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## "TALKING TOGETHER"

SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**SOMERVILLE RISE**  
Primary School

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### Week 6 – Principal Update

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

I remember growing up, I was always nervous about parent teacher interviews and what my teachers might tell my family – for the record I was a perfect little angel 😊. I look back now and see how much has changed and how we as a profession have improved the communication we have with our families. This week was another clear example of how important these meetings are.

Along with the information from our 5 Weekly Sprint Feedback documents, these interviews gave families and teachers clear discussion points and future direction for our students. The feedback from the staff was positive and the similar feedback has come through from families.

Thank you to all of our families that made the time to attend the interviews, this is much appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge that we did run out of allocations for some teachers and this will be rectified for future interviews.

#### Term 1 Bayside Peninsula Area Principal Forum

Yesterday Ms Jelleff and I attended the Bayside Peninsula Area Principal Forum at Caulfield Racecourse. These events provide great opportunities for Leadership teams to explore current initiatives and updates from the Department of Education.

One of the privileged things I take away from these events is that Somie Rise is heading in the right direction and in many cases already working beyond some of the initiatives that are being implemented across schools in Victoria.

The big takeaway items that are a focus for the Department of Education at the moment is

1. **Student Attendance** – working towards having every student at school unless they are unwell.
2. **Child Safety** – making sure any adult on school grounds has a valid Victorian Institute of Teaching registration or Working with Children Check.
3. **Cyber Security** – ensuring that processes and policies are embedded with the uptake of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.).

#### 2027 School Tours

Tour season is well and truly upon us! In line with Department of Education Policies, we will be beginning our tours in Term 2.

We have already booked in a number of school tours!

If you have any children starting foundation in 2027 or know anyone in our school zone, we would love to have them come and tour our school and see firsthand, the amazing work that is happening!

We will be launching our Somie Rise Tour Season with an open morning on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



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### Yard Behaviour and Positive Choices

At Somerville Rise, we are proud of the way most of our students play cooperatively and show kindness in the yard each day. Recently, we have noticed some situations where groups of students have developed a "pack mentality", where students may join in with negative behaviour or conflicts simply because others in the group are doing so.

We are continuing to work with students to reinforce the importance of making positive choices, thinking independently and standing up for what is right, even when friends may be making poor decisions. Our staff are supporting students to resolve issues calmly and encouraging them to seek adult help if situations begin to escalate.

Families can support this by reminding children that being a good friend sometimes means helping others make better choices, not joining in with negative behaviour. Working together, we can continue to build the respectful and supportive school environment we value at Somerville Rise.

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson  
**Principal**

### Week 6 – Teaching and Learning Update

I'm back! During Weeks 3, 4 and 5 I had the opportunity to step into the shoes of Acting Principal at Wallaroo Primary School. It was a fantastic experience and learning opportunity. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the outstanding teaching and learning practices we have worked hard to implement at Somie Rise. Developing school wide, consistent, evidence-based practices has been our focus over the past few years and this year we are continuing to refine:

- consistent, predictable classroom routines
- 5Rs to support positive behaviours
- delivering lessons using gradual release of responsibility and Explicit Instruction practices

We've been busy updating the 'Learning' tab on our school website this week. If you'd like to learn more about our approach to learning and how we teach the different Curriculum Areas at Somie Rise please check out our website.

This week was also the start of our second 'learning sprint' for Term 1. The overview for this sprint will be posted on Compass this afternoon and outlines the skills and knowledge students will be working towards becoming proficient in for the remainder of the term. You'll be updated on how your child has progressed in this learning via Compass at the end of the term called 'Sprint Feedback'.

Wondering how to approach home reading? If you follow our school Facebook page you'll find a video posted about home reading and how to use Little Learners decodable books at home to support your child's reading.

Have fun learning!

Lauren Jelleff  
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## What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

<b>Term 1 – Week 7</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday – No Students
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Raffle Donation – Free Dress Day
<b>Term 1 – Week 8</b>	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	2026 School Council Meeting - & AGM – 5:30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Rescheduled Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country
	Somerville Secondary College Open Night
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day – wear something Orange! ❤️
	Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm
<b>Term 1 – Week 9</b>	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	2026 GRIP Student Leadership Conference
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Term 1 Hotdog Day
<b>Term 1 – Week 10</b>	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School Photo Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	iSea, iCare Moonraker Workshop
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last Day of Term 1 – 2:30pm finish
	Easter Hat Parade – 9:15am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday Public Holiday
<b>Term 2 – Week 1</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	District Summer Sports Lightning Premiership
	2027 Foundation Open Morning – 9:30am
<b>Term 2 – Week 2</b>	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Smile Patrol Dental Van Visit
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Smile Patrol Dental Van Visit
	Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

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At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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