLUB!

GO PIES!