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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Week 1 – Principal Update

Welcome Back

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter break and you had a chance to take a breath and spend time with family and friends. It was great to see lots of happy smiles (and happy parents) returning to school on Monday! At Somie Rise we have hit the ground running. Classrooms have been calm and settled with students following classroom routines and processes straight away. I was impressed with how quickly students settled in, interacting with each other in a positive way and getting the most out of learning time.

Congratulations Mr Jackson!

We are excited to share news of the safe arrival of Mr Jackson's baby boy! Arlo Jackson arrived safely on Tuesday 21st April and everyone is doing well. Mr Jackson and Jamie are over the moon and in absolute awe of their little guy. They are enjoying time in their newborn 'bubble'.



Hats

A reminder that at Somie Rise we wear our hats outside until the end of April. *1st of May, hat's away!* Hats will be sent home with students for a wash. After a summer of sweaty heads, some hats are just about 'growing legs and walking'. Hats will return in September- *1st of September, Hats to Remember.*

Smart Watches

We've noticed a growing number of students wearing smart watches to school this term. Whilst they are a great tool to tell the time and keep in touch with parents, much like mobile phones, they are a huge distraction to learning at school and we recommend keeping them at home. The use of smart watches is covered in our Mobile Phone Use policy which can be found on the website.

<https://www.somerville-rise-ps.vic.edu.au/page/7/Policies>

Alternatively, smart watches can be dropped off at the office before school for safe storage, just like mobile phones, and collected at the end of the day.

Open Morning at Somie Rise

It was fantastic to welcome lots of new faces to our school and share what we're all about at Somie Rise with prospective 2027 Foundation families. We had a great turn out and I was blown away when 30 visitors walked into the back of FB and 1/2A classrooms to observe learning in action, and the students totally ignored them. Students were focused on learning and what their teachers were teaching. Tours and enrolments are open at Somie Rise. If you know anyone who might be interested in checking out our school, please encourage them to give us a call!

Have fun learning!

Lauren Jelleff

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Week 1- Wellbeing Update

Building Friendship Skills Through Lunch Play, Connection and Participation

At Somerville Rise Primary School, we know that strong friendships play an important role in student wellbeing, confidence and school engagement. Learning how to make friends, include others, solve small problems and work as part of a team are skills that children continue to develop throughout their primary school years.

These important skills are reflected in the Victorian Curriculum Personal and Social Capability, where students learn to recognise emotions, build positive relationships, communicate effectively and work collaboratively with others. We know that these skills are not only skills that teachers focus on supporting students within classrooms; a large opportunity for practise occurs during our break and transition times.

One of the best places for students to practise these skills is during break time play and shared experiences at school. Our daily lunchtime clubs provide students with supported opportunities to connect with peers who share similar interests, try something new and develop friendships in a safe and positive environment. Promoting attendance at these clubs in your conversations at home will help support students to try a new club and perhaps meet some new peers, all whilst practising new skills.

We encourage families to support regular school attendance so students can consistently access these valuable social opportunities, as well as classroom learning. Being at school every day helps children strengthen friendships, feel connected and build a sense of belonging within our community.

Current Club Opportunities

- **Bike Club** – coming soon on Fridays!

These clubs promote teamwork, turn-taking, encouragement, confidence and fun while helping students stay active and socially connected.

Our teachers and ES staff look forward to seeing our students involved in our club opportunities throughout the term as we continue supporting friendship skills, wellbeing and positive connections across our school.



Term 2 Clubs

Monday	Break 2 Library with Ms Kaniadamy	Break 3 Playdough Ms Hogan & Ms Chesty Rooms 8 or 16
Tuesday	Break 2 Library with Ms Kaniadamy Scooter Club with Ms Kaganan	Break 3 Construction Ms Andrews & Ms Mayor Block 10
Wednesday	Break 2 Library with Ms Kaniadamy D&D Room 2, Mr O'Brien	Break 3 Minecraft Mr Morrison & Mr Kelly Rooms 1 or 2
Thursday	Break 2 Art Room with Ms Gray D&D Room 2, Mr O'Brien	Break 3 Drawing Ms Glover & Ms Goddard Rooms 7 or 8
Friday	Break 2 Bike Club with Mr Jahn	Break 3

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 2 – Week 2 Friday 1 st May	Smile Patrol Dental Van Visit Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm
Term 2 – Week 3 Tuesday 5 th May Friday 8 th May	Mother's Day Stall Musical Enrichment Program Excursion Second Chance Mother's Day Stall
Term 2 – Week 4 Tuesday 12 th May Wednesday 13 th May Friday 15 th May	iSea, iCare workshop School Council Meeting Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm
Term 2 – Week 5 Tuesday 19 th May	District Cross Country
Term 2 – Week 6 Monday 25 th May Tuesday 26 th May Wednesday 27 th May Thursday 28 th May Friday 29 th May	Junior School Swimming Junior School Swimming Junior School Swimming Junior School Swimming Junior School Swimming Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

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