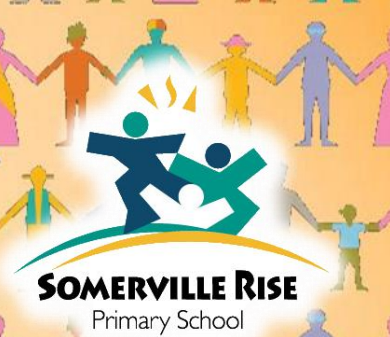


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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week 8 – Principal Update – Harmony Week Edition

2026 Harmony Day – Celebrating our Diversity

Today our school celebrated Harmony Day, a special occasion that recognises and celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's a day that reminds us that everyone belongs and that our differences make our community stronger, richer, and more vibrant.

At Somerville Rise, we are proud of the many cultures, languages, and backgrounds that make up our school community. Harmony Day provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about, appreciate, and respect one another's stories and experiences.

Students took part in a range of activities that promote inclusion, kindness, and understanding. You may notice a splash of orange throughout the school, as orange is the official colour of Harmony Day, symbolising social communication and meaningful conversations.

Harmony Day is a valuable reminder that Everyone belongs.

Thank you for supporting us in continuing to build a welcoming and inclusive school community.

Sickbay Visits

If only some of our students received frequent flyer points for their attendance in sick bay 😊. Our Sick Bay is an important space where students can receive care when they are unwell or have experienced a significant injury at school.

Recently, we've noticed an increase in students requesting to visit Sick Bay for minor issues that can often be managed in the classroom, in the yard or with reassurance from their teacher. To ensure we can provide timely care for students who truly need it, we are asking for your support.

We encourage families to have a conversation with their children about when it is appropriate to visit Sick Bay. This includes:

- 🚑 Head knocks
- 🚑 Significant injuries
- 🚑 Feeling genuinely unwell

For minor concerns, students are encouraged to speak with their classroom teacher first, who will support them and determine if a Sick Bay visit is needed.

By working together, we can ensure that Sick Bay remains available and responsive for students who require urgent care, while also helping our children build resilience and independence.



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Industrial Action

The Australian Education Union (AEU) has indicated that it intends a full - day stop work on Tuesday 24th March 2026. At this stage we do not know the exact impact on our school's operations.

Our school is currently working through our operating arrangements for that day and will receive by 5:00pm on Friday 20th March the number of staff who will be away. In response, we will communicate to you any change of operating arrangements by 2:00pm on Monday 23rd March 2026. Thank you for your understanding.

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson

Principal

Week 8 – Teaching and Learning Update




NAPLAN



Over the past 2 weeks students in Year 3 and Year 5 have been completing NAPLAN assessments in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. We are so proud that 100% of our students completed these tests, which gives us great information about learning growth at our school. We are proud of the way students went about these tests, taking them in their stride and continuing with business as usual. The school will receive an overview of student results in June and individual student results will be available during Term 3.

Home Reading

Reading at home is one of the most powerful ways you can support your child's learning. Practising skills students are learning at school, for a short period of time at home, reinforces learning and makes it 'stick'.

Reading at home:

-  builds fluency & confidence
-  strengthens comprehension
-  expands vocabulary

-  develops positive reading habits
-  strengthens home-school connection

Students who are learning to decode letters and sounds will bring home Little Learners 'decodable' books in their reading satchels each day. These books include the sounds and letters that students have been learning at school. The books might seem easy, and they should be! Practising reading at home should be easy and fun! Students will be using more difficult texts at school

Reading decodables at home:

1. Look at the front cover, the title and the picture. Have a chat about what the story might be about.
2. Flick to the back of the book and read the 'Speed words'
3. Students read book, tracking words with their finger.



Students who have completed the Little Learners Stages will read other texts at home. Students can borrow library books from school or could read a book from home. Students may like to read aloud to a parent, or they could also read independently. Building reading time into your routine at home and continuing to read at home every day is super important for older students. It continues to build fluency and vocabulary which makes them great readers and writers. If you'd like to see a video of home reading check out our Facebook page (posted last week).

Have fun learning!

Lauren Jelleff

Assistant Principal

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 23rd March
Tuesday 24th March

Wednesday 25th March
Thursday 26th March

Friday 27th March

Term 2 Planning Week
Rescheduled Welcome to Country – Smoking Ceremony
Term 2 Planning Week
Term 2 Planning Week
2026 GRIP Student Leadership Conference
Term 2 Planning Week
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Term 1 – Week 10

Tuesday 31st March
Wednesday 1st April
Thursday 2nd April

Friday 3rd April

Whole School Photo Day
iSea, iCare Moonraker Workshop
Last Day of Term 1 – 2:30pm finish
Easter Hat Parade – 9:15am
Good Friday Public Holiday

Term 2 – Week 1

Monday 20th April
Wednesday 22nd April

Friday 24th April

First Day of Term 2
District Summer Sports Lightning Premiership
2027 Foundation Open Morning – 9:30am
Whole School Cross Country

Term 2 – Week 2

Thursday 30th April
Friday 1st May

Smile Patrol Dental Van Visit
Smile Patrol Dental Van Visit
Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

Term 2 – Week 3

Tuesday 5th May
Friday 8th May

Mother's Day Stall
Musical Enrichment Program Excursion
Second Chance Mother's Day Stall

Term 2 – Week 4

Tuesday 12th May
Wednesday 13th May
Friday 15th May

iSea, iCare workshop
School Council Meeting
Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

Term 2 – Week 5

Tuesday 19th May

District Cross Country

Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 25th May
Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
Friday 29th May

Junior School Swimming
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