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Week 4 – Principal Update

Wishing Mrs Andrews All the Best

As Mrs Andrews prepares to begin her maternity leave, we would like to wish her and her family all the very best for this exciting new chapter. Mrs Andrews is a much-loved member of our school community, and her warmth, dedication and care will certainly be missed while she is away. We hope her leave is filled with many precious moments, plenty of cuddles and – fingers crossed – a little sleep! We look forward to hearing her happy news and welcoming her back when the time is right.



We have been working in background to find someone to see out the year with 5/6A, and we are very excited to welcome Mrs Johanna Fitness to the Somie Rise team! Mrs Fitness has met the students and can't wait to start.

Staffing Updates

The one thing that has been important to our school culture is ensuring that we continue to have quality humans teaching and supporting our students. With a few absences coming up and a few more babies being born it has been important to find the right people to join the team.

Miss Graves is off on maternity leave in Term 4. FA will be in great hands with our very own Miss Verbakel who has permission to teach for the remainder of the school year. This has been a welcomed announcement for our Foundation families.

This week we welcomed Miss Summer Royle to the team who will be working at Somie Rise as Education Support across the school. I know we will make Miss Royle feel welcome!

Mr Morrison has been on leave this week and Ms Bloom has done a great job working in 3/4A. We hope that we see Ms Bloom again! Ms Jelleff is off on some leave at the end of this week. Ms Ferguson will be doing much of the daily organisation in her absence.

Lastly, Ms Ralph will be on leave for the remainder of Term 3. We hope to see her back in Term 4.

Sick Bay visits

It feels like this one comes back into fashion around the time the weather is at its coldest. Over the past two weeks, the office team has seen an increase in the visits to sick bay. As much as the care and support of the students is our number one priority, it is becoming a little concerning the students attending for minor concerns. Please have a chat to your children about the needs to attend sick bay. We will be politely asking the students to build some resilience for these minor things and promote speaking to the yard duty teachers and having a rest outside.



Thank you for the support on this one.

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2026 Principal Day Celebrations

Ms Jelleff, Ms Ferguson and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our students, families, staff and wider community for the kind messages, thoughtful gestures and warm wishes shared with us on World Principal's Day.

It is a privilege to lead such a caring and connected school community. Your support and encouragement mean a great deal to us and serves as a wonderful reminder of what makes our school so special.

Thank you for making the day so memorable and, most importantly, for the many ways you contribute to our school throughout the year. We feel incredibly fortunate to be part of this community.
Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal



Teaching and Learning Update

Term 3 Learning

Term 3 is an exciting term as it's often when teachers see the 'penny drop' for many of our learners. As students consolidate the knowledge and skills developed throughout the first half of the year, they begin making stronger connections and applying their learning with greater confidence and independence. It's a rewarding time to celebrate growth, acknowledge effort, and continue working together to help every child reach their full potential. We encourage families to keep talking with their children about their learning and celebrate the progress they are making each day.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many of our families attend Parent Teacher Interviews last week. These conversations are an important opportunity to celebrate student growth, discuss progress, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you to our families for taking the time to meet with teachers and support your child's learning. If you weren't able to make it, your child's teacher will be in touch via phone or email.

Book Week and Literacy

Book Week is just around the corner, and we're looking forward to celebrating the joy of reading across our school. This year's celebrations will provide students with opportunities to explore new stories, discover different authors, and develop a lifelong love of reading. Using the funds raised through the Book Fair last year, we have been able to purchase a range of new books for our Library from the Children's Book Council of Australia's shortlisted books for 2026. We look forward to celebrating reading together in Week 7.

NAIDOC Week

Although NAIDOC Week is celebrated nationally during the school holidays, at Somie Rise we recognised and celebrated its importance together as a school community this week. Through classroom learning activities, students deepened their understanding of the histories, cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These experiences help foster respect, inclusion, and appreciation for the world's oldest continuing cultures while strengthening our commitment to reconciliation. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and celebrate the valuable contributions of First Nations peoples to our shared history.

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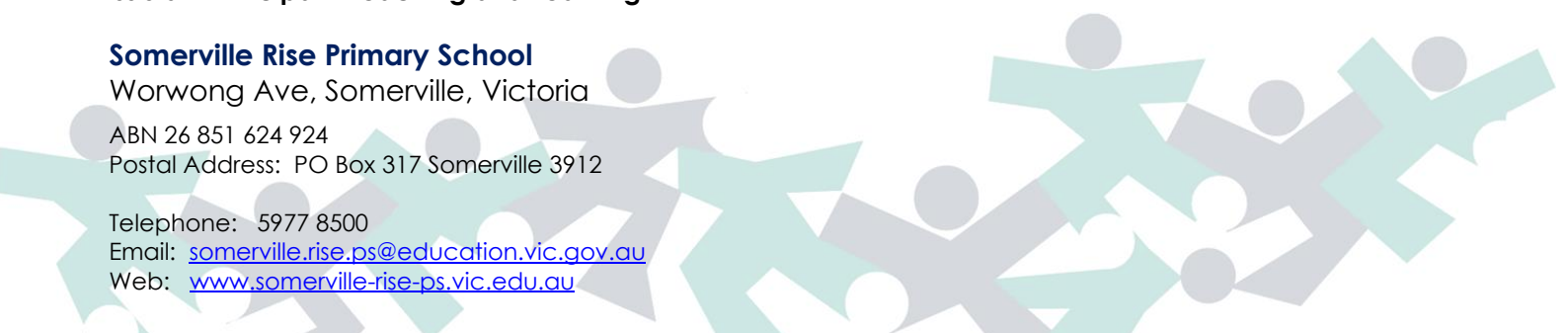
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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 3 – Week 5

Tuesday 11th August

Friday 14th August

iSea, iCare Workshop

Somie Rise Storytime 2:30pm in Room 7

Term 3 Sprint 1 Feedback is available

Term 3 – Week 6

Monday 17th August

Friday 21st August

Term 3 Sprint 2 Curriculum Overviews available

Whole School Assembly – 2.45pm

Somie Rise Storytime 2:30pm in the Room 7

Term 3 – Week 7 – Book Week

Monday 24th August

Wednesday 26th August

Book Fair Opens

Book Week Costume Parade

Book Week Incursion

Thursday 27th August

District Basketball

Friday 28th August

Somie Rise Storytime 2:30pm in Room 7

Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 31st August

Wednesday 2nd September

Friday 4th September

Term 3 Sprint 2 Curriculum Overviews available

School Council 5:30pm

Whole School Assembly – 2.45pm

Somie Rise Storytime 2:30pm in the Room 7

Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 7th September

Thursday 10th September

Friday 11th September

District Athletics Carnival

Foundation Farm Excursion

Somie Rise Storytime 2:30pm in Room 7

School Disco Fundraiser

Term 3 – Week 10

Tuesday 15th September

Friday 18th September

F – 2 Where is the Green Sheep? Excursion

Annual Footy Day Parade and Centro Visit

Footy Day Hotdog Day

Last Day of Term 3 – 2:30pm finish

Other Important Dates

Monday 5th October – Curriculum Day #3 – Student Free Day

Monday 2nd November – Professional Practice Day

Friday 18th December – Curriculum Day #4 – Student Free Day

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Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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