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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Week 5 – Principal Update

School Crossing Safety

Yesterday the school received communications from the Mornington Peninsula Shire around student (and parent) safety and routine checks being conducted by Shire employees.

As a small community we spend a lot of time working with Pam, Kayleen, and Gordon to ensure the safety of everyone who uses the crossings. It has been reported that a number of parents are parking illegally in the yellow marked areas next to the crossings – often obstructing the views of cars and crossing guards. This could result in horrific outcomes!



The department has several policies that apply to the use of School Crossings which I have included below,

 [Pedestrians and walking – Transport Victoria](#)

 [Vic Roads: Using pedestrian crossings and children's crossings \(PDF\)](#)

The most important thing is that everyone gets to and from school safely! I appreciate your support on this matter

Attendance Matters

Supporting regular school attendance is another key focus for our Wellbeing Leaders, Megan and Amy this year. Attending school consistently is essential for learning, wellbeing, and connection. As a reminder, **5 days off in a 10 week term equates to approximately 10% absence**, which can place students at risk of chronic absenteeism.

Students identified as being at risk may receive a supportive check-in call from Megan or Amy to discuss how we can work together to strengthen attendance and reduce any barriers where possible.

In 2024 we had 83 students (over half of our entire school) had missed over 20 school days. In 2025 we saw this drop to 70 students. Our goal for 2026 is to continue this trend and have 80% of students with missing less than 20 school days.

The more days of school you attend, the more learning you do, better social interactions with peers and teachers. Everyday counts!

School Council – Annual General Meeting

Our upcoming School Council meeting in Week 8 will be our Annual General Meeting. In this meeting we will elect office bearers to our new council and share our annual report to the community. This part of the meeting is open to all members of the school community.

Please contact the office if you are attending.

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Evacuation Drill

On Wednesday we held a whole-school evacuation drill as part of our commitment to keeping everyone at Somerville Rise safe. Practising these routines helps ensure that if we ever did need to respond to a real emergency, our students and staff would know exactly what to do.

Students walked calmly and sensibly to our off-site assembly point at Somerville Secondary College, following staff directions and looking out for one another along the way. We were incredibly proud of how maturely they handled the process and how positively they represented our school in the community. A big thank you to Somerville Secondary College for their ongoing support. Safety is always our priority, and it was wonderful to see our students rise to the occasion.



Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal

Week 5 – Wellbeing Update

My name is Amy Nettleton, and I am pleased to introduce myself as Somie Rise's Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader. I work closely alongside Megan Ferguson, who leads our Disability Inclusion work. Together, our roles support student wellbeing by embedding a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), ensuring every student receives the right support at the right time.

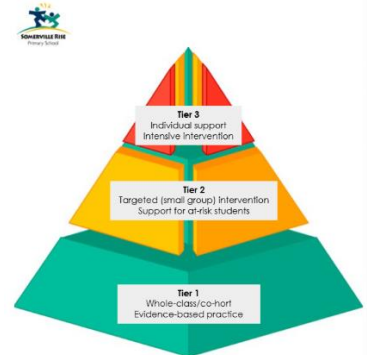
What is MTSS?

MTSS is a whole-school approach that supports students' learning, wellbeing, behaviour, and mental health. It allows us to respond early, provide support based on individual student needs, and work closely in partnership with families.




Tier 1: Supports are in place for all students and include clear classroom processes and routines, the 5 R's for Behaviour, whole-school wellbeing approaches, Breakfast Club, and inclusive lunchtime activities.

Tier 2: Supports provide targeted assistance for some students and may include lunchtime clubs, wellbeing groups such as *Zones on the Rise*, intervention programs like the *Tutor Learning Initiative*, and attendance or wellbeing check-ins.

Tier 3: Supports are individualised and intensive for a small number of students, involving Student Support Group (SSG) meetings, Individual Education Plans (IEPs), Behaviour Support Plans (BSPs), and collaboration with families and external support services.



While our roles naturally overlap, our key focus areas include:

-  Amy leads Tier 1 whole-school wellbeing approaches and supports Tier 2 interventions
-  Megan focuses on Tier 2 targeted supports and Tier 3 individualised supports
-  Together, we collaborate with staff and families to support the wellbeing, engagement, and inclusion of every child.

We look forward to working closely with our students and families this year. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

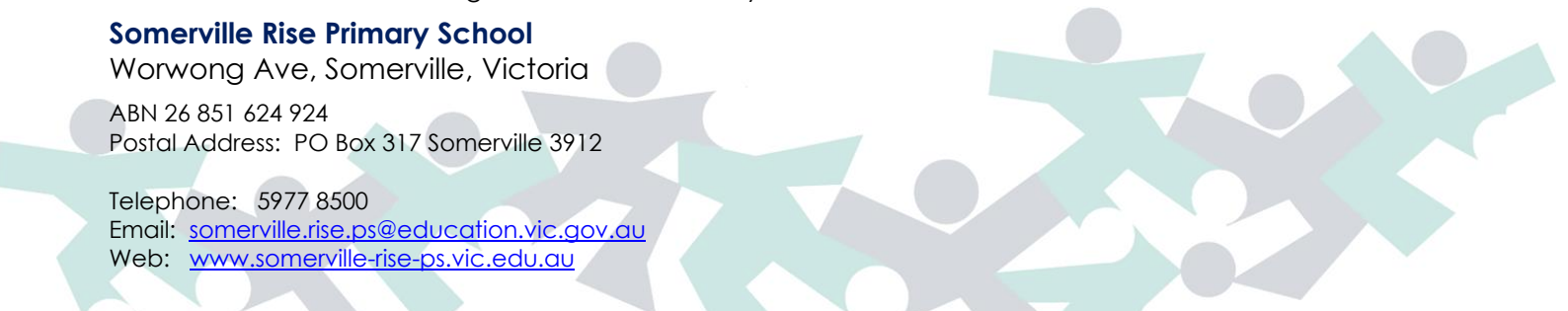
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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 1 – Week 5 Wednesday 25 th February	Foundation Interview Day – No Foundation Students Smoking Ceremony – 9am, all welcome to attend District Swimming Tryouts
Thursday 26 th February	
Term 1 – Week 6 Tuesday 3 rd March Wednesday 4 th March	Parent Teacher Interviews – 3:40-5:30pm Foundation Interview Day – No Foundation Students Parent Teacher Interviews – 3:40-4:30pm
Friday 6 th March	Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm
Term 1 – Week 7 Monday 9 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday – No Students
Term 1 – Week 8 Wednesday 18 th March Friday 20 th March	2026 School Council Meeting - & AGM – 5:30pm Harmony Day – wear something Orange! ❤️ Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm
Term 1 – Week 9 Thursday 26 th March	2026 GRIP Student Leadership Conference
Term 1 – Week 10 Tuesday 31 st March Wednesday 1 st April Thursday 2 nd April Friday 3 rd April	Whole School Photo Day iSea, iCare Moonraker Workshop Last Day of Term 1 – 2:30pm finish Good Friday Public Holiday

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